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District Eleven Northern Region  
Division 12 – East Bay Neptune  
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### Division Commander's Report

**Date:** 08 OCT 2018

**To:** Comodore Wally Smith  
Mary Kirkwood, Chief of Staff  
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D11N Board and Staff

**From:** Virginia Luchetti, DCDR 113-12



### Highlights:

1. 11 SEPT – Flotilla 12-01 Meeting and Award Presentation
2. 13 SEPT – Semper Paratus Club at City College of San Francisco
3. 13 SEPT – Flotilla 12-91 holds fellowship event
4. 15 SEPT – Flotilla 12-01 participates in Coastal Cleanup Day
5. 16 SEPT – Flotilla 12-91 patrol aboard Aux Vessel Gloriana
6. 16 SEPT – Flotilla 12-91 Navigation Systems patrol West Delta
7. 28 SEPT -- Inaugural patrol for new 12-01 Operational Facility, Odyssey
8. 27 SEPT – Division 12 Monthly Meeting
9. 26 SEPT – Assistance with Helicopter Training aboard Silver Charm
10. 20 SEPT – Public Affairs/Dockwaker event at Alameda West Marine
11. 29 SEPT – San Ramon Valley Emergency preparedness Fair



## Details and Photos:

### **Flotilla 12-01 September meeting and award presentation – September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Division 12 SO-MS Quindy Sammler receives her Boat Crew Qualification and Lawrence Boag received his Vessel Examiner Qualification



Flotilla Commander Doug Beckstein presents Quindy Sammler with her Boat Crew Qualification certificate



Lawrence Boag is presented with his Vessel Examiner Qualification certificate

### **Semper Paratus Club first Meeting for Fall 2018 semester – September 13<sup>th</sup>**

Fifteen students attended the meeting, many of them new. Completed meeting and activity calendars for Fall 2018.

### **Flotilla 12-91 holds fellowship event prior to Flotilla meeting – September 13<sup>th</sup>**

Flotilla 12-91 members enjoyed fellowship and pizza prior to the meeting on Thursday, 13 September

### **Coastal Cleanup Day – September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Division 12 SO-MS Quindy Sammler participated in the California Coastal Cleanup event at Encinal Boat Ramp. She worked with James Frank of the East Bay Regional Park District to sift microscopic plastic pieces out of the sand on Encinal Beach in Alameda.





### **Patrol aboard Auxiliary Facility Gloriana – September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Coxswain Nancy Shimmelman, Qualified Crew Andrea Cuppoletti and Quindy Sammler go out on patrol to practice crew overboard recovery and search patterns



Quindy Sammler and Andrea Cuppoletti  
on Aux Vessel Gloriana



Owner and Coxswain Nancy  
Schimmelman at the helm

### **Flotilla 12-91 conducts Navigation Systems patrol – September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Boat owner, Richard Martinez, Coxswain of Record, Virginia Luchetti, Qualified Crew Jim Losi conducted a nighttime patrol to verify lights for the last five PATONs assigned to Division 12 for 2018.

### **West Marine Public Affairs/Dockwaker event -- September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Division 12 SO-MS Quindy Sammler participated in a Public Affairs/Dockwaker event at the Alameda West Marine. She distributed 3 Dockwaker education kits to recreational boaters.



Quindy Sammler at West  
Marine talking about boating  
safety with customer Dave  
Shaddoch







### **Flotilla 12-91 supports Helo Ops with Silver Charm – September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Division 12 CDCR, Virginia Luchetti, participated in training with two helicopters while she was aboard Aux Vessel Silver Charm. Training included bringing a rescue swimmer onboard with a lead line and without a lead line, retrieving the 100 lb dewatering pump once it was dropped in the water, and practicing receiving and sending the safety basket to the helicopter. Silver Charm also stayed on station to observe several other rescue swimmer training exercises where swimmers entered the water from the helicopter.



Virginia Luchetti with Tommy Holtzman on Silver Charm



Rescue Swimmer coming down on the deck



View of helicopter directly overhead



Tommy retrieving basket dropped by helicopter



**Division 12 Meeting September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Doug Beckstein receives award for Sustained Service to the USCG Auxiliary



**Flotilla 12-91 celebrated the first patrol for its newest facility, Odyssey – September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Facility owner and Coxswain trainee, Greg Gleeson, Coxswain of Record, Virginia Luchetti, Qualified Crew Stephen Busch and Boat Crew Trainee, Gene Pasqual took Odyssey on her first patrol in preparation for Fleet Week.



Owner and Coxswain trainee Greg Gleeson at the helm



Greg Gleeson, Gene Pasqual and Stephen Busch under way



Greg Gleeson, Gene Pasqual and Stephen Busch with Odyssey



Greg Gleeson, Gene Pasqual and Virginia Luchetti at the dock

## **Flotilla 12-91 takes lead for San Ramon Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair that was held at Central Park in San Ramon – September 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **Projects and Planning:**

- Flotilla 12-01 PAVE event at Marina Village Yacht Harbor – October 12-14
- Las Positas College Public Safety Majors Fair – 24 October
- Due to federal budget calendar, we have re-scheduled the Division 12 Change of Watch from 8 December to 2 February 2019. The February event will be held at the Berkeley Yacht Club.

### **Agency and Organization Interaction:**

- Worked with East Bay Regional Park District for Coastal Cleanup Day
- West Marine, Alameda
- Las Positas College
- Berkeley Yacht Club
- San Francisco City College
- San Francisco State University
- San Ramon Valley Fire Prevention





**Progress Toward Goals**

*(green highlight indicates goal achieved)*

Item	2018 Goals	Progress to Date
<b>Division 12</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement Mentor Program</li> <li>Successful 2018 OPTREX</li> <li>Improve 7029 Reporting</li> </ul>	Continued focus on Mentor program Successful OPTREX completed
<b>Public Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100 Graduates of ABS and GPS courses</li> <li>3,000 youth attending Boating Safety</li> <li>Qualify 2 new instructors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>195 ABS and GPS graduates</li> <li>1028 youth attendees</li> <li>3 new instructors qualified</li> </ul>
<b>Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualify 3 new TCOs</li> <li>Participate in Div 12 OPTREX</li> <li>Increase operational hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 new TCO qualified</li> <li>Participation in Div 12 OPTREX</li> </ul>
<b>Member Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish Crew and Coxswain Academy</li> <li>Qualify 2 new Coxswains and 4 new Boat Crew</li> <li>Establish Division 12 Member Training webpage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academy completed</li> <li>4 new Crew Qualified</li> </ul>
<b>Navigation Systems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete all assigned bridges by April 30</li> <li>Complete all assigned PATONS by August 31</li> <li>Quality 2 new Aid Verifiers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All bridges complete</li> <li>All PATONS complete</li> <li>Two new Aid Verifiers qualified</li> </ul>
<b>Vessel Safety Checks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>300 VSCs</li> <li>3 new VEs qualified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>276 VSCs completed</li> <li>Two new VEs qualified</li> </ul>
<b>Human Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet monthly with FSO-HRs</li> </ul>	
<b>Public Affairs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 events with Semper Paratus Club (City College of San Francisco)</li> <li>Danville July 4th parade</li> <li>San Ramon Art and Wind Festival</li> <li>Cherry Festival</li> <li>Veterans Day Parade</li> <li>2 events at Lake Merritt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>San Ramon Art and Wind</li> <li>Oakley Life Jacket give away</li> <li>City of San Ramon NSBW Proclamation</li> <li>Two Semper Paratus events</li> <li>Lake Merritt Open House</li> <li>Hugs Hangout Boating Safety for kids</li> <li>Alameda West Marine</li> </ul>