



**U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
District Eleven North Region
DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT**



To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore

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CC: District Chief of Staff, District Board and Staff

From: Alan Stanton, Division Commander

Division: 4

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Change of VFC (FL49)
2. Operations
3. Member Training
4. Public Affairs

DETAILS:

1. Change of VFC
 - Gilbert Smith was elected as the new VFC for Flotilla 49 to replace Eugene Sheynis who stepped down due to work commitments.
2. Operations:
 - Division 4 members continue to be active on MOM patrols from Santa Cruz harbor. Members were also present as crew during the Division 6 OPTREX.
3. Member Training:
 - Gilbert Smith (VFC Flotilla 49) completed the Instructor and Marine Deal Visitor qualifications.
 - TCO Training took place during the month of September. Frank Steena (FL49) and Shawn Cooley completed the qualification. Two other members have almost completed the PQS. Further classes will take place during the month of October.
4. Public Affairs:
 - Flotilla 46 (Redwood City) supported by other Division 4 members will attend the Redwood City Port Fest on Saturday the 5th of October. Members will man a PA booth, Facility Search Engine will be on static display and members will assist the local Sea Scouts on their training ship Gryphon. The Gryphon will be providing rides to members of the public in the Redwood City Harbor area.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES (“3 Downs”):

1. New Member Recruitment
2. Lack of Vessel Facilities – Division 4 has only 3 vessels registered as a facility.

PROJECTS:

1. Updated the Division 4 website to present current and meaningful information to Division 4 members and the general public – in progress.
2. TCO Training – in progress.
3. Marine and Environmental Safety – establish a close working relationship with the California State Parks Division of Boating & Waterways to better promote the Dockwalker program, coastal clean-ups and fishing line recycling program – in progress.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. Lake Calero Rangers.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

ATON - Aids to Navigation

Complete and report all assigned activities – 2 Bridges, 68 PATONS by 30 September 2019
- complete

AUXMP – Auxiliary Marine Patrols

Qualify 4 new Boatcrew Crew Members

Increase AUXMP hours by 10% on 2018 total – Goal 1,108hrs (2018 Total = 1,007.80)

Marine Safety

Host 2 Dockwalker Training Classes - complete

Promote and assist at the 2019 California Coastal Clean-up Day (date to be announced)

Increase awareness of Marine Safety programs at all PE classes and PA booth activities (Dockwalker, coastal clean-up, fishing line recycling program)

Increase Marine Safety Hours by 20% on 2018 total – Goal 298hrs (2018 Total = 248.3)

Marine Dealer Visits

Increase the Marine Dealer visit count by 10% on the 2018 total – Goal 286 (2018 Total = 260) – in progress

Member Training

Qualify 1 new IS Officer

Qualify 4 new Telecommunications Operators (TCO) – 3 qualified

Increase Member Training Hours by 20% over 2018 total – Goal 238hrs (2018 Total = 198.04)

New Member Recruitment

Recruit 6 new members to Division 4 - **complete**

All Flotillas should be active in the recruitment drive and make good use of all PA and Public Education events to attract potential new members – **in progress**

Public Affairs

Have members attend 5 Public Affair Events:

- Palo Alto Airport Day (date to be announced)
- Coastal Clean-up Day – 21st of September
- Redwood City Port Fest – 5th of October
- Alviso Day on the Bay 13th of October
- Fleet Week 2019 – 6th -14th October
- Special Event Radio Day - 19 October
- Veterans Day – Veterans Hospital Menlo Park - **complete**
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Public Education

Conduct 6 ABS classes in Division 4 area of operation. – **in progress**

Vessel Safety Checks

Qualify 4 new Vessel Examiners - **complete**

Host 2 VE blitzes at local lakes (locations to be decided) - **complete**

Increase the VE count by 10% on 2018 total – Goal 174 (2018 Total = 158) – **in progress**