



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



**To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore**

**12/02/2020**

**From: Alan Stanton, Division Commander**

**Division: 4**

**HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":**

1. Public Education
2. Member Training
3. Appointment of SO-AS
4. USGC Academy Admission Partner Event

**DETAILS:**

1. Our first safe boating class for 2020 will take place during the weekend of 21 March at the Bass Pro shop in San Jose. B. K. Barr, FSO-PE from FL49 (Silicon Valley) is our lead instructor for the class. To date, we have four students enrolled. Gil Smith, the FSO-VE for FL49, is also working with Bass Pro management to arrange for a drive-up VE station. This would allow those with trailed boats, PWC and paddle craft the opportunity to have a VE at a local location.
2. Paul Verveniotis from FL46 will present the Annual Operations Workshop after our next Division Meeting on March the 26<sup>th</sup>. The Division also plans to start training workshops for those wishing to obtain the TCO qualification.
3. I'm pleased to report that Bob Whitehead from FL46 (Redwood City) has been appointed to the position of SO-AS. Bob has many years of experience working with the Sea Scouts in the Redwood City area.
4. Mike Brown and Alan Stanton attended a career fair at Mountain View Academy on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February. We had 50+ students visit our Coast Guard Academy information table.

**PROJECTS:**

1. The Division 4 website needs to be updated to the new WOW platform.
2. TCO and other member training.
3. Engage with local Sea Scout ships.

**CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES ("3 Downs"):**

1. New Member Recruitment – recruitment remains a challenge.
2. Surface Operations – the Division has not been very active in our AOR. Boat crew members have been supporting DIV 6 in their AOR.
3. We still have 2 SO positions I hope to fill (SO-OPS, SO-MA) preferably with someone new to the position.

**AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. None at present.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

To be reviewed at our next Division Meeting.