

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



## To: DCO Dean McFarren; Curtis Han, DCOS

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From: Michael Brown, Division Commander

**Division: South Bay** 

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- 1. Two division goals to be met
- 2. Support of Division Gold Coast
- 3. Flotilla meeting support

### **HIGHLIGHT DETAILS:**

- 1. Two members have expressed interest in becoming Vessel Examiners. Should they follow through, that would reach our stated goal of having two additional VE qualified members for this year.
- 2. Boat Crew members of Division South Bay have been more involved with surface patrols out of Santa Cruz, serving on Wally Smith's *C.R.A.F.T. Moment*, and Chuck Cobery's *Mei Lai*. Many thanks to Wally and Chuck for providing these opportunities.
- 3. Division leadership have been attending various online flotilla meetings. Numerous guests have included prospective members.

### **PROJECTS:**

1. Flotilla Redwood City has scheduled to commence upgrades their meeting place at the Port of Redwood City's "tower" in May.

### **TEMPORARY PROBLEMS:**

- 1. Encouraging members to get out of AP status. Assisting those who are struggling with any qualification to maintain currency.
- 2. Assisting members to become more independent in reporting their own hours in AUXDATA II. Some flotillas have actively held training in this, but little overall follow-through by members.
- 3. Three SO positions remain vacant: NS, DV, and PV.

### **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

Kristine Zortman, Executive Director for the Port of Redwood City, will be our guest speaker for our April division meeting.

### **ADDITIONAL**

Division leadership continues to focus on retention and morale-building for 2021. Recruiting efforts are ongoing in all flotillas. Overall, this last month has been quiet for our division. Email reminders to the division to turn in hours has resulted in an increase of hours reported last month but the increase hasn't been duplicated this month despite the same reminder to the membership.

**DIVISION SOUTH BAY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** Leading through proactive mentoring and support, we intend to empower <u>all</u> of our shipmates. Our vision: Never be satisfied with standards.

- Bring 100% of existing members in AP status into IQ or BQ by mid-year, reinforcing retention
- Emphasize the reporting of all hours
- Qualify 2 new Vessel Examiners
- OPTREX to be held at Port of Redwood City 31JUL21
- Increase the number of patrols out of our port at Redwood City
- Encourage members to try new offices outside their comfort zones
- Increase participation in mission areas that are currently staffed and build interest/awareness of new mission areas
- Continue our close partnering with Division Gold Coast in surface operations and overall activities
- Bring in 10 new members
- Always striving to be "Semper Paratus"

#### **Photo Gallery**

No photos for APR

Respectfully Submitted,

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