



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. Ops refresher
2. Memorial Day Support
3. NSBW 2021

HIGHLIGHT DETAILS:

1. Immediately following our online May meeting, Paul Vervienotis held an excellent Ops refresher class that was attended by several members.
2. On May 28, Derek Chan, FC Palo Alto, and Eddie Lam, VCDR Division South Bay, presented two wreaths on behalf of our division to the VA Hospital in Menlo Park. Accepting the wreaths for the VA was Joseph Yang, one of the coordinators for social activities for the veterans. The veterans greatly appreciated that their comrades-in-arms that have passed on were not forgotten despite all of the CoVid restrictions (see photo below).
3. Our division did not hold any formal National Safe Boating Week events/activities, but four of us did participate in Division Gold Coast's event at Santa Cruz Harbor on May 22. Alan Stanton and Mike Brown supported the event by doing a short patrol with Chuck Cobery on *Mei Long*, and then attended that facility while it was moored at the harbor launch ramp (see photo below). We interacted with the public and harbor officials at that location for the duration of the event that day, and Mike Brown was able to conduct two VSCs there. Later that day, 2 members of Flotilla Silicon Valley (Judy Esteban and BK Barr) joined the Gold Coast crew in the public relations efforts by the Auxiliary Communications Van that was parked by the launch ramp as part of the static displays by Division Gold Coast, Santa Cruz Harbor Patrol, and Tow Boat U.S.

PROJECTS:

None at this time.

TEMPORARY PROBLEMS:

1. Encouraging members to get out of AP status. Due to the current state of CoVid restrictions, members overall see little motivation to get to IQ or BQ levels.
2. Three SO positions remain vacant: NS, DV, and PV.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

None at this time. Possible online DockWalker class to be held in July by Vivian Matuk. Time and date TBD.

ADDITIONAL

Division leadership continues to focus on retention, maintaining relevance, and morale-building for 2021. Recruiting efforts continue in all flotillas: one new member joined Flotilla San Jose in June, leaving our division with six more new members to achieve our goal of ten for the year.

DIVISION SOUTH BAY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: Leading through proactive mentoring and support, we intend to empower all 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 Two 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 mission areas not considered before.
- Continue our close partnering with Division Gold Coast in surface operations and overall activities
- Bring in ~~Ten~~ Six more new members
- Always striving to be “*Semper Paratus*”



(L) Alan Stanton stands *Semper Paratus* by Mei Long at Santa Cruz Harbor (photo credit: Michael Brown)
(R) Derek Chan (on left) presents one of two wreaths to Joseph Yang at Menlo Park VA (photo credit: Eddie Lam)

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Brown

DCDR Division South Bay