



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



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

**08SEP21**

**From: Michael Brown, Division Commander**

**Division: South Bay**

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Guest speaker at Division mtg
2. RWC night patrol
3. Elections

**HIGHLIGHT DETAILS:**

1. Our AUG division meeting featured YNC Isa Mariano, USCGR, as our guest speaker. Chief Mariano spoke about her experience on the Golden Gate Bridge a few months ago in which she prevented someone from jumping. She led a discussion with the members present about suicide prevention. She was awarded the Coast Guard Commendation Medal for her successful efforts that day.
2. On 18 AUG, coxswain Paul Verveniotis led out a rare night patrol out of the Port of Redwood City. The patrol covered several goals: monitor a sailboat race, get time on the water for a night ops, conduct training for the crew, and help a trainee get signoffs. The crew included Kristan Verveniotis, Greg Schaefer, Steve Guttman, Michael Brown, and guest Julie Van Den Hout. An excellent time was had by all and relevant BCREW skills were sharpened that evening! Thanks to Steve Guttman for offering the use of his facility, *Sense The Moment* (see photo on next page).
3. Division elections will be held 22 SEP at our regular division meeting.

**PROJECTS:**

Flotilla Redwood City (RWC) has an online sign-up schedule for an "Officer of the Day" for at least two members to work Saturdays and Sundays at the Port of RWC launch ramp to conduct VSCs and do PA outreach. This opportunity will be held over several weekends, open to the division.

**TEMPORARY PROBLEMS:**

1. Offering assistance to members to get out of AP status. Several members have yet to get to IQ or BQ levels.
2. Three SO positions remain vacant: NS, DV, and PV.

**AGENCY INTERACTION:**

None currently.

## ADDITIONAL

Division leadership continues to focus on retention, maintaining relevance, and morale-building for 2021. Recruiting efforts continue in all flotillas. Some of our members will be participating in the OPTREX at Santa Cruz on 10-11 SEP.

**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 31 JUL 21~~ **CANCELLED**
- 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~~ **Three** more new members
- Always striving to be "*Semper Paratus*"



Left to right aboard *Sense The Moment*: Kristan Verveniotis, Greg Schaefer, Julie Van Den Hout, Michael Brown, Steve Guttman, and Paul Verveniotis (Photo credit Kristan Verveniotis)

Respectfully Submitted,

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