



**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. Division Elections
2. RWC Port Fest
3. Div 06 OPTREX

**HIGHLIGHT DETAILS:**

1. Our division elections went smoothly last month, as our current VCDR Eddie Lam was elected as commander for 2022, and Kristan Verveniotis was elected as our incoming VCDR. Congratulations to both; our division is in very good hands!
2. It was a beautiful warm Saturday, 02 OCT, and Flotilla Redwood City participated in the Port of Redwood City's Annual Port Fest. Port Fest featured food trucks, live bands, an antique car show, and various information booths. The Sea Scouts had two vessels moored for visitations. The flotilla had a booth as well, where we had boater information, Auxiliary pamphlets and signup info. Additionally, our SO-CA Michele Gibson led out serving the public free hotdogs and drinks. Several members of our division were present, including Kristan Verveniotis, Greg Schaefer, Steve Guttman, Julie Van Den Hout, Eddie Lam, Alan Stanton, Shawn Cooley, and Michael Brown. An excellent time was had by all, and several people indicated their serious interest in joining the Auxiliary, including one of the Sea Scouts.
3. Division Gold Coast held its OPTREX last month and three of Division South Bay's members attended and requalified as BCREW members: Alan Stanton, Onno Hommes, and Michael Brown. Many thanks again to DCDR Chuck Cobery and another successful OPTREX in Division 06.

**PROJECTS:**

No current projects this last month.

**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.

**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
- Still looking to recruit ~~Ten~~ **Three** more new members
- Always striving to be "*Semper Paratus*"

Respectfully Submitted,

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DCDR Division South Bay