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**TO: COMO Wally Smith, DCO**  
**FROM: COMO Vic Connell, ASC SF**  
**RE: ASC-SF JUL District B&S Report**

- CAPT Marie Byrd has assumed her assignment as Deputy CO Sector SF. District Commodore, COS and ASC plan to meet soon with Sector Deputy and AUXLO to discuss ongoing AUX support to Sector activities.
- AUX Michael Mitchell was invited to attend a Sector SF Meeting on The Ocean Cleanup Project – this project is developing advanced technologies to rid the world's oceans of plastic.

From the OCP web site: *“Trash accumulates in 5 ocean garbage patches, the largest one being the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, located between Hawaii and California. If left to circulate, the plastic will impact our ecosystems, health and economies. Solving it requires a combination of closing the source, and cleaning up what has already accumulated in the ocean. A full-scale deployment of its systems is estimated to clean up 50% of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch within 5 years.*

*On May 19th, a 120-meter section of the project’s tube cleanup system was towed out of San Francisco Bay and into the Pacific to conduct a tow test. They reported that the entire section performed satisfactorily. Further testing in the Pacific is scheduled for this Fall.”*

It is unclear as yet if there will be any request for Coast Guard or AUX involvement in an upcoming public event showcasing the project.

- As reported by DSO-IM, Sector SF Planners are looking at incorporating AUX support for a COOP exercise planned for SEP. AUX support may involve use of an AUX Vessel and of AUX Comms assets, with DSO-IS Bruce Martin observing.