

**Open for Public Inspection:  
2020 Project Director’s Report for OCOVI Annual Meeting, 12/19/2020**

Below follows the Report presented orally and submitted by OCOVI Project Director Luis A. Sylvester at the Annual Meeting.

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- We received and returned three (3) Navy Gliders to the Stennis Center. Two of the gliders malfunctioned. The last glider was deployed for a month.
- We received the Rutgers Glider, which was also deployed at sea for one month. We are waiting to return to Rutgers.
- Commenced discussion with World Ocean School Roseway to initiate outreach activities on St. Croix
- Tropical Shipping deployed two of eight Drifter Buoys that we received.
- We secured permission for JOA to install tide gauges at Magens Bay and Johns Folly Bay. JOA is in the territory and have installed the devices. Kenique Liburd has been working with them.

- Roy and I attended a Fish and Wildlife meeting and engaged an individual from Limetree Bay Terminal who is interested in us deploying a current monitoring device, like what exist at Crown Bay.
- Antonio Farchette was paid out the balance of his Vembu Subramanian Award, based on work he did towards his thesis work. The other two students probably will not receive their Vembu awards because their project involved attending conferences that were cancelled because of COVID-19.
- We had robust new Social Media promotion of OCOVI's Education & Outreach with the addition of Madysen Miller.
- Steve Henry was contacted by Yasmin Detres of UPR to begin discussion on developing the USVI's Spatial temporal evolution of coastal areas. The tool containing Puerto Rico's data was shared with us.
- Executed the Chief Science Officer contract after the NCE was approved.
- We contracted Rebecca Hoffart to assist various OCOVI activities, including development Lesson Plans, supervise the ROV's, and assist the Project Director.
- We paid the annual Liability Insurance Premium from Tunick.

### ***Financial Summary***

- Submitted Annual Report to Lt. Governor's Office
- Submitted 990-EZ Return
- Received Payment for Invoice #20-06      \$ 16,853.97
- Received Payment from JOA                      \$ 5,339.21
- Will shortly submit for Invoice #20-07      \$ 38,763.08

### **Potential New Activities**

- Upgrade website (Redesign and Manage)  
RPS ASA Data Dashboard (OCEANSMAP)
  - ○ e.g. Precipitation
- DPNR Wave Study
- More Vembu
- More OCOVI support to UVI Oceanography Beach App, Sargassum, other in PR extended to USVI
- Doug suggests a drone for Sargassum monitoring
- Observation for Coral World or Waterfront Expansion Project