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Chris Gallup is a maritime industry veteran with over three decades of experience, He has been a fixture in the passenger vessel sector since 1990. Throughout his career, he has successfully transitioned from the wheelhouse to leadership, consistently prioritizing safety, operational excellence, and regional collaboration.

He currently serves as the Regional Director of Operations for Northern California at Hornblower, where he oversees complex daily operations and strategic planning for one of the organization's more active ports.

Chris is a recognized leader in maritime emergency preparedness. He has been a pivotal figure in multi-agency drills and exercises for over 20 years, notably spearheading the organization of one of the first large-scale Multi-Agency, Multi-Casualty Exercises at Lake Tahoe in the post-9/11 era, which won him the coveted PVA Roger Murphy National Marine Safety award.

Continuing his commitment to safety, he recently spearheaded the organization of a high-level Unified Command Tabletop Exercise in the Bay Area. This initiative brought together numerous federal, state, and local agencies to refine response strategies and strengthen the Bay Area’s maritime safety and firefighting framework.

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