



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



Date: July 8th, 2019
To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore
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Division: June DCDR Report, 113-01 Senior Area

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. OPTREX After Action Report
2. Unit wide Elections
3. COW December 8th
4. Flotilla 01-07 VE Event at SBYC

DETAILS:

1. **OPTREX:** Our joint OPTREX with Division 12 was held on June 21-22 at Marina Bay Harbor in Richmond. The event was well attended by about 40 members from six Divisions. This included support staff and Active Duty who participated in on-the-water training evolutions Friday with a 45' boat out of Station San Francisco. The event resulted in the qualification or re-qualification of 9 members including one new Coxswain out of Division 12. Division 1 participants included:
 - a. **Facility Participation:** Bob Golden with OPFAC "Ranger", Alex Bennett crewing; Terry Blanchard with OPFAC "Silver Charm", Rick Pisio (113-12), Cheryl Warner & Nancy Marion crewing. These Facilities participated both days and endured long travel times from their respective home ports, in relatively bad weather. We're thankful for their hard work and commitment to the event.
 - b. **Gold Side Participation:** Michael Mitchell coordinated scheduling of the 45' and crew from Station San Francisco, which also included 4 USCG Academy cadets.
 - c. **Support Staff:** Kevin Luke worked coms from the ACV on Saturday, and Nancy Marion was the Safety Officer on Friday.
 - d. **Training Participants:** Several members took advantage of the water-based training to increase their experience and hone their skills.
 - Flotilla 01-02: Peter Gorenberg and Jim Whipple were able to catch a ride on the Coast Guard 45' during their training and towing evolutions on Friday. Lilly Ferguson did a tag along with Silver Charm on Saturday during the QE check ride.
 - Flotilla 01-09: David Beltran participated both days as a trainee, attending classes and participating in on-the water evolutions.
 - e. **Special Thanks:** I want to offer a special thanks to three Division 12 members without whom this event would not have been such a great success:
 - Georgie Scheurerman who was the primary event coordinator and covered every conceivable eventuality, assuring that we had a well-oiled machine by the start of the event.
 - Jim Losi for provided a commemorative event mug and very special closing comments.
 - Virginia Luchetti, Division 12 Commander for partnering with Division 1 for a second year.
 - f. **Qualifying Examiners:** And of course, no OPTREX would be a success without the dedicated participation of our QE's. Thanks go to COMO Angelo Perata, COMO Wally Smith, Curtis Han, Mark McLaughlin and Paul Verveniotis.

2. **Unit Wide Elections:** Notifications have gone out to all our Units to set their schedules for this year's round of Officer Elections.
3. **COW December 8th:** Planning continues for our COW scheduled for Sunday December 8th at the Berkeley Yacht Club. Thanks go to our COW Committee (Sue Fry, David Talton and John Foley) for assistance with the venue and ongoing food planning.
4. **Flotilla 01-07VE Event:** The Flotilla will be hosting a VE Booth at the South Beach Yacht Club and Yacht Harbor on Saturday July 27th. Both the SBYC and Harbormaster will be advertising the availability of VSC's to their members and tenants.

PROJECTS:

1. RM 2.0: Continue to encourage our members to take the 4-hour classroom "refresher" component ASAP.
2. COW Planning for your December 8th event.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

1. Provide training opportunities based on need.
2. Member Recruitment and retention.
3. Increase Hours reporting
4. Facility development
5. Increase interaction, communication, shared events, and training between Flotillas.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. Continue to develop our relationship with Station Golden Gate.