



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



**To: Dean McFarren, Commodore**

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**Cc: District Board and Staff**

**From: Georgie Scheuerman, Division Commander**

**Division: 113-12**

**HIGHLIGHTS/"3 UPS":**

1. Div 12's Meetings: We continue to have meetings with a quorum present. One flotilla hybrid meeting was held and more are planned for both the division and flotillas.
2. Efforts started to help members currently in AP or IQ Status move to BQ Status: Continuing efforts helping members who wish to move forward to assemble development plans to reach BQ Status. Several new members are making rapid progress towards BQ Status.
3. National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) Plans are underway: A Div 12 POC has been named for NSBW. Plans are in place for several NSBW related events and representatives for several other events are being contacted.
4. Air Squadron Helped an Entangled Whale: D11NR Air Squadron Members (Larry Olson and Doug Kerr) while on patrol assisted in locating an entangled whale and directed the WET to the site. The WET (Whale Entangled Team) arrived to cut crab pot lines from the whale.

**DETAILS:**

1. The Div 12 Meetings: (Both Division and Flotilla Meetings) have had quorums present at all meetings so far this year. Actions have been taken to make meetings more attractive for members, including guest speakers and Member Training (e.g. Surface OPS Workshop and VE Study Group). Joint training between the flotillas has been conducted and plans are in place for joint events between the flotillas and with other divisions. Outreach has already started on Member Training. At both the flotilla and division level hybrid meetings are either already underway or planned for the next few months.
2. Moving AP and IQ Status Members into BQ Status: Efforts are underway. All members in AP or IQ Status have been contacted. Special efforts are underway to assist the new members in both flotillas to progress towards BQ Status. Several new members are making rapid progress in the required classes. [I want to note that both flotillas have new members joining this year.] We will continue to concentrate our efforts on members willing to take actions to reach BQ Status. This is consistent with using our resources efficiently to get the most gain for the effort extended.
3. NSBW: Our Div 12 POC is Adrienne Kuehneman. She is organizing information around NSBW. Both flotillas have plans for NSBW related events. One example is the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival which 12-91 has participated in for over 20 years. This year 12-91 and 12-01 will join efforts at this festival. In addition, the District Air Squadron will have a helicopter at the festival.

**PROJECTS:**

1. Victory OPTREX and Mini-OPTREX – Dates are set and Planning is underway. A project Team is being assembled for the Victory OPTREX. Mini-OPTREX is scheduled for April 23. Victory OPTREX is June 24-25. A flyer for this OPTREX will be circulated before the end of April.
2. Training for SOs started in February with more training planned for later in the year. This is part of our efforts for Succession Planning. The first training was for SRs and was conducted for all District SRs.

More communications are planned for SRs. And training for other FSOs & SOs are planned for later in the year. Targeted Staff Positions are: Member Training and Public Education. Others will be addressed in Q 3 & 4.

3. Division 12 Calendar is available and is being revised as new events are planned. It will be continuously updated and distributed as needed. This will be one source of information for NSBW Planned Activities.
4. Scheduling speakers at both Division & Flotilla Meetings to encourage members attending meetings.
5. Member Training has begun with the Surface OPS Workshop and training for SRs. A VE Training program (VE Study Group) has started in March and will continue for 2 more months to help members become qualified VEs. Additional training is planned in the next few months. All training is offered to both flotillas and so far each class has had members from both flotillas.

#### **CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. Challenge: Increasing attendance at Flotilla and Division Meetings. Our initial meetings (JAN, FEB, and MAR) this year have had a quorum present. But in previous years attendance has dropped off when members know major decisions have already been made and they believe that a quorum is not as important. We're starting specific actions to make meetings more attractive to members, including speakers and training. Our efforts so far have been successful but additional plans are underway to provide more fun activities at meetings to keep member's interest. Planning is underway for joint division and flotilla Fellowship Events.
2. Challenge: Improving members' training for Core Training and Risk Management through additional personal outreach to members. (Initial contact has been made with members who are overdue for Core Training or Risk Management and will be continued throughout the year. Next step is to contact members needing to take their 5 year refresher Core Training classes in 2022. We have a large number of such members who took Core Training in 2017. This outreach will be done in April.)

#### **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. City of Berkeley: Working with the City of Berkeley on Marine Safety. Our first interaction will be a Beach Cleanup. The Beach Cleanup is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. A detailed communication will be out shortly and more broadly communicated in the District. Representatives of Berkeley are excited to have us as partners working on Marine Safety.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** Preliminary Goals are set and will be reviewed and approved at the next Flotilla and Division Meetings.

**PHOTO GALLERY:** None yet.