



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

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Division: 113-12

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Recruiting and Efforts started to help members currently in AP or IQ Status move to BQ Status: We've had success recruiting new members. At least one new member has already attained BQ status and several are making rapid progress towards BQ Status. We're continuing efforts helping experienced members who wish to move forward to assemble development plans to reach BQ Status.
2. 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.
3. Several events with other agencies have been very successful: We've completed a Beach Cleanup at Berkeley and worked with Sea Scouts in two events.
4. Air Squadron Helped Coast Guard shuttling Supplies: D11NR Air Squadron Members helped the Coast Guard by shuttling supplies to Pt Mugu Coast Guard Station.
5. Success at 23 APR Mini-OPTREX: Two Aux members were qualified, one Coxswain, one Boat Crew.

DETAILS:

1. Recruiting and Moving AP and IQ Status Members into BQ Status: Both flotillas have been successful recruiting new members and getting them active completing required training to reach BQ Status. One new member is coming from the Sea Scouts. The paperwork for this new member is in progress. Also 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, with at least one new member completing all required classes to attain BQ Status. 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.
2. 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. Also, 12-01 is planning to participate in the San Leandro Cherry Parade.
3. Several Events with other Agencies: Div 12 members participated in a Beach Clean Up on May 7th working in collaboration with the City of Berkeley. Our members collected 460 pounds of litter using PPE provided by Berkeley. More Beach Clean Ups will be planned for later in the year. Members also participated in two events with the Sea Scouts: 1) Div 12 members attended the Old Salts Sea Scout Regatta at CGI on April 30th. They assisted with several events. 2) A Div 12 member was working with the Sea Scouts on a Sea Scout patrol when they responded to a call for help from a drifting vessel. The Sea Scouts took the vessel in tow and got it safely to a dock.

4. Air Squadron helped the Coast Guard: Air Squadron picked up helicopter parts from San Carlos Airport and ferried them to Camarillo Airport for the Point Mugu Coast Guard Station.
5. Successful 23 APR Mini-OPTREX: Divisions 1 and 12 conducted a mini-OPTREX on 23 APR. Two members were qualified. A Div 1 member was qualified as Coxswain and a Div 12 member qualified as Boat Crew.

PROJECTS:

1. Victory OPTREX and Mini-OPTREX – Dates are set and Planning is underway. Project Team is in place for the Victory OPTREX. 23 APR Mini-OPTREX is reported above. Victory OPTREX is June 24-25. A flyer for this OPTREX has been distributed.
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. Scheduling speakers at both Division & Flotilla Meetings to encourage members attending meetings. OTO Dustin Finkelson attended both the recent 12-01 and 12-91 meetings. Bravo Zulu BOSN2 Finkelson. Other speakers are planned for later in the year.
4. 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 is continuing for 2 more months to help members become qualified VEs. An additional OPS Workshops has been conducted and one more session will be conducted on 24 MAY. 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, MAR, and APR) this year have had a quorum present. Unfortunately one flotilla did not have a quorum at their May meeting. 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. Both flotillas and the division have Fellowship events scheduled for the next few months.
2. Challenge: Improving members' training for Core Training (CT) and Risk Management (RM) through additional personal outreach to members. (Initial contact has been made with members who are overdue for CT or RM and will be continued throughout the year. Next step is to contact members needing to take their 5 year refresher CT classes in 2022. We have a large number of such members who took Core Training in 2017. This outreach started in April and will continue into May.)

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. City of Berkeley: Worked with the City of Berkeley on Marine Safety. Our first interaction was a Beach Cleanup scheduled for May 7th. The beach cleanup was successful and is reported above. Representatives of Berkeley are excited to have us as partners working on Marine Safety. More beach cleanups are being planned for later in the year.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: Preliminary Goals are set and being approved at the June Division Meeting.

PHOTO GALLERY: None yet. Will have pictures next month from the Beach Cleanup and the Art & Wind Festival.