



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 continues to be successful: We've had success recruiting new members. One new member is coming to us from the Sea Scouts. Also, at least one new member has already attained BQ status and several are making rapid progress towards BQ Status.
2. National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) Events: Div. 12 completed a Beach Cleanup with the City of Berkeley and participated in the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival. Both events had members from both flotillas and resulted in contact with thousands of adults and children.
3. Member Training: Div 12 has conducted 3 Surface OPS Workshops with a total of 56 students and conducted 2 TCT Refresher Workshops in June. We also continue to help members complete other required workshops, AUX Core Training, and BQC II.

DETAILS:

1. Recruiting Continues: 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 completed and he's actively pursuing appropriate training including Initial Risk Management and TCT Refresher. 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: Members of Div. 12 participated in three types of events supporting NSBW. Members conducted VSCs at two yacht clubs. Members participated in a Beach Cleanup in collaboration with the City of Berkeley, collecting over 400 lbs. of debris. Both flotillas participated in the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival which 12-91 has participated in for over 20 years. This year 12-91 and 12-01 joined efforts at this festival. In addition to the Boating Safety Booth, the District Air Squadron landed a helicopter at the festival. Coastie also made an appearance delighting both children and adults. In addition, materials were distributed for Coast Guard and Auxiliary Recruiting with emphasis on the Coast Guard Academy.
3. Member Training: Division 12 has conducted 3 Surface OPS Workshops with 30 students in attendance. The students were not just from Division 12. Members in attendance included at least one member from each division in D11NR. We also conducted 2 TCT Refresher Workshops with 11 members present. We sent several reminders to members about other required workshops and assisted members needing to complete both Core Training and BQC II.

PROJECTS:

1. Victory OPTREX – Dates are set and Planning is underway. Project Team is in place for the Victory OPTREX which is scheduled for July 22-23. 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. Speakers are planned for later in the year and Flotilla 12-91 is now conducting Hybrid meetings.
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 continued for 2 more months to help members become qualified VEs. 2 additional OPS Workshops were conducted and one more session will be conducted on 15 June. All training is offered to both flotillas and so far each class has had members from both flotillas. One OPS Workshop had members from throughout the District. 2 TCT Refresher Workshops were also conducted in June.
5. Elections: Both the division and the 2 flotillas are preparing for elections. Division 12 will have elections in late September. The 2 flotillas will have elections in October. Election Committees are being assembled in preparation for these elections.

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. The September 12-91 meeting will be a joint fellowship and business meeting at a member's home.
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 and June.)

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. City of Berkeley: Worked with the City of Berkeley on Marine Safety. Our first interaction was a Beach Cleanup on May 7th. The beach cleanup was successful and is reported above. Members from both 12-91 and 12-01 participated and collected over 400 lbs. of debris. 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: Pictures below are from the May 7th Beach Cleanup in Berkeley and from the Memorial Day Weekend San Ramon Art & Wind Festival.

Beach Cleanup May 7th in Berkeley:



BERKELEYCalif.-Auxiliarists David Kam Morgan Swiggett Adam Kovalevsky and Robert Boboc of Division 12 D11NR with over 400 lbs. of trash picked up along the S.F. Bay,

San Ramon Art & Wind Festival – May 29 & 30:



SAN RAMON Calif.-Auxiliarist Doug Kerr checks the rotors before take off at the Art and wind Festival May 29 2022. Photo by Jane Postiglione



SAN RAMON Calif.-Auxiliarist Adam Kovalevsky helps prepare Coastie during the Art and Wind Festival May 30 2022. CG Auxiliary photo by Stephen Busch



SAN RAMON Calif. - Coastie the robot approaches a family with the message __Be sure to wear your life vest__ at the Art and wind Festival May 30 2022. CG Auxiliary ph