



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. Fellowship and Collaboration: Div 12 flotillas have worked together on a number of events this year and are planning more events that will tap the skills in both flotillas. The division had a BBQ on August 20th at Coast Guard Island and Flotilla 12-91 had a Fellowship Event in September at a member's home.
2. Member Training: We continue to help members complete required workshops, AUX Core Training, and BQC II. Recent members are continuing to help even newer members complete much of the required training to attain BQ Status. This is being done under the guidance of experienced members in both flotillas. Training also continues to qualify members for Air and Surface Operations. In addition, Div 12 will provide some AUXDATA II (AD2) training for members later in September.
3. Marine Safety: Division 12 with leadership from Morgan Swiggett of 12-91 conducted a Non-native Species Cleanup at the shoreline in Berkeley. This was done in collaboration with the City of Berkeley.
4. Recruiting: Both flotillas have been successful attracting new members. We have new members coming to us from the Sea Scouts and the Maritime Academy. We have experienced adults who are interested in Air Operations and Surface Operations.

DETAILS:

1. Fellowship and Collaboration: Members of Div 12 (both flotillas) collaborated in several missions that tapped skills from each flotilla. Examples include the Div 12 Victory OPTREX, 2 Beach Cleanups, the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival, Vessel Safety Checks, and several PA Events. Members also participated in joint fellowship events. One was a Division 12 BBQ in August at Coast Guard Island. 12-91 conducted a Fellowship Event in September at a member's home. In addition, Division 12 will continue with its Division Newsletter (Neptune News) containing articles and pictures from both flotillas. These fellowship events have been very valuable, especially for new members. Our new members have been able to meet in person with experienced members and have made connections with mentors at these events.
2. Member Training: We've continued sending reminders to members about required workshops and assisted members needing to complete both Core Training and BQC II. Some of our recent new members continue helping brand new members complete online training under the guidance of experienced members. For Q3 and Q4 we will concentrate on Core Training and other items necessary to reach BQ Status. We continue both Air and Surface Operations training. At least 2 members are training to qualify as Coxswains and 4 to 5 members are starting training to qualify for Boat Crew. To encourage all Div 12 members to at least enter their hours in AUXDATA II our IS officers will be conducting an AD2 Zoom class on 20 SEP to help members learn how to do simple items in AD2.
3. Marine Safety: Division 12 members have conducted 2 Marine Safety Missions (7 MAY and 27 AUG) doing Cleanup at the shoreline in Berkeley. These 2 events were attended by both experienced and

new members from both 12-01 and 12-91. The first event concentrated on removing trash from the beach areas and the second event concentrated on removing Non-native Species.

4. Recruiting: As noted above we have new members in both flotillas. One new member comes to us from the Sea Scouts. Another new member comes from the Maritime Academy. Both are interested in Surface Operations and one is also interested in Air Operations. They are being connected with both areas of interest. More experienced new members are also actively starting training for Boat Crew, Air Operations, and Marine Safety.

PROJECTS:

1. 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 based on the recent approval of the new W Directorate in which SR will be administered. We expect training and new up-to-date forms will become available for SRs at all levels. We'll be distributing this and providing training as it becomes available. Training for other FSOs & SOs are planned for later in the year.
2. Scheduling speakers at both Division & Flotilla Meetings to encourage members attending meetings. Speakers are planned for several future meetings and Hybrid Meetings are being use by both flotillas.
3. Member Training began with the Surface OPS Workshop, RM/TCT Refresher, Vessel Safety Checks, and training for SRs. All training is offered to both flotillas and so far each class has had members from both flotillas. Training has also started for Instructor and Coastie. We will be emphasizing Core Training in September and October to improve Div 12 performance.
4. 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 now in place in preparation for these elections. Div 12 has candidates for all elected offices at both the division and flotilla levels.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Challenge: Increasing attendance at Flotilla and Division Meetings. Our initial meetings this year have had a quorum present. But unfortunately one flotilla did not have a quorum at 2 recent meetings. We're using specific actions to make meetings more attractive to members, including speakers and training. Our efforts so far have been reasonably successful but additional plans are underway to provide more fun activities at meetings to keep member's interest. Joint division and flotilla Fellowship Events mentioned above have been conducted. Both flotillas are now conducting Hybrid Meetings.
2. Challenge: Improving members' training for Core Training (CT) and Risk Management (RM) through additional personal outreach to members. (At least 3 forms of contact have been used to alert members who are overdue for CT or RM.) Our 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. As noted above CT will get special attention in September and into the fourth quarter.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. City of Berkeley: Division 12 members conducted a Non-Native Species Cleanup working again with the City of Berkeley on August 27th. Representatives of Berkeley are excited to have us as partners working on Marine Safety. Based on the 2 successful events we've conducted with Berkeley we plan to continue doing Cleanup events later this year and into 2023. The city provides any specialized Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needed for the cleanups. This is equipment beyond our usual PPE for missions and helps ensure members are appropriately protected during these missions.