



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



**To: Dean McFarren, Commodore**

**14 October 2022**

**Cc: District Board and Staff**

**From: Georgie Scheuerman, Division Commander**

**Division: 113-12**

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Fellowship and Collaboration: Div 12 flotillas have worked together on a number of events this year. We're currently planning our COW which is scheduled for Dec 10<sup>th</sup> and will be a virtual event.
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 provided some AUXDATA II (AD2) training for members in September.
3. Marine Safety: Division 12 with leadership from Morgan Swiggett of 12-91 continues to plan more Marine Safety Events in collaboration with the City of Berkeley.
4. Elections: Division 12 held elections on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Georgie Scheuerman was reelected DCDR. Nikolay Zhrebnekov was reelected VDCDR. Flotilla 12-01 conducted its election on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Doug Beckstein was reelected FC. No eligible candidates submitted a Letter of Intent for VFC. A candidate is working to complete requirements and then an election will be held for VFC. Flotilla 12-91 conducted its election on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Stephen Busch was reelected FC and Adam Kovalevsky was reelected VFC.
5. Fleet Week: Several Div 12 members participated in Fleet Week activities, both on land and on the water.

**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. Div 12 is now planning our COW scheduled for Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be a virtual event due to concerns about members being reluctant to attend an in-person event.
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 Q4 we'll concentrate on Core Training and other items necessary to reach BQ Status. To encourage all Div 12 members to at least enter their hours in AUXDATA II our IS officers conducted an AD2 Zoom class on 20 SEP to help members learn how to complete simple items.
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. Another mission is being planned for later this year. Details will be distributed when the mission is scheduled.

4. Elections: One open position must still be filled. The person who has submitted a Letter of Intent for 12-01 VFC has had difficulties (illness & computer issues) completing the required items to be eligible for this position. He is working to complete the items. Another election will be run when he's eligible for VFC. No other members submitted Letters of Intent even after the Election Committee contacted all members who are currently eligible to run for VFC.
5. Fleet Week: Division 12 members participated in Fleet Week conducting surface patrols and providing assistance with communications. (See photos below.)

### **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.
2. 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 October and November to improve Div 12 performance.

### **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 several 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. 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 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Photo Gallery: (All photos below from Stephen Busch – Fleet Week – San Francisco – 2022 October 7, 8, & 9)



### Photo Details

Adam Kovalevsky (Boat Crew) and Virginia Luchetti (Coxswain) on OPFAC Aquamarine



Rick Pizio (Boat Crew) at helm of OPFAC Aquamarine under supervision of Coxswain Virginia Luchetti



Stephen Busch (Boat Crew) at the helm of OPFAC Aquamarine under supervision of Coxswain Virginia Luchetti not shown in picture



## Photo Details

Jim Losi at Fleet Week serving on  
USCGC Tern



Morgan Swiggett at Fleet Week  
serving on USCGC Tern (Photo by  
Jim Losi)