



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. We're currently planning our COW which is scheduled for Dec 10th and will be a virtual event.
2. Member Training: We continue to help members complete required workshops, AUX Core Training, and BQC II. Training also continues to qualify members for Air and Surface Operations.
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 elections are now complete. Flotilla 12-01 conducted its election on October 11th. Doug Beckstein was reelected FC. But no eligible candidates submitted a Letter of Intent for VFC. Fortunately, an eligible candidate did submit a Letter of Intent recently and 12-01 conducted an election for VFC at their meeting on 8 NOV.

DETAILS:

1. Fellowship and Collaboration: Div 12 is now planning our COW scheduled for Dec 10th. It will be a virtual event due to concerns about members being reluctant to attend an in-person event. This has been reported to Curtis Han. We'll be submitting a draft agenda after our Div 12 meeting next week. The division is also starting planning for 2023 with a draft calendar and plans for some FSO and SO training in early 2023. For fellowship both flotillas are planning Holiday Parties in early December.
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. For Q4 we'll concentrate on Core Training and other items necessary to reach BQ Status.
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. Another mission is still being considered for later this year. But the next event may be planned for early 2023. Details will be distributed when the mission is scheduled.
4. Elections: In my last report I indicated that one open position (12-01 VFC) must still be filled. Since then an eligible member submitted a Letter of Intent and 12-01 conducted an election at their meeting on 8 NOV. 12-01's new VFC is Adrienne Kuehneman. This completes all Div 12 elections!!!

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. We plan to do some training for both FSOs and SOs in early 2023 so our staff officers can start the year prepared for their responsibilities.

2. Member Training: We will be emphasizing Core Training in November and December to improve Div 12 performance. We have a lot of members who last completed Core Training in 2017 so they're due for the 5 year refresh this year.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Challenge: Increasing attendance at Flotilla and Division Meetings. Our initial meetings this year have had a quorum present. But more recently both flotillas have had meetings that were close to no quorum or had no quorum. Both flotillas are now conducting Hybrid Meetings which seems to be helping.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. City of Berkeley: Division 12 members have participated in 2 Marine Safety missions with the City of Berkeley. 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: No pictures this month.