



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



To: Curtis Han, Commodore

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Cc: District Board and Staff

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Division: 113-12

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. **Fellowship and Collaboration:** Div 12 continues its efforts for fellowship and collaboration. The flotillas are using a united calendar for the year and are doing many joint events. This includes joint PE, PA, VE, MS, and fellowship events. Two joint events (PE & VE) have already been conducted.
2. **Member Training:** We made an early year review of the division Core Training Status and have started doing outreach to members needing to complete required 5 year refresh or needing to begin Core Training. Training is planned for Core Training (CT) and AUXDATA II (AD2) in the coming months.
3. **Marine Safety:** Division 12 will continue efforts in Marine Safety collaborating with the City of Berkeley and other outside organizations. Dates have not yet been scheduled but we're targeting at least 4 MS missions in 2023.
4. **Division Goals:** Several division goals have been set. Among these are: VEs, MS Missions, PE, NS, PV, and Boat Crew & Coxswain.

DETAILS:

1. **Fellowship and Collaboration:** Div 12 is emphasizing even more collaboration in 2023. Events for PE, VE, MS, PA, and fellowship are already being planned. A first draft joint Division Calendar is in place and will be fully developed in February. Early joint events include a Boat America Class, and several VE events. One each has already been completed.
2. **Member Training:** As noted above we've reviewed the division Core Training (CT) Status. We've found at least 50 members who are either overdue for CT or haven't completed any CT. We found 11 members who need to complete a 5 year refresh before the end of 2023. We're doing outreach to all of these members to encourage them to complete CT. We're also encouraging members to regularly enter their hours into AD2. A training class for AD2 is planned. Efforts are also underway for increased training for Boat Crew, Coxswain, Air Observers, and Pilots. A special VE refresher was already conducted to help ensure the division VEs are prepared for the scheduled VSC missions on the division calendar.
3. **Marine Safety:** Division 12 members have targeted to conduct at least 4 Marine Safety events in 2023. With the severe weather we expect a great need for shoreline cleanups. We plan at least 2 events with the City of Berkeley with whom we've previously collaborated. We also plan to do cleanups in other locations which will be determined once the impacts from the winter storms are understood. Flotilla 12-91 has added a line item in their 2023 budget for PPE needed at Marine Safety Events. This puts us in a good position to handle cleanups at locations where PPE may not be provided by the organization requesting our assistance.

4. Division Goals: We have goals set for PE, VE, MS, PV, NS, and Boat Crew & Coxswain.
 - For VE: 2 or 3 new VEs trained & qualified and increase VSCs from 125 to 250
 - For MS: Organize 4 MS Cleanups – 2 with the City of Berkeley and 2 elsewhere
 - For NS: 100% completion of Bridges and PATONS
 - For Boat Crew & Coxswain: At least 2 to 5 new Boat Crew and 1 new Coxswain, all members who need to requal do so
 - For PE: Still being developed but we do plan at least 5 to 7 Boat America (BA) Classes with a total of at least 60 to 75 students successfully completing the classes. One BA class is already set up for 11 FEB
 - For PV: Increase PVs by 1 to 2% over 2022

PROJECTS:

1. Training for FSOs and SOs will be starting in February. We'll begin training for both FSOs and SOs. This is part of our efforts for Succession Planning. Early training is planned for SRs both in Div 12 and for SRs throughout D11NR. The first SR training will be in March. A schedule will be distributed later in February.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Challenge: Increasing attendance at Flotilla and Division Meetings. Both flotillas will use Hybrid Meetings to make it easy for members to attend and participate in meetings. Short training sessions will be used more frequently to help members stay up-to-date with required workshops and other training. Planned MT includes: Uniforms, AUXDATA II, and the PPE Program in the first half of 2023. Flotillas will also have some guest speakers to provide more information relevant to our Auxiliary Missions.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. City of Berkeley: Division 12 members participated in 2 Marine Safety missions with the City of Berkeley in 2022. Representatives of Berkeley are excited to have us as partners working on Marine Safety. In 2023 we plan to continue doing Cleanup events with Berkeley. 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.