



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



**To: Curtis Han, Commodore**

**9 March 2023**

**Cc: District Board and Staff**

**From: Georgie Scheuerman, Division Commander**

**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, MT, and fellowship events. Three joint events (PE, VE, and MT) have already been conducted and many more are planned.
2. Member Training: We made an early year review of the division Core Training Status and did outreach to members needing to complete required 5 year refresh or needing to begin Core Training. Training is now underway for Core Training (CT). AUXDATA II (AD2) training and a New Member Academy are coming in a few 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 once the weather allows safe cleanup missions.
4. Division Goals: Division goals have been set. Among these are: VE, MS, PE, NS, PV, MT, and Surface & Air OPS.

**DETAILS:**

1. Fellowship and Collaboration: Div 12 is emphasizing even more collaboration in 2023. Events for PE, VE, MS, PA, MT, and fellowship are already being planned. A joint Division Calendar is in place. Early joint events include Boat America (BA) Classes and several VE events. 2 BA Classes and 4 VE Events have already been completed. An in-person BA class is scheduled at Discovery Bay and 5 more VE Events are scheduled. We're also currently conducting joint Member Training. A joint PA Event during National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) is being set up.
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've now done outreach to all of these members. To help members complete CT we're conducting CT via Zoom. This started on March 1 and we've completed 2 of the 6 CT classes. 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. A New Member Academy via Zoom is also being planned for late April and early May.
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. Once the weather improves and it's safe to do shoreline cleanup missions we'll schedule the cleanups and inform District MS. Planning for one Cleanup is already underway. This Cleanup may include both Auxiliary and Active Duty Coast Guard.

4. **Division Goals:** We have goals set for PE, VE, MS, PV, NS, MT, and Surface & Air OPS.
  - VE: 2 or 3 new VEs trained & qualified and increase VSCs from 125 to 250
  - MS: Organize 4 MS Cleanups – 2 with the City of Berkeley and 2 elsewhere
  - NS: 100% completion of Bridges (by May 31) and PATONS (by Sept 30)
  - OP:
    - Boat Crew & Coxswain: At least 2 to 5 new Boat Crew and 1 new Coxswain, all members who need to requal do so. [OPFAC Servant is back in action. See a picture below.]
    - Aviation: 1 or 2 new Air Observers or Pilots qualified
  - PE: Plan at least 4 to 7 Boat America (BA) and/or Paddle Craft Classes with a total of at least 60 to 75 students successfully completing the classes. [One BA class was conducted on 11 FEB at the Oakland Yacht Club with 30 students.]
  - PV: Increase PVs by 1 to 2% over 2022
  - MT:
    - Conduct Core Training in Q1 2023 using Zoom sessions to help members get up-to-date.
    - Conduct a New Member Academy in Q2 2023 via Zoom using both DIV 12 instructors and instructors from other divisions.

#### **PROJECTS:**

1. **Training for FSOs and SOs** will be starting in April. 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 April. A schedule will be distributed later in March.

#### **CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. Challenge: **Increasing attendance at Flotilla and Division Meetings.** Both flotillas have used Hybrid Meetings to make it easy for members to attend and participate in meetings. Flotilla 12-91 will continue this approach. Flotilla 12-01 will conduct its first in-person meeting with no webinar connection in March. This is being done to get members together again. 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, with a target of 2 Cleanups. 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:



Photo of OPFAC Servant on 2/26/2023 by Morgan Swiggett



VSC being conducted by Jean-Pierre Carjuzaa. Photo by Adam Kovalevsky.

Flotilla 12-91 COW JAN 2023 (All Photos by Jane Postiglione)



FC Stephen Busch  
& VFC Adam  
Kovalevsky



Missing Person  
Ceremony

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