



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



**To: Curtis Han, Commodore**

**12 April 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. Several joint events (PE, VE, and MT) have already been conducted and several more are planned in the coming 2 months for PE, VE, MT, PA, and MS.
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 has been completed with 7 of the 10 students now up-to-date on Core Training (CT). RM/TCT, 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. Progress has been made on 6 of the goals in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Both Surface and Air OPS Patrols have begun and OPFAC Servant helped a sailboat that had run aground near Coast Guard Island. A Thank You Note was received from the skipper of the disabled sailboat.

**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 6 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 for Core Training, VE, and Boat Crew. A joint PA Event during National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) is set up with another event being planned.
2. **Member Training:** As noted above we've reviewed the division Core Training (CT) Status. We've done outreach to all members needing CT and conducted CT classes via Zoom. 7 of the 10 members who attended the classes are now up-to-date on CT and we anticipate the other 3 will be done in the next few weeks. 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 conducted to help ensure the division VEs were prepared for the scheduled VSC missions. 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 will 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. Significant Progress has already been made in PE, PV, VE, MT, and both Surface & Air OPS. Both Surface and Air OPS Patrols have been conducted. As noted above, during a recent patrol OPFAC Servant responded to a call for assistance from a sailboat aground at the north end of Coast Guard Island. Active Duty Coast Guard joined the mission and assisted the vessel. A Thank You card was received by the OPFAC Servant Crew and was shared with the Active Duty Coast Guard. (See photos below.)

### **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 start in early May. A schedule will be distributed later in April.

### **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 in-person meetings with no webinar connection in March and April. 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.

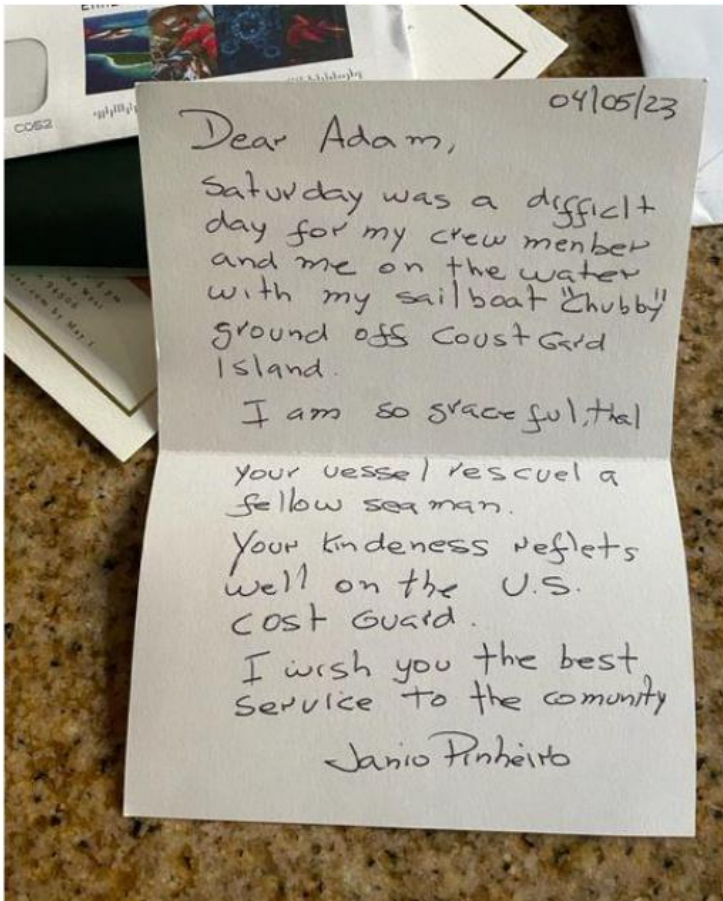
### **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

1. City of Berkeley: Division 12 members participated in 2 Marine Safety missions with the City of Berkeley in 2022. 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:



OPFAC Servant with Jim Losi (Coxswain) & Morgan Swiggett (Boat Crew) on 4/1/2023 by Jean-Pierre Carjuzaa.



Thank You card received for assistance given to a sailboat aground at Coast Guard Island on April 1, 2023. Photo by Adam Kovalevsky.