



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. Joint events (PE, VE, MT, and PA) have already been conducted (especially during National Safe Boating Week [NSBW]) and several more are planned in the coming months for PE, VE, MT, PA, and MS. Fellowship events are also being 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 has been completed with 8 of the 10 students now up-to-date on Core Training (CT). Surface OPS Workshop, RM/TCT, and AUXDATA II (AD2) training have been conducted with more AD2 and OPS (Surface & Aviation) Training planned in the next few months.
3. **Marine Safety:** Division 12 will continue efforts in Marine Safety collaborating with the City of Berkeley and other outside organizations. Dates has been set for our 1st & 2nd Cleanups and we're planning at least 2 more MS missions in 2023. Our first MS Mission will be a shoreline cleanup at Coast Guard Island with both Auxiliary and Active Duty Coast Guard participating.
4. **Division Goals:** Division goals have been set. Among these are: VE, MS, PE, NS, PV, MT, and Surface & Air OPS. Significant progress has been made on 8 of the goals so far this year. Both Surface and Air OPS Patrols are underway.
5. **National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) Plans:** 6+ Safe Boating Events in May and early June were conducted. One Water Safety Event which Flotilla 12-91 has participated in for at least 15 years was not conducted during the Pandemic years but was back this year. 12-01 members also participated in an event they've supported for many year, the San Leandro Cherry Festival. Several other missions were also conducted. [Photos from NSBW are included below. Also a detailed report will be issued.]

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 already conducted include Boat America (BA) Classes and several VE events. 2 BA Classes and 8 VE Events have already been completed. An in-person BA class was conducted at Discovery Bay and 3 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 NSBW (San Ramon Art & Wind Festival) was conducted over Memorial Day weekend. More joint events were conducted during NSBW and are detailed below.
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. We also conducted 2 RM/TCT Workshops and 2 Surface OPS Workshops. We're also encouraging members to regularly enter their

hours into AD2 and are currently conducting training for AD2. Efforts are also underway for increased training for Instructors, Boat Crew, Coxswain, Air Observers, and Pilots.

3. Marine Safety: Division 12 members have targeted to conduct at least 4 Marine Safety events in 2023. We have our 1st Cleanup set at Coast Guard Island (CGI) on 24 June and another being planned with the City of Berkeley in July. The MS Mission at CGI will have Active Duty Coast Guard and Auxiliary participating. We also plan to do cleanups in other locations which will be determined once the impacts from the winter storms are fully understood in the summer. At least 2 more cleanups are planned for the second half of the year.
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. Special attention is being given to youth and paddle craft courses in our PE efforts. Both PE and VE efforts have been very effective in the San Francisco Bay and Delta areas. The division is currently very active doing PATON inspections as part of both daytime and night Surface Patrols.
5. National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) Plans: 6+ Events were planned for May and early June which fall within the NSBW Mission. These included 2 VSC Events, a Life Jacket Giveaway Event, several PA Events, and a NSBW Proclamation. Of particular note is the Life Jacket Giveaway which is part of a Water Safety Event conducted each year in Oakley. Flotilla 12-91 has participated in this event for at least 15 years. But the event was not conducted during the Pandemic. It was back this year and we had a Safe Boating Booth, informing both children and parents about water safety. This particular event serves a community that is typically underrepresented in the Auxiliary. Another PA Event that was not conducted during the Pandemic was back this year. Flotilla 12-01 had a booth at the San Leandro Cherry Festival. This event also serves as an outreach to a wide variety of communities in the Bay Area. 12-01 has participated in this event for many years.

PROJECTS:

1. Training for FSOs and SOs: Nothing to report this month because the majority of our efforts have been on NSBW and needed Member Training to get members active again with in-person missions.

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 has continued this approach. Flotilla 12-01 is conducting in-person meetings with no webinar connection, starting 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. So far 12-91 has been able to get a quorum at all their meetings. 12-01 is still having issues consistently getting a quorum at their meetings but did have noticeably improved attendance at their May Meeting. This is a very encouraging sign.

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. Our 1st cleanup with Berkeley was scheduled in May. But due to other commitments it was moved to July. An additional cleanup will be scheduled in the second half of the year. [The city provides any specialized PPE needed for the cleanups. This is equipment is beyond our usual PPE for missions and helps ensure members are appropriately protected during these missions.]

Photo Gallery: Missions/Events for National Safe Boating Week

[From the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival (28 & 29 MAY) and from San Leandro Cherry Festival (3 JUNE)]



San Ramon
Art & Wind
Festival
(photos by
Stephen
Busch)

Greg Olsen, Rick
Scheuerman, &
Morgan Swiggett
distributing
coloring books
about Marine
Creatures and in
this picture - the
Coast Guard



Doug Kerr and
Adam Kovalevsky
after landing the
AUX Helicopter
(Note: For Safety -
the field was
checked for debris
and the public was
cleared by other
Auxiliarists before
the helicopter
landed)



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Parents and
Children enjoying
Coastie



Adam Kovalevsky
operating Coastie
under supervision
from John
Brandenburg



San Leandro Cherry Festival

Preparing Coastie
(John Brandenburg
& Dave Sequeira)



Parent taking a
picture of her
children wearing
lifejackets just
given to them by
12-01 members