



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



**To: Curtis Han, Commodore**

**12 July 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 (PE, VE, MT, MS, and PA). These joint missions have increased member interest in a variety of missions and increased cross-flotilla training. Fellowship events are also 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. We provided training via ZOOM earlier this year. Surface OPS Workshop, RM/TCT, and AUXDATA II (AD2) training have been conducted with more AD2 and OPS (Surface & Aviation) Training continuing 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 were set for our 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Cleanups and we're planning at least 2 more MS missions in 2023. Our first MS Mission was a shoreline cleanup at Coast Guard Island which had members from 4 divisions participating.
4. **Division Goals:** Division goals are being met. Among these are: VE, MS, PE, NS, PV, MT, and Surface & Air OPS. Significant progress has been made on these goals. Both Surface and Air OPS Patrols are underway.

**DETAILS:**

1. **Fellowship and Collaboration:** Div 12 is emphasizing even more collaboration in 2023. Events for PE, VE, MS, PA, MT, and fellowship are being conducted. 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 10 VE Events have already been completed. In-person BA classes were conducted at Discovery Bay and Oakland Yacht Club. 2 more in-person BA classes are scheduled for Encinal Yacht Club and Caltrans. 5 more VE Events are scheduled. We're also currently conducting joint Member Training for Boat Crew. A joint PA Event during NSBW (San Ramon Art & Wind Festival) was conducted over Memorial Day weekend. Several VE Events were also conducted in late May and June. The division has a Fellowship BBQ scheduled for August.
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 RM/TCT and 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. With the improved weather Surface and Air OPS and Training have significantly increased.
3. **Marine Safety:** Division 12 members have targeted conducting at least 4 Marine Safety events in 2023. We had our 1st Cleanup at Coast Guard Island (CGI) on 24 June (see photos below) and another is

planned with the City of Berkeley in July. The MS Mission at CGI had members from 4 divisions participating. Numerous bags of trash were collected and properly disposed of before leaving CGI. A small fellowship lunch was provided to complete the event. We also plan to do cleanups in other locations. At least 2 more cleanups are planned for the second half of the year. Given what was seen at CGI one of these cleanups is planned for CGI in the fall.

4. Division Goals: Goals are being met for PE, VE, MS, PV, NS, MT, and Surface & Air OPS. Both Surface and Air OPS are very active with regular patrols (see photos below). For PE special attention is being given to youth and paddle craft courses. Both PE and VE efforts (see photos below) have been very effective in the San Francisco Bay and Delta areas. The division is also very active doing PATON inspections as part of both daytime and night Surface Patrols.

### **PROJECTS:**

1. Training for FSOs and SOs: Nothing to report this month because the majority of our efforts have been on MS, PE, and VE Missions 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 was conducting in-person meetings with no webinar connection, starting in March. This was being done to get members together again. Flotillas have had 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 was still having issues consistently getting a quorum at their meetings so they returned to using Hybrid Meetings in July and had a quorum at that 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.]
2. Caltrans: Caltrans has requested we conduct a BA class and it's scheduled as an in-person class on 26 July. We anticipate at least 12 students, but it may reach 20 students. We've conducted this class previously for Caltrans prior to the Pandemic.

## Photo Gallery: Missions/Events:

### Marine Safety:



Shoreline  
Cleanup at  
Coast Guard  
Island - 24  
June (photos  
by Jean-Pierre  
Carjuzaa)

**Various Auxiliary  
Members from  
Divisions 1, 3, 5,  
and 12.**

Notice the amount  
of material  
collected!!!!



Members ready  
with proper PPE to  
start the shoreline  
cleanup.

## Surface & Air OPS:



### Surface OPS (Photos by Jeff Grave)

**Stephen Busch and  
Jeff Grave on the  
Weather Deck of  
Servant  
before a PATON  
patrol, June 9, 2023.**



**Morgan Swiggett  
and Adam  
Kovalevsky on  
OPFAC Servant**



## AIR OPS

(Photos by Jeff Grave)

Jeff Grave, Ron Darcey (in back seat), Trent Bachman assisting with a SAR on Jun 27, 2023.



Public admiring AUX Helicopter at San Ramon Art & Wind Festival while being supervised by Auxiliarist.

## VE Mission:



VE Mission:  
(Photo by  
Adam  
Kovalevsky)

Hanley Chan and Jean-  
Pierre Carjuzaa  
chatting to a  
Paddlecraft owner at  
Lake Del Valle on Sat  
July 8.



Photo by Jeff  
Grave

VSCs at Lake Del Valle  
on July 8th.

Richard Gabor, Jeff  
Grave, Jean-Pierre  
Carjuzaa, Hanley  
Chen, Bob Torio, and  
Stephen Busch