



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 conducting 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 being conducted.
2. **Member Training:** Surface OPS Workshop, RM/TCT, and AUXDATA II (AD2) training have been conducted with more AD2 and OPS (Surface & Aviation) Training continuing.
3. **Marine Safety:** Division 12 continues Marine Safety missions. Our first MS Mission was a shoreline cleanup at Coast Guard Island (CGI) which had members from 4 divisions participating. Another cleanup at CGI is scheduled in September.
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. 3 BA Classes and 10 VE Events have already been completed. An In-person BA class was recently conducted at Encinal Yacht Club where a member completed her PQS and is now qualified as an instructor. (See photo below). An additional in-person BA class is scheduled for Caltrans. More VE Events are scheduled. The division has a Fellowship BBQ scheduled for August.
2. **Member Training:** We've 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. We now have a new pilot qualified.
3. **Marine Safety:** Division 12 members have targeted conducting 4 Marine Safety events in 2023. We had our 1st Cleanup at Coast Guard Island (CGI) on 24 June and another is scheduled for September. We also plan to do cleanups in other locations. 2 more cleanups are planned for later in the year but have not yet been scheduled.
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. On a recent Surface Patrol a Kite Surfer in distress was recovered by the OPFAC Servant Crew. (See photos below). For PE special attention is being given to youth and paddle craft courses. 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 1st cleanup with Berkeley was scheduled in May. But due to other commitments it was moved to later in the year. We still plan to have at least one cleanup with Berkeley.
2. Caltrans: Caltrans has requested we conduct a BA class and it was scheduled as an in-person class on 26 July. Unfortunately it had to be moved and is now scheduled for September. 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:

Surface OPS:



Surface OPS

Photo: Coxswain in Command (CIC), Greg Olsen, speaking to a Kite Surfer in distress. Photo taken by Stephen Busch.



Kite Surfer safely on board OPFAC Servant. Key info being collected by CIC Greg Olsen. Photo taken by Stephen Busch.

Public Education & Member Training:



PE & MT

BA Class at Encinal Yacht Club. Frank Swift instructing. Vivian McBride operating the display. She taught several chapters and completed her PQS for Instructor. Photo by Doug Beckstein.