



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 continue conducting many joint events (PE, VE, MT, MS, and PA). This includes submitting awards for members in both flotillas.
2. Member Training: Training is being conducted for AUXDATA II (AD2), OPS (Surface & Aviation), PE, VE, and drafting award recommendations.
3. Marine Safety: Our first MS Mission was a shoreline cleanup at Coast Guard Island (CGI) which had members from 4 divisions participating. Another cleanup at CGI was scheduled in late September.
4. Division Goals: Division goals are being met. Among these are: VE, PE, PV, MT, and Surface & Air OPS. Significant progress has been made on these goals. Both Surface and Air OPS Patrols are underway but beginning to wind down as we approach the end of the year.
5. Division Elections: Our Division Elections were conducted on 28 SEP. Nikolay Zhrebnekov was elected Division Commander for 2024 and Stephen Busch was elected Vice Division Commander for 2024. Flotilla Elections are also underway. For Flotilla 12-01 Adrienne Kuehneman was elected FC for 2024 and Ken Shupe was elected VFC for 2024. Flotilla 12-91 elected Adam Kovalevsky as FC for 2024. The election for VFC will be conducted in November. This will allow a member not yet eligible for VFC to complete some required items.

DETAILS:

1. Fellowship and Collaboration: Div 12 continues emphasizing even more collaboration in 2023. Events for PE, VE, MS, PA, MT, and Fellowship have been and are being conducted. A joint Division Calendar is in place. An in-person BA class was conducted for Caltrans. More VE Events are scheduled. Members are also drafting and submitting award recommendations for members of their own flotilla and for members of the other flotilla in our division.
2. Member Training: We're encouraging members to regularly enter their hours into AD2 and are conducting training for AD2. Training was conducted for VEs, Instructors, Boat Crew, Coxswain, Air Observers, and Pilots. In addition, a class was run to help members learn how to submit recommendations for awards. This training is now being used and at least 2 award recommendations have been drafted and one has been submitted. Also, planning has already started for training in 2024.
3. Marine Safety: Division 12 had our 1st Cleanup at Coast Guard Island (CGI) on 24 June and another was scheduled for late September. The late September Cleanup was not conducted due to low availability of members and because of poor air quality. We'd also planned to do cleanups in other locations. However, it's likely we'll not be able to schedule any more Clean Ups this year.
4. Division Goals: Goals are being met for PE, VE, PV, MT, and Surface & Air OPS. Both Surface and Air OPS have been very active with regular patrols. (See photos below from Surface OPS Activities.) Of particular note, our VE Goal of 300 VEs has been met and exceeded and we still have more VEs

planned. We've also exceeded our PV and PE Goals with more PE classes planned before the end of the year.

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:

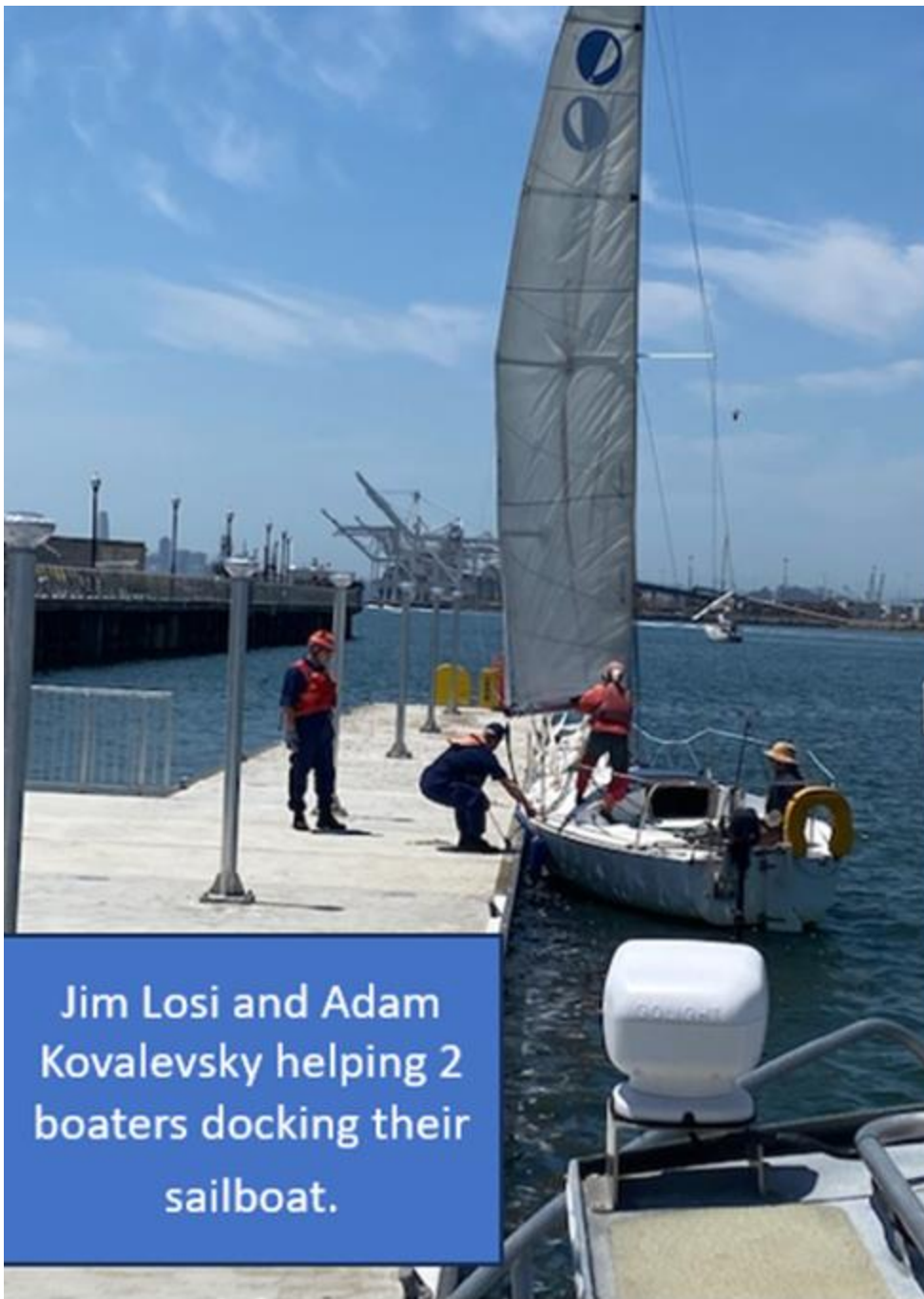
1. Challenge: Increasing attendance at Flotilla and Division Meetings. Both flotillas have used Hybrid Meetings to make it easy for members to attend and participate in meetings. Flotilla 12-91 has continued this approach throughout the year. Flotilla 12-01 was conducting in-person meetings with no webinar 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. The return to Hybrid Meetings in 12-01 has definitely improved attendance. They plan to continue using Hybrid Meetings.

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'd planned 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. Unfortunately, it's unlikely we'll be able to organize a Clean Up with Berkeley this year. We'll try again in 2024.
2. Caltrans: Caltrans requested we conduct a BA class and it was scheduled as an in-person class on 26 July. Unfortunately it had to be moved but was conducted in September. We had 10 students at this class. We've conducted this class previously for Caltrans prior to the Pandemic. We'll maintain our connection with Caltrans in case they need more or different water safety training.

Photo Gallery: Missions/Events:

Surface OPS Activities:



Jim Losi and Adam Kovalevsky helping 2 boaters docking their sailboat.

Surface OPS:

While conducting Surface OPS Training and/or Patrols we sometimes assist other boaters at the dock. (Photo by Jean-Pierre Carjuzaa)

More Surface OPS:



Surface OPS:

While conducting Surface OPS Training and/or Patrols we sometimes remove hazards from the water. (Photo by Jean-Pierre Carjuzaa)