



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 rapping up 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), VE, and drafting award recommendations. Preparations are also underway for MT in 2024.
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 but was not conducted for several reasons.
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. Attention is put on getting mission hours into AUXDATA II.
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. 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. Election for VFC will be conducted in late NOV. There is one candidate for this position.

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. Members are also drafting and submitting award recommendations for members of their own flotilla and for members of the other flotilla in our division. A good example of this is a nomination for the Auxiliary Achievement Medal which was just submitted for a 12-01 member. This nomination was made by a 12-91 member.
2. Member Training: We're encouraging members to regularly enter their hours into AD2 and are conducting training for AD2. 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. Planning has already started for training in 2024. VE being a good example of this.
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, 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. Of particular note, our VE Goal of 300 VEs has been met and exceeded. We've also exceeded our PV and PE Goals. Surface &

Air Operations, along with Communications continue to add to our goals and in October supported Fleet Week. (Photos below are from Fleet Week Operations.)

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 with good success, achieving a quorum at each monthly meeting. Flotilla 12-01 started with hybrid meetings, moved to in-person meetings, and then returned to hybrid meetings, trying to more regularly achieve a quorum at their meetings. It became clear that hybrid meetings have worked best.

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, we haven't been 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:

Operations for Fleet Week:



Surface OPS:

Operations on
OPFAC Servant
during Fleet Week
2023 (Auxiliarists:
Greg Olsen,
Morgan Swiggett,
and Jim Losi)
[Photos by Adam
Kovalevsky]

More Fleet Week OPS:



Fleet Week:

Air Show
Command and
Auxiliary
Communications
on Rooftop in San
Francisco (Some
Division 12
Members assisted
with
communications
during Fleet
Week.) [Photo by
Stephen Busch]



Coast Guard Cutter
George Cobb at
Fleet Week –
Guests watching
the show. (Some
Div 12 members
worked as Safety
Officers on this
cutter) [Photo by
Stephen Busch]