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MEMORANDUM

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To: District Commodore
District 113

Subj: DIVISION 12 COMMANDER REPORT – February, 2024

Highlights

1. Successful mini-OPTREX (2 new qualifications, six requalification)
2. One member in the division as Air, Surface, and UAS qualifications
3. Derelict vessel found on an Air Patrol
4. Joint training mission with Reserve for ICS
5. VSCs co-planning between Flotillas
6. New home for Flotilla 12-91

Details

1. A mini OPTREX was held on Sat Feb 10, using 2 Flotilla Surface Operations facilities, SERVANT and ODYSSEY. 2 Flotilla members passed their first-time Boat Crew qualification: Jeff Grave and Jean-Pierre Carjuzaa. And 2 Flotilla members were re-qualified as Coxswains: Greg Gleeson and DCOS Jim Losi. A 3rd vessel from outside our Flotilla, Terry Blanchard's SILVER CHARM, also participated in the mini OPTREX, re-qualifying 4 of their crew members. Internal training to help members keep their qualifications.
2. Flotilla Member Jeff Grave received his qualification as a Coast Guard Auxiliary pilot for UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems i.e. drones). We believe Jeff may be the only Auxiliarist nationwide who is Boat Crew qualified, Air Observer qualified, and UAS qualified.
3. Two of the Flotilla's Auxiliary aircraft are flying operational missions. Hal Seibert led a mission on Sat Feb 10 which was instructed by the Coast Guard to search for a grounded vessel near Bodega Bay. Hal's air crew found it, photographed it, and reported the coordinates back to USCG. Photos of the grounded vessel attached.
4. We are jointly planning an Aviation mission in April with the Coast Guard Reserve for ICS (Incident Command System) training. The training aims to educate ICS command staff to incorporate Aviation assets in incident management operations.

5. 12-91 is fortunate to benefit from 12-01's phenomenal planning of VSC events at East Bay Marinas over Spring and Summer. 12-91 VEs will participate in those events. BZ to 12-01 for doing all the hard work of scheduling the events!
6. 12-91 has moved our meeting location to Concord, as our old meeting location, the San Ramon Fire District office, is slated for demolition. BZ to Flotilla member Morgan Swiggett for arranging the wonderful new meeting location at his company's offices in Concord, right across the road from Concord Buchanan Airport. We have successfully held two meetings (Jan and Feb) in the new location, with members having the option of joining in person or over Zoom.

Goals

1. Short Term
 - a. Set Division calendar and committees
2. Long Term
 - a. Plan out events
 - b. Get members involved
 - c. Training members on how to record hours in AuxDataII
 - d. Fellowship Events

Upcoming Events

1. Division Meeting on Zoom
2. Art and Wind Festival

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