



**USCG Auxiliary District 11 North - Surface Operations Report
January 2023**

To: COMO Curtis Han, District Commodore
Jim Losi, District Chief of Staff
District 11 North Board & Staff
From: COMO Wally Smith, District Staff Officer – Operations (DSO-OP)

This report covers D11N surface activities for the months of November & December 2022.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. New Boat Crew Manual promulgated November 2022
2. The order processing faucet has been turned ON!
3. Check Ride Due Dates
4. OPTREX Calendar

DETAILS

1. On 08 November, two ALAUXs were promulgated as follows:
 - 41-22 – Auxiliary Training Handbook Boat Crew
 - 42-22 – Auxiliary Training Qualification Handbook Boat Crew
 The new Training Handbook combines training for coxswain, crew, and PWC operators into one 92-page ‘Handbook’. The new Qualification Handbook contains 272 pages and contains a few new twists and turns. Further exploration of the changes is necessary to determine their impact on surface operations.
2. The federal government approved the 2023 budget and funding streams have finally been loaded so the three-month hiatus is over! Please remember that requests for orders should be submitted a minimum of seven days in advance and that every patrol should contain some element(s) of training.
3. An updated QE Checkride list will be included in next month’s DSO-OP Report. The process of updating last year’s report to the coming year’s due dates is underway.
4. It’s not too early to reserve dates for the 2023 OPTREX season. Upcoming OPTREXs currently listed on the District Calendar are below:



OPTREX CALENDAR - 2023

<u>Division</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>
5	Not specified	02-03 June
7	Jordanelle Reservoir	12 August
6	Santa Cruz	08-09 September

PPE Report
Michael Brown. ADSO-OP - PPE

- Just a reminder that those of you who conduct VSCs while on a vessel that is in the water or dockside next to a vessel in the water must wear a Type III PFD. They are available by requesting one through your Flotilla MA or FC.
- Please note that some changes in procedures for ordering PPE are in the works. Also, a Receipt of Property will be issued with all gear and that form is to be scanned and emailed back to DIRAUX c/o our OTO. Except for whistles, all issued gear is considered “on-property,” which means it belongs to the US Coast Guard and must be returned upon (a) leaving the Boat Crew program, (b) inactivity in that program for one year, or (c) any type of disenrollment from the Auxiliary.
- Soon, we will have an online order form available with the link on the D11n website to a district-specific email address for PPE requests. This will be for surface operations and VE missions only.

Division Reports

NOTE: Very few Divisions submitted reports primarily because very little was happening operations-wise due to the lack of funding in the 4th quarter of 2022 (1st quarter of the new federal fiscal year).

Division 1

From Nancy Marion, SO-OP

Highlights

1. Air Station SF Support
2. Air Station Sacramento-C27 Training



Details

1. **AIR STATION SF SUPPORT-COX** Terry Blanchard and crews on board OPFACSILVER CHARM participated in Helo Operations on December 8th and 15th.
2. **AIR STATION SACRAMENTO-C27 Training:** OPFAC SILVER CHARM and crew went up to USCG Station San Francisco on the 14th to receive training from ASTs from Air Station Sacramento on how to do the airdrops with the C27s. We went over some equipment that is used and where to store it at Station SF until it is picked up by the air station from time to time.

Goals:

- Rotating members into training patrols for OPTREX preparation and building underway hours.
- Providing training opportunities for our current crew members and initial qualification candidates.

Division 3

From John Hardin, SO-OP

No report submitted

Division 4

From Paul Verveniotis, SO-OP

No report submitted

Division 5

From Lew Derfuss, SO-OPSO-OP 5

No report submitted

Division 6

From Mark McLaughlin, SO-OP

No report submitted

Division 7

From Mike Thompson, SO-OP

No report submitted

Division 8

From Dave Johnson, SO-OP

F39 Redding; No activity, nothing to report.



F88 Clear Lake: No report

F87 Mendocino: No report

F11 Crescent City: No report

Division 10

From Rod Rollins, SO-OP

No report submitted

Division 11

From Tom Henderson, SO-OP

No report submitted

Division 12

From Jim Losi, SO-OP

HIGHLIGHTS

- **DIV12 Surface Operational OPFACS & STATUS**
 - (1) Jeff Graves was named the FSO-Ops for Flotilla 113-12-91\
 - (2) Div 12 OPFACS are:
 - (a) AQUAMARINE
 - (b) SERVANT
 - (c) Mark Evans' OPFAC – Name TBD
 - (d) ODYSSEY
 - OPFAC SERVANT is in the boat yard having new engines installed. Given the weather, I am hoping to have her back in the water by the end of January.
 - We are waiting to select a date to go on an inaugural patrol with Mark Evans newest OPFAC for the Division. Given the patrol directive, this will be sometime during the first half of 2023.
- 2) **2023 Goals and Objectives**
- a) Terry Blanchard and I have discussed and started planning regularly scheduled two-boat training. We would like to have at least one patrol per month where training takes place.
 - b) We would like to have guest rides for prospective new members to the Auxiliary and for existing members who wish to join boat crew operations.
 - c) Operational Activities:
 - 1. PATON Patrols
 - 2. Fleet Week – West TARP Boat
 - 3. Kite Surfer Safety Patrol with Station Golden Gate



4. Training – Div 12 members with a focus on new boat crew members
5. Joint Training with Station Golden Gate and Station San Francisco
6. Joint training with Active Duty Reserve (May)
7. Engage in general MOM/Training patrols on a regular basis
8. Joint training with the small boats attached to the PACAREA Cutter Forces group.

Projects

- Check Ride Program for coxswains and boat crew members and trainees
- Recruiting members with prospective OPFACs

Future Activities

- Running maintenance on OPFAC SERVANT

Challenges

- Allocation of time with only one OPFAC and many requests
- Demands from members requesting check rides earlier in the year rather than the 4Q21.

Goals and Objectives

- Get as many members as possible ready for their check rides.
- Training excellence and mission excellence.

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Respectfully submitted,
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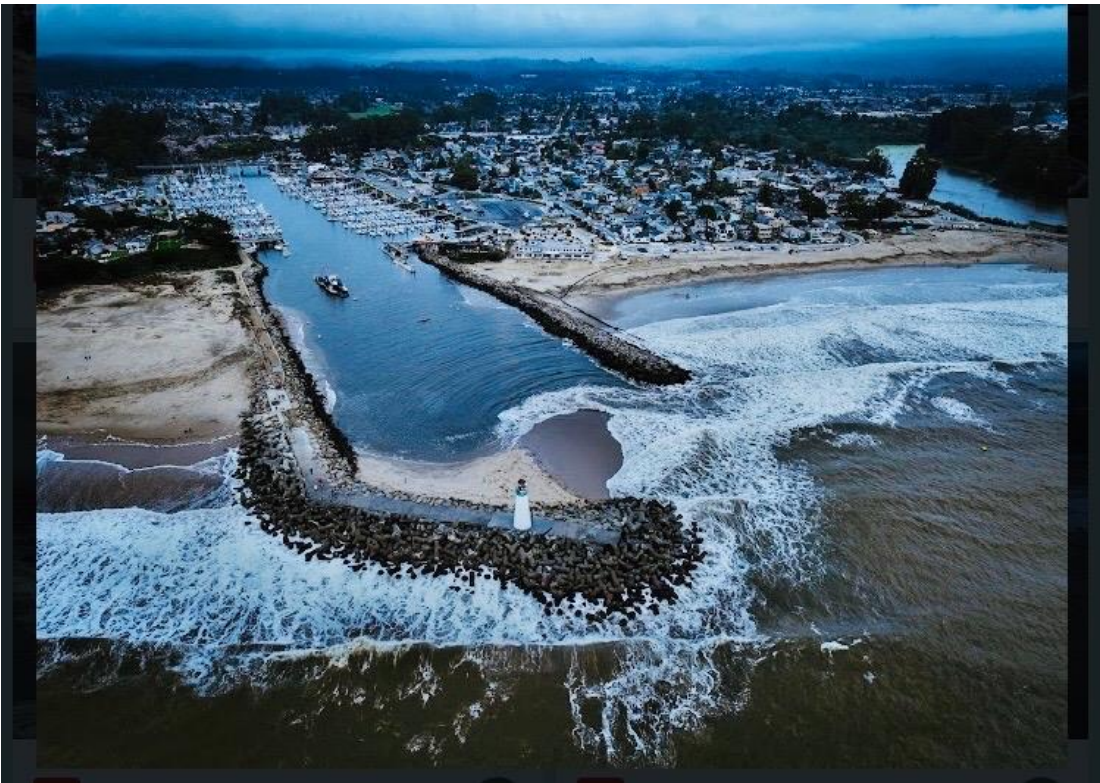
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BONUS MATERIAL

The January storms have wreaked havoc on the Monterey Bay coastline, particularly in the area of Santa Cruz and Capitola! The two photos below underscore the intensity of the sea conditions and the result at the mouth of the Santa Cruz Harbor!



Santa Cruz Harbor West Jetty – New Year's Day 2023



Entrance to Santa Cruz Harbor – 09 January 2023