

# November 2011 Elected Officers Training Mock Flotilla Scenario

## Flotilla 20-12

*[Flotilla 20-12 was 'established' to provide a common factual scenario for discussion at the 2011 Elected Officers' Training. It will provide the basis for the first two problem solving sessions and is available for instructors to use as a reference point and for examples.]*

You joined the Auxiliary five years ago and, congratulations, you have been elected to a leadership position in Flotilla 20-12. Flotilla 20-12 is a fairly typical Auxiliary flotilla, described in more detail below. This unit will be the basis of exercise problems and other discussions during this year's training. Please familiarize yourself with your new command!

20-12 has 37 members on its books, two of whom are in AP status.

Its members have three surface facilities, no airplanes and four land mobiles. The boats are a 38' trawler at a marina in a coastal bay, a 22' center console outboard on a trailer and a 24' sloop moored in an inland lake.

You have three coxswains, four crewmembers and two active boat crew trainees, including one of the AP members.

Two of your members are AUXOP, four are instructors, and two are Aids Verifiers. You have five VE's and two PV's.

No one is IS qualified and your members send their hours to the Division SO-IS. She tolerates that since only six people report hours on a regular basis. Another eight send in one or two reports a year, mainly in their mission areas (7038's, for example). 20-12 hasn't won a Division award for five years, and no member has won any individual awards, outside of normal program qualifications and ribbons, since you joined five years ago.

You meet monthly on Wednesday nights at a local community center in Lakeside Park on Small Lake. Small Lake is an artificial body of water created by the irrigation district. The park has rowboats and kayaks for rent, and a launch ramp for small boats. The coastal bay where your member's trawler facility is berthed is a 55-minute drive from Lakeside Park. It's in an area with several coastal towns, marinas and launch ramps, as well as a local fishing fleet. Another 15 miles south is a Coast Guard station with two small boats. You are the closest unit to the Station, but there is another flotilla 80 miles farther south (20-13). The Inland Lake is only a 20-minute drive north and there are several towns and marinas on that lake, as well as a yacht club.

Your unit had 20 new members join after 9/11, but only nine of those are left. Four of your senior members started when you had to own a boat to be in the Auxiliary and they form a pretty tight group, including two of your coxswains and two of your crewmembers.

Last year one of your members was suspended from exercising his qualifications for six months for grossly improper wearing of the uniform and repeatedly failing to correct the situation. The Division Commander took the lead on that issue at the request of the CG Station.

Eight of your members are women. The average age of your members is 55, though you have seven members in their 20s, including two paramedics and their friends who are boating enthusiasts, though none of them owns a boat yet. Half your members are retired or have their own schedules, while the other half are still working at jobs, largely during the normal work week.

Your annual dues are \$35. Division 20 charges \$3, District is \$12 and National \$15. Your FN has just reported to you that two members are being disenrolled for nonpayment of dues, everyone else has paid for next year, and you have \$375 dollars in the bank.

Most meetings are the same, with an average of 10-12 members attending. People catch up on their lives, there are a few reports from active members and passing of information from Division, after which four or five of you stop at the pizza parlor across the highway for some social time. A normal meeting lasts about an hour. Last year you had the one-hour TCT training at a meeting and a member who went sailing in the Bahamas showed her slides and talked about her trip.

You count eight of your members whom you've never seen or met. They always pay their dues, though sometimes after several attempts and reminders.

This year the Town on Small Lake is celebrating its centennial in June. The Town is mostly a shopping and recreational destination for people living in the surrounding area, though it has a few county administration buildings, a food processing plant and a golf course. The population is 12,000 and there are three elementary schools, a middle school and a high school serving both the town and the larger surrounding community. A branch of the community college has space in the local mall with a student body of all commuters and an active adult education program.

The SO-IS ran an eligible officer report for you and it shows that only five people (other than you) are eligible to run for elected office, all of whom have been FC or VFC, or both, during the last 12 years.

Your FSO-PA is a County administrative worker and she reported to you that the Lakeside Park Fire Department had its budget cut recently and it plans to mothball its fire rescue boat, a surplus 20' rigid hull inflatable. Both qualified firefighter boat drivers took early retirement as part of the budget process.

Your FSO-VE sent an email explaining that the Inland Lake Marina is anxious to have an Auxiliary presence this year, since last year two of their marina tenants were killed in separate boating accidents. It's a small marina, with about 85 slips, but has a gas dock, a store and a crane to haul boats to be worked on in the neighboring boatyard.

It's close to midnight on a chilly December night. You just returned from your Division's Change of Watch, at which you and your new VFC were sworn in. You've filled out your ANSC 7007 to let DIRAUX know who your staff will be next year (and you'll fax it in tomorrow, just in time to meet the deadline). It's time to get to work on 2012!