



DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

To: Wally Smith, Commodore Date: February Report for Jan. Activities
From: Jerry B. Edelen, Division Commander Division 6

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Division Personnel attend the Past Commander's Association Conference.
2. Coastal Navigation and Sailing Skills and Seamanship is underway.
3. First About Boating Safely Class of the year is conducted.
4. Three additional ABS Classes are scheduled in the upcoming months.
5. Surface Operations Patrols are conducted.
6. Santa Cruz Harbor Partnership continues.
7. Flotilla 6-7 partners with Santa Cruz Harbor District.
8. Public Auxiliary Courses Website is upgraded.
9. CG Station Monterey Facebook Page includes Division 6 Activities.
10. Nice Thank You Letter is received about Lighted Boat Parade support.
11. First Division Flotilla Cdr/ Staff Meeting of the year is conducted.
12. Team Coast Guard supports Monterey's Whalefest.
13. Division attends California Office of Spill Prevention and Response Meeting.
14. Environmental Clean-up continues at the Coast Guard Wharf.
15. Division teams up with Active Duty for a Public Affairs event.
16. Silver Charm support continues.
17. Flotilla 6-4 conducts joint operations with CG Station Monterey.
18. Monthly Meetings continue at CG Station Monterey.
19. Division support of CG Station Watchstanding continues.

DETAILS:

1. Division Personnel attended the two-day Past Commander's Association Conference at Coast Guard Island on January 13th and 14th. COMO Wally Smith, DSO-PA Jane Smith, VDCDR Mike Badano, FC Tammera Badano, Steve McCann, Bill Dodson, Tom Stead, Jeff Graves, Mike Goldberg, Rob Jackson and your humble correspondent participated in the various activities. Not only was outstanding training conducted; but, on Saturday afternoon, the Division Commanders met and were updated on new policies and procedures. Shortly afterwards, the District Board and Staff Meeting was conducted. As part of the meeting, a Farewell Ceremony was conducted for Coxswain Linda Vetter, the Most Important Operations Coxswain in our District. Not only did she plan, coordinate and conduct numerous operations each year; she and her husband Terry Blanchard operated the Silver Charm Facility that was vital in training Sector San Francisco Rescue Swimmers. During the ceremony, Sector San Francisco Commander, CPT Ceraolo delivered a heart-felt Eulogy that will be remembered by



all for many years to come. Such was the respect that the active duty Coast Guard had for Linda that many senior Coast Guard Personnel attended the ceremony, including rescue swimmers that she trained. She will be sorely missed, and like COMO Gail Ramsey, is irreplaceable.



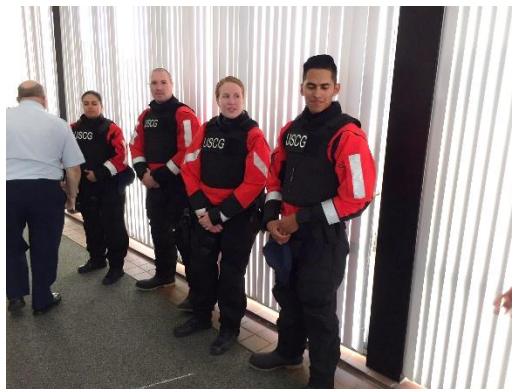
Public Affairs Class



Division Cdr's Meeting



District Board and Staff Meeting



Rescue Swimmers Showing their Respect

2. Our Public Education classes are underway. Flotilla 67 currently has seven Coastal Navigation students and thirteen Sailing Skills and Seamanship students.
3. Our first About Boating Safely Class of the new year was conducted in the Santa Cruz Harbor Community Room on January 20th. The Primary Instructor was COMO Wally Smith. He was assisted by Tammera Badano and Jerry Edelen. There were 10 students in the class, all of whom passed. Student feedback about the course was outstanding!
4. There are several more ABS classes scheduled to be conducted in Santa Cruz during the first six months of 2018. All classes will be in the Harbor Public Meeting Room and will start at 0800. The ABS course runs a full day and qualifies students for the educational requirement for the new California Boater Card that begins phasing in on 01 January. Classes are scheduled on the following dates (all Saturdays):

03 March

21 April

02 June



5. The following surface operations patrols were completed by Division 6 facilities during January 2018:

Facility #	Coxswain	Flotilla #	Location	# hours
Facility 201474	Steve McCann	Flotilla 6-4	in Monterey Harbor	9 hours
Facility 201152	Mark McLaughlin	Flotilla 6-4	in Monterey Harbor	0 hours
Facility 261616	Dave Wormington	Flotilla 6-7	in Santa Cruz vicinity	0 hours
Facility 301219	Wally Smith	Flotilla 6-10	in Santa Cruz vicinity	7 hours
Facility 331522	Chuck Cobery	Flotilla 6-10	in Santa Cruz vicinity	14 hours
Air Facility	Glen Marshall	Flotilla 6-7	In Watsonville vicinity	Just Approved!



Our New Division 6 Fighter Aircraft...uh... Air Facility! 😊



Facility 261616



Facility 301219 assisting Vessel Assist





Facility 201474

6. Santa Cruz Harbor continues to partner with our Division:

http://www.santacruzharbor.org/documents/Newsletters/Newsletter_November2017.pdf

and advertise our monthly “About Boating Safely” Classes:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/a85a58bc001/3728e39f-20ab-4e7a-9484-472c9061fb00.pdf>

7. Flotilla 67 continues a poster distribution at Santa Cruz harbor bulletin boards featuring a themed monthly boating safety message. The intention is to have a fresh, timely message up each month to catch boater's eyes.



8. Flotilla 64 website has been upgraded to include a zip code-based PE Class locator for all 2018 Public Education Classes at the following URL:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/peclass.php?unit=113-06-04>

9. CG Station Monterey continues to cover the many operations it engages in, including joint efforts with Division 6. The coverage of these joint operations is contained in the Station's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/coastguardstationmonterey/>



PROJECTS:

- February
 - Support of 4 Chaplains Memorial Ceremony, February 3rd
 - CG Station Valentine's Day Party, February 16th
 - New Member Training, Santa Cruz Harbor, Feb 17th
- March
 - About Boating Safely Class, Santa Cruz, March 3rd
 - D-Train at Reno, NV Mar 23rd- 25th
- April
 - About Boating Safely Class, Santa Cruz Harbor, April 21st
 - Antler's Optrex, Lake Shasta, April 26-28
 - Division Meeting (Flotilla 6-10 hosts)- April 7- Everbridge Presentation
- May
 - National Safe Boating Week Support (May 19-25)
 - CG Pier Memorial Day Ceremony
 - Ke Kai O'Uhane Outrigger Canoe Race Support
 - SAR Council Meeting
- June
 - About Boating Safely Class, Santa Cruz Harbor, June 2nd
 - Naval Postgraduate School Battle of Midway Banquet
- July
 - Independence Day Cook-off at Station Dining Facility
 - Division Meeting, (Flotilla 6-7 hosts)- July 7
- August
 - CG Birthday Party Softball Game and Barbeque
- September
 - Past Commander's Association Fair (PCA) in Alameda
 - OPTREX – Santa Cruz Harbor, 15-16 September, Sponsored by Flotilla 6-7
 - Community Safety Saturday at the Monterey Fair Grounds
 - Division Meeting (Flotilla 6-4 hosts)- Sept 22
 - National Beach Clean-up Day
 - Watsonville- Disaster in Paradise/ Fly-in
 - Monte Foundation Fireworks Display
- October
 - Fleet Week Support
 - Santa Cruz Haunted Harbor
 - Monterey Fire Department Safety Fair
- November
 - CG Station Veteran's Day Ceremony
 - Change of Watch (Flotilla 6-10 hosts)- November 10th
- December
 - TCT/ Santa Cruz Harbor Lighted Boat Parade, December 1st
 - CG Station Monterey Holiday Party
 - Division 6 Holiday Party



CHALLENGES/ OBSTACLES:

- Trying to get Division Staff Officers to mentor FSOs and to work with them.
- Trying to get more members to attend our monthly Division and Flotilla Meetings/ events.
- Trying to increase the membership and participation level of our Flotillas.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

10. Lighted Boat Parade Follow-up: Division 6 supported the Annual Santa Cruz Harbor Lighted Boat Parade. Over 6,000 visitors descended on the Santa Cruz Harbor to watch dozens of boats, all lit up, playing Christmas music and cruising back and forth in the harbor. In the past, so many folks showed up to watch, that their combined weight collapsed one of the docks and some were injured due to excessive drinking and falling off the walls. The Santa Cruz Harbor Master asked us to control access to the 17 docks so that they would not be overloaded, and to provide communications and back-up medical support. This is the first year in many years, that there were no incidents of any kind. To say the Santa Cruz Harbor Master was pleased would be an understatement. Her office forwarded us a Thank You note from one of the boat owners. It read in part:

“...observing the Coast Guard Officers present, I was very impressed with the kind and thoughtful professionalism exuded without being in any way individually controlling or power mongering. Visitors were treated with respect and gentle guidance when needed. No incidents with loud challenges or unruliness happened.”

Once again, as is almost always the case, our Auxiliarists were viewed as being active duty Coast Guard personnel. I would like to publicly thank the Division 4 Commander, Michael Brown for his invaluable assistance in controlling access to one of the docks. Without his help, we wouldn't have been able to provide complete coverage. Mike is now an honorary member of our Division. A major benefit of this membership is that in the future when he attends our parties, he'll automatically be covered by our Division Bail Bond Account. 😊

11. Our first Division Meeting of the year was conducted on Saturday, January 27th from 1000 hours until noon at the Coast Guard Monterey Station Classroom.



Division FC and Staff Officer's Meeting



Flotilla Commanders and Division Staff Officers along with other division personnel met to review our accomplishments of last year and to develop strategies to be even more effective during 2018. Coast Guard Station Executive Officer LT Cate Giguere was in attendance and provided a Station update. Auxiliarists in attendance were COMO Wally Smith, Jane Smith, VDCDR Mike Badano, Mike Goldberg, Karen Yoder, FC Sean Sheehan, FC Tammera Badano, VFC Alex Urciuoli, John Ittelson, Bobbi Kamil, Mark McLaughlin, Tracy Schultz and Lynn May. Great discussions ensued, and a lot of ideas were exchanged as to how to make 2018 the best year ever!

Following the meeting some of our members proceeded to the London Bridge Pub for a fellowship Luncheon:



Fellowship Luncheon and Group Selfie!

Following the Luncheon, everyone went over to the Monterey Tourist Plaza to assist our other Division 6 Auxiliarists already present with Whalefest.

12. On January 27th and 28th, Team Coast Guard (CG Station Monterey Active Duty Personnel and Division 6) participated in Whale Fest at the entrance to the main Tourist Wharf in Monterey.



Over 15 thousand residents and tourists attended this celebration of Ocean Stewardship during the two-day event. Team Coast Guard Monterey was truly presented as a team. The Active Duty 29-foot RBS was present during both days as a static display with visitors encouraged to go onboard for a tour and briefing. The 47-foot Motor Lifeboat was also present, next to the Tourist Wharf offering visitors an onboard tour. Division 6 Auxiliarists were present at an information booth next to the 29' RBS interacting with the many visitors and an Auxiliary Facility crewed by Coxswain Steve McCann, and crew of Tracy Schultz and Rob Kay even made an appearance on Sunday.



Participating from the Active Duty were: BM1 Graziano, Seaman Moeller and Seaman Hipes, BM2 George Pesson, BM3 Jacob Wilson, BM2 Ian Bomvotd, and Seaman Roberts. Station BMC Phillip Dewalt stopped by for awhile to offer his support.. Also participating from CG Station Monterey were the crew of the 47' Motor Life Boat. Participating from Division 6 COMO Wally Smith, DSO-PA Jane Smith, FC Craig Johnson, Mike Goldberg, Lynn May, Rob Jackson, Tony Budlong, Karen Yoder, VDCDR Mike Badano, FC Tamera Badano, Alex Urციuli, John Ittelson, Bobbi Kamil, and Keith Simmons. Especially heartwarming was Coastie's interaction with the numerous children (and their parents). Both Craig Johnson and Alex Urციuli did outstanding jobs acting as Coastie's "brain".



The busy Recreation Trail on which Whalefest was located



Our Public Affairs Booth

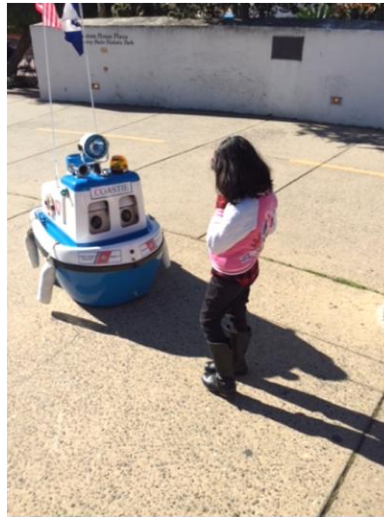


PA Booth and 29' RBS





Locals touring the 29' RBS



Coastie's New Little Friend!



47-foot Motor Life Boat ready for tours Just a few of many visitors on board!

Coastie was highlighted in the Monterey County Weekly's Advertisement for Whalefest!

http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/calendar/events_festivals/whalefest-at-old-fisherman-s-wharf/event_ac71596e-fafe-11e7-adae-bf5f2a023866.html

Kion TV did a special report on Whalefest. The TV report can be found at this link. Part of the link shows our Team Coast Guard Booth!

<http://www.kion546.com/news/whalefest-underway-at-old-fishermans-wharf-in-monterey/692400922>

One sad thing did happen this year. Auxtter didn't show up for Whalefest. Evidently, he and his Sunfish girlfriend are no longer an item and Auxtter decided to stay home. You can see how unhappy Sunfish was this year from the photos below. ☹





Last Year- Happy Together!



*This year-the sad Monterey Sunfish....
notice the tear!*

13. The Central Coast Area Sub-Committee, part of the larger inter-agency Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife held its quarterly meeting on January 25th at the OSPR Marine Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center, 151 McAllister Way in Santa Cruz. Peter Kyryl of Santa Cruz Flotilla 67 attended this meeting and represented Division 6. Great inter-agency communication and cooperation!



14. At the recurring request of the CG Station Commander, Division member, Keith Simmons, continues his weekly trips to the Monterey US Coast Guard Pier and informs personnel there not to leave their fishing line behind when they leave. In Keith's own words: "I completed two trips in January to the Monterey US Coast Guard Pier and picked up litter--ever vigilant in relation to America's Waterway Watch (AWW). With the start of this new year, I would like to credit others who have over time participated in litter cleanup efforts at the CG Pier and/or areas adjacent to Pier and CG Station. These Auxiliaries include Tony Budlong, Cecil Claspell, Craig Johnson, Robert Kay, Robert Jackson, Alex Urciuoli, and CG Station Chief Joseph Vizzi and the crew of the CG Cutter Hawksbill. Hopefully, in coming months other Auxiliaries will be inspired to join in this litter effort during 2018 and beyond! Between City of Monterey staff, one Bay Net volunteer, my Station Monterey CO approved Auxiliary effort, and the Active Duty, the USCG Pier is surely the most consistently litter-free pier in America – something in which CG Active Duty and Auxiliary can take pride." *(Thanks to Keith Simmons and other USCG Active Duty Personnel for continuing in this local area cleanup effort!)*





Keith picking up refuse and fishing line



Keith and Rob working in their Team CG Station Monterey attire

15. A Public Affairs Event was recently held at Santa Cruz Harbor with an active duty crew from the Small Boat Station. They worked together as a team to bring boating safety awareness to the public.



16. Each month COMO Wally Smith, Mike McLaughlin, Michael and Tamera Badano alternately serve on Silver Charm in support of Air Station San Francisco with Terry Blanchard, coxswain, at the helm. It's always very rewarding training on San Francisco Bay.



Mike Badano at work!

17. Coxswain Steve McCann and his crew of Tracy Schultz and Robb Kay continue to conduct joint training with CG Station Monterey's 47-foot Motor Life Boat.





Crewman Robb Kay and the 47-foot MLB

18. Flotilla 6-4 conducts its monthly Flotilla meetings at the CG Station Monterey classroom.
19. Three Division members support CG Station Monterey by performing Watchstanding duties. CG Station Monterey, Division 6 Watchstanders Tom Sprague, Alex Urciuoli, and Cami Corvin are fully qualified U.S. Coast Guard Watchstanders and continue to serve in this important position at CG Station, Monterey.



Division Watchstanders Alex Urciuoli, Cami Corvin and Tom Sprague at work at CG Station Monterey!

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- Have Fun!
- Win the Phifer Award!
- Have all Flotillas show photos/ videos of last year's events PRIOR to the events reoccurring this year. Show our members what a great time everyone has at the events and encourage everyone to participate.
- Have all Flotillas qualify for the NACO 3 Star Excellence in Diversity Award.



- Sign up three Division Members to earn the RBS Device. Encourage everyone.
- Have two Division Members qualify for AUXOP. Encourage everyone.
- Make Flotilla Meetings and Division Meetings more pertinent and fun, thereby increasing meeting participation and retention.
- Contact inactive members, encourage activity, learn about roadblocks to inactivity.
- Encourage all Flotilla activities to be considered Division Activities. Although Flotillas will take the lead, Division identification is important for cohesiveness and morale.
- Encourage Members of each Flotilla to attend other Flotilla meetings to increase Division identification.
- Train Division Staff Officers to “own” their areas of responsibility....to monitor, assist and mentor Flotilla Staff Officers.
- Insure timely reporting by Division and Flotilla Staff Officers. I know this may be next to impossible, but my recent purchase of a cattle prod may help!
- Encourage all Division members to attend PCA and D-Train....Great Training and Fellowship! Increase the number of crew qualified Division Members by at least 2 and increase Division member participation in the Santa Cruz and Antler’s OPTREX’s.
- Increase the excellent support provided to CG Station Monterey, USCG Cutter Hawksbill, the local harbor masters and other local agencies. Inquire and analyze how we can increase our support.

RBS PROJECT	GOAL	CURRENT STATUS
Surface Operations (hrs.)	1700	621
Marine Dealer Visits	1150	983
Public Ed. (enrollment)	160	93
Vessel Safety Checks	650	429
Volunteer Hours	18,000	13,597

These numbers listed, as of 2/5/2018, are lower than anticipated. The totals were obtained from AUXINFO. Our Division IS Officer is double checking AUXDATA to compare numbers. This is obviously cause for concern which we will address during our next Division Meeting. Also....at our next Division Meeting, we will review our goals, and adjust accordingly. When the numbers in AUXINFO reset for the year, we’ll upgrade the numbers.

Respectfully submitted,

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