



DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

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

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Auxiliary Patrols continue out of Santa Cruz Harbor.
2. Division Members take AOR Familiarization Flight.
3. VSC's are conducted on 100 Kayaks and Paddle Boards.
4. Division Commander attends Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club Grand Re-opening.
5. Division participates in "Reading Across America".
6. Division member completes her 450th Quilt for the Coast Guard.
7. Auxiliary Facebook Page is employed well.
8. Coastal Navigation and Sailing Skills and Seamanship is underway.
9. Strides are made in Diversity.
10. First About Boating Safely Class of the year is conducted.
11. Long-time member and legend, Milt Entwistle passes the bar.
12. Public Education Classes are underway.
13. About Boating Safely Class is conducted.
14. Boating Skills and Seamanship Class is underway.
15. Three additional ABS Classes are scheduled in the upcoming months.
16. Surface Operations Patrols are conducted.
17. Santa Cruz Harbor Partnership continues.
18. Flotilla 6-7 partners with Santa Cruz Harbor District.
19. Public Auxiliary Courses Website is upgraded.
20. CG Station Monterey Facebook Page includes Division 6 Activities.
21. Valentine's Day Party is held for CG Station Monterey Personnel.
22. Coast Guard Pier clean-up continues.
23. Silver Charm support continues.
24. Flotilla 6-4 conducts joint operations with CG Station Monterey.
25. Monthly Meetings continue at CG Station Monterey.
26. Division support of CG Station Watchstanding continues.

DETAILS:

1. FC Tamma Badano reports: Patrolling out of Santa Cruz Harbor. Days on patrol are amazing. They can include active patrolling watching for recreational boating safety concerns, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, Marine Observation Missions, area familiarization patrolling, boat crew training, coxswain training, or Search and Rescue missions. With any luck Patrols are routine and uneventful. January 28 was all of the above.





**Chuck, Tammera,
Judy, BK and myself**



Tammera's search pattern.



**After a great morning of boat crew training, the crews of
C.R.A.F.T. Moment and Mai Long enjoying lunch.**



After a full day of training, entering the harbor mouth at Santa Cruz harbor to find a Sailboat in trouble. We were able to pull the sole person aboard the sailboat to our facility and get a line attached to the forward cleat. Harbor Patrol, using our attached line, pulled the boat out of the harbor mouth for securing by Tow US. A great rescue by three allied partners. Semper Gumby



The occupant of the sailboat, happy with our service.



Icing on the cake of a day, Giving a "I Got Caught wearing my Life Jacket" T-shirt to a 8 year old young lady. Great example.

2. Alex Urciuoli reports: "USCG Auxiliary Division 6 Members Take to the Air: After having completed the necessary Auxiliary Aviation Test A, AUXAIR Aircraft Commander, Mentor--and VFC of Santa Cruz Flotilla 67-- Glen Marshall asked me if I would like to go flying on a local AOR Familiarization to see what I think.

*My immediate answer was, H**L Yes!--IF I can get in the plane. (Div Cdr's Note: Alex has had to use crutches since early childhood. In spite of that, everyone considers him handi-capable. No one gets around as much as Alex!)*

The plane, a newly approved District 11n asset located in Division 6 (USCG Auxiliary air units are organized at the District level is a 1940 Piper Cub J5a, a classic that thousands--including multitudes of those who served during WW2--flew when learning to be pilots. *(Div Cdr's Note, In spite of Alex's true assertion, Div 6 personnel consider Glen Marshall's Air Asset to be the first installment in the **Division 6 Air Force!** 😊)*

According to Glen Marshall, this particular aircraft patrolled the skies on December 7th 1941--over Michigan. Glen and I both joked that since the Japanese never invaded Michigan, its mission was very successful. This plane continued its stateside wartime service in the Civil Air Patrol and as a courier for the US Army.

Getting into it, however, was the challenge of the day. 1940 is not known as an era when things were built for the ease of those on crutches, such as myself. I joked that Franklin Roosevelt,

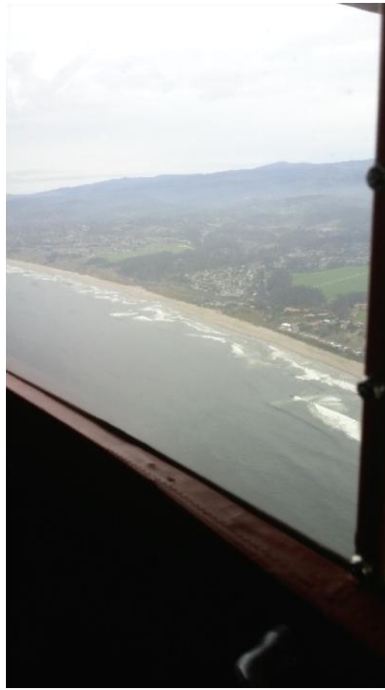


President of the United States in 1940, and also a disabled person, had the entire Secret Service to get him into and out of airplanes.

After several tries, and Glen's patience and ideas of what might work, I was in--and we would make the most of it--and fly. Since Glen and I are both Vice Flotilla Commanders for our respective units, he Santa Cruz 67, and I Monterey 64. We thought of names we could call ourselves: The Flying VFCs, the Flying Viceroy's...the winner: the Flying Vices.



Alex on-board



Part of the Area of Operations

Thankfully, the rain held off until we landed and went to lunch. Two words come to mind--
What Fun!

I was able to see from the air features that I saw on the water during an earlier AOR Familiarization with Wally Smith and his boat crew from Capitola Flotilla 6-10: Santa Cruz Harbor, the Boardwalk, the Wharf and the Cement Ship; Moss Landing Harbor and the power station. Also, white boats and surfboards show up much better than other colors.





Alex in the Co-pilot's Seat



View while airborne!

First photo: Now seated and airborne, Alexander Urciuoli during an AOR Familiarization flight. Selfie photo taken by A. Urciuoli 10 March 2018

Second photo: Observer's view of the Pacific from port side, heading north. Photo by Alexander Urciuoli 10 March 2018

Talking with Glen, it became clear that my experience as a Watchstander at Station Monterey would be very helpful in qualifying as an observer--I already have experience with keeping a log, regular "Comms" schedules, working the radio with other USCG assets, having the proper clearance, etc.

Likewise, observer training will reinforce my experience and help me to be a more accomplished Watchstander--one of my main goals in also qualifying as an Air Observer. Also, like Watchstanding, being an AUXAIR observer is done from one spot with whatever I need close at hand. This is perfect for me. Once I am at my post, I can do the job.

Next steps for me in the Observer qualification process are to complete the medical exam, the safety class, and the swim test--and getting in a life boat--my next challenge--about which I now feel more confident after getting in and out of the Cub!"



*Alex Urciuoli and
Pilot Glenn Marshall*

3. On Thursday, March 8th, Robb Kay, COMO Wally Smith, Jerry Edelen, Michael Goldberg and FC Craig Johnson conducted over 100 Vessel Safety Checks of Paddle Boards and Kayaks at Adventures by the Sea on Cannery Row.



A "Target-Rich" Kayak Environment!

4. On Friday, March 2nd, I was invited to the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club Grand Opening after an extensive remodel to the facility. While there, I was introduced as a Division Commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and received many, many compliments about the outstanding service provided by our organization. There are plans to invite our Monterey Harbor Auxiliary Patrol Members along with representatives from the Active Duty to a major upcoming Yacht Club Social Event.



5. On Thursday, March 1st from 5:00- 7:00 p.m., Division 6 personnel traveled to New Republic Elementary School in Salinas to take part in the National "Reading Across America" Program. FC Craig Johnson, Karen Yoder, Tony Budlong Eileen Harrison-Robinson, Alex Urciuoli and Jerry Edelen took turns reading nautically themed books to the children. Numerous public officials, Public Safety, and volunteers took part in this outstanding program. This is the second year we've participated, and we will return next year.





FC Craig Johnson teaching the children

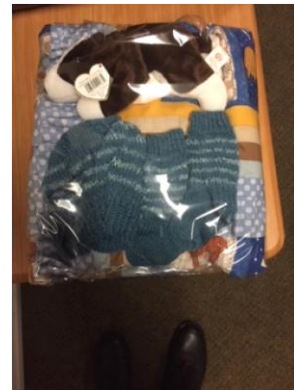
6. Rayleen Anguiano of Flotilla 6-7 continues to make quilts for our Active Duty Coast Guard. At February 2018 Flotilla 67 Santa Cruz meeting, Auxiliary member Radeen Anguiano delivered 20 new-baby packs she had made. These packs containing a blanket, knitted baby cap and booties, plush toy and book are given to Coast Guard Families celebrating new arrivals and are carried by Coast Guard Cutters making port calls in developing countries to use as friendship donations. This shipment brings her total count of these gifts to more than 440.



Raylene with her quilts



A Quilt Example



Another Example

7. Flotilla 67 promoted its March 3rd Auxiliary Course- About Boating Safely- on the Flotilla 67 Facebook page and promoted its VE program in Facebook ads, resulting in 585 views and one request for a VE. It also promoted USCG/CPSC messages concerning the Kidde manufactured marine fire extinguisher recall. This resulted in one contact for more information and a request for help in identifying.

<https://www.facebook.com/Flotilla67SantaCruz/>

8. In accordance with Flotilla 67's Diversity Plan, Flotilla 67 promoted two articles in celebration of National African American History Month on Facebook. One, a Gold Side profile of Dr. Olivia Hooker, the first African American woman to enlist in the Coast Guard and current Coast Guard Auxiliary member who just turned 103 in February. The second, a profile by Foundation



for Coast Guard History of CPO Alex Haley, the famous author of the books Roots and Autobiography of Malcom X.

9. Flotilla 67 continued monthly themed boating safety message postings to Santa Cruz Harbor boards and Facebook page. For example:



2018 February flyer
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10. A New Member's Academy was conducted at the Santa Cruz Harbor Community Room on Saturday, February 17th from 0830 hours until 1500 hours. Ten new members of Division 6 attended. The instructors were COMO Wally Smith, Jane Smith, Chuck Cobery, Jerry Edelen, and Division 4 Commander (and honorary Division 6 member 😊) Michael Brown. Classes taught were:

Structure & Coast Guard Island,
Navigating the Auxiliary Web,
Forms,
Qualifications & Training,
Auxiliary Benefits,
Uniforms,
Protocol, and
Awards.

Feedback from the participants at the completion of the training was OUTSTANDING!



Involved Students! (photo by DSO-PA Jane Smith)

11. Milt Entwistle passes

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*Steve McCann, Milt, and
COMO Wally Smith (Photo by Steve McCann)*

12. Our Public Education classes are underway. Flotilla 67 currently has seven Coastal Navigation students and thirteen Sailing Skills and Seamanship students.
13. 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!
14. Flotilla 6-10 has 10 students in a Boating Skills and Seamanship class.
15. 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):

21 April
02 June
16. 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	16 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	11 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!
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Our New Division 6 Fighter Aircraft...uh... Air Facility! 😊



Facility 261616



Facility 301219 assisting Vessel Assist



Facility 201474

17. 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>

18. 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.



19. 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>

20. 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:

- March
 - D-Train at Reno, NV Mar 23rd- 25th
 - About Boating Safely Class, March 23rd, Monterey Area
- 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:

21. A Valentine's Day Party was held for all Active Duty Coast Guard Station Personnel and their Sweethearts on Friday, February 16th at the Coast Guard Station Dining Facility. The party was organized by Bobbi Kamil with Marsha Taylor assisting and setting up most of the decorations. The following additional Division 6 Auxiliarists helped set up, cook, serve, and clean up after the party: COMO Wally Smith, DSO-PA Jane Smith, Michael Goldberg, Mark McLaughlin, Bill Dodson, Robb Kay, Cecil Claspell, FC Craig Johnson, Tony Budlong, John Ittelson, Alex Urciuoli, Karen Yoder, Steve McCann, Michelle Goldberg, Angela Urciuoli, and Jerry Edelen. Attendance by Station personnel was outstanding. Station Executive Officer LT Catherine Giguere was present from set-up to clean-up, assisting where she could. It truly was a Team Coast Guard event!

The meal included Barbecue Tri-tip steak, Barbecue chicken, Corralito's sausages, chicken dinosaurs (for the kids ☺), marinated heritage artichokes, baked potatoes with butter/ sour



cream/ crumbled bacon, mixed vegetables, and two different cakes with chocolate and vanilla ice cream.



The Chow Line



Happy Valentine Diners



Raffle Prizes



Cake 1- Chocolate



Cake 2- Vanilla



LT Giguere and Bobbi Kamil

There was a photography booth set up so that the loving couples could have their pictures taken professionally, and there was a raffle. Overall, this was the best Valentine's Day Party yet!

22. 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 Simmons' own words: "I completed seven trips to the Monterey US Coast Guard Pier and picked up litter, ever vigilant in relation to America's Waterway Watch (AWW). In general, while walking on the pier I sometimes have brief conversations with tourists, including pointing out features and answering questions. Thus, serendipitously in addition to environmental benefits, my ongoing litter control effort is a positive public relations/affairs activity. Also, I often have the opportunity to say hello and chat with Active Duty personnel, which also contributes to Auxiliary's maintaining good rapport with the Gold Side.

Between City of Monterey staff, one Bay Net volunteer, and my Station Monterey CO approved Auxiliary effort, the USCG Pier is surely the most consistently litter-free pier in America – something in which CG Active Duty and Auxiliary can take pride. Litter collected this month includes cigarette butts, small pieces of paper and plastic, short length of fishing line and one lead sinker."

Thank you, Keith! As Always!





Keith picking up refuse and fishing line



Keith and Rob working in their Team CG Station Monterey attire

23. Patrolling on the San Francisco Bay on Silver Charm:

Silver Charm is a specially designed Auxiliary facility used to support Air Station San Francisco. Tamera Badano was able to get in some helm time under the watchful eye of Terry Blanchard, owner and coxswain of Silver Charm. After a lunch break at Yerba Buena Island we were fogged out of the remainder of the patrol. A great day on the water with great company. Tamera Badano, Michael Badano, Terry Blanchard and Cheryl.



Checking on bridge maintenance in SF.



Tamera at the helm, coxswain training





The Crew of Silver Charm for the day.

24. 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

25. Flotilla 6-4 conducts its monthly Flotilla meetings at the CG Station Monterey classroom.
26. 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	84
Marine Dealer Visits	1150	168
Public Ed. (enrollment)	160	10*



Vessel Safety Checks	650	31
Volunteer Hours	18,000	1393

- ***For some reason, Division 6 Public Education Enrollment is not appearing in AUXINFO. It shows no enrollment, although classes are going gang-busters!***

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry B. Edelen
DCDR – Division 6

