#### DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

To: Wally Smith, Commodore Date: July Report for June Activities

From: Jerry B. Edelen, Division Commander Division 6

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Quarterly Flotilla Commander and Division Staff Officer's Meeting is held.

- 2. Flotilla 6-10 holds a Summer Solstice Party!
- 3. Glen Marshal demonstrates a typical Air Patrol.
- 4. Public Education Classes are scheduled.
- 5. About Boating Safely Class is promoted.
- 6. Three additional ABS Classes are scheduled this year.
- 7. Surface Operations Patrols are conducted.
- 8. Santa Cruz Harbor Partnership continues.
- 9. Public Auxiliary Courses Website is upgraded.
- 10. Division supports CG Station Monterey Change of Command.
- 11. CG Station Monterey Facebook Page includes Division 6 Activities.
- 12. Coast Guard Pier clean-up continues.
- 13. Silver Charm support continues
- 14. Flotilla 6-4 conducts joint operations with CG Station Monterey.
- 15. Monthly Meetings continue at CG Station Monterey.
- 16. Division support of CG Station Watchstanding continues.

#### **DETAILS:**

1. Our Division Quarterly Meeting was held on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Cruz Harbor Master's Public Meeting Room. This was a very special meeting! We had presentations from DSO-DV Tim Kahn and Mr. Carlo Facchino of "Polar Row" fame. Tim did an excellent job of presenting a few diversity topics and eliciting discussion. The fact that he would travel all the way down to Santa Cruz to address our Flotilla Commanders and Division Staff is a testament to his professionalism. His presentation was well received.



DSO-DV addresses our FC's and Div. Staff

Mr. Carlo Facchino's presentation was one of the best that I've seen in decades. He volunteered to give his presentation because he recently took an About Boating Safely Class from COMO Wally Smith and thoroughly enjoyed it- especially the good humor. His animated presentation consisted of personal anecdotes, slides and movies of his experience of rowing thru the Arctic. He was a member of a crew that rowed from California to Hawaii in record time and then volunteered to be part of the crew of "Polar Row".



Polar Row

Both presentations made this particular Division FC and Staff Officer's Meeting truly special!

# https://www.polarrow.com/

Some of the Guinness Book of World Records achieved:

- Northernmost latitude (78°15'20") reached by a rowing vessel
- Fastest crossing of the Arctic Ocean
- First to row the Arctic Ocean South to North
- First to row across the Barents Sea



Mr. Carlo Facchino addresses our FC's and Div. Staff

2. Flotilla 6-10 held its Annual Summer Solstice Party at Aldo's Restaurant next to the Santa Cruz Harbor. It was a glorious day, warm and bright. Fifteen Flotilla Members and friends showed up for the festivities. A freshly prepared cake followed a set menu and copious amounts of libation. Flotilla Commander "T" Badano even provided two potted flowering plants for presentation to the participants who traveled the longest distances to attend the party. What a wonderful experience!



Great Party and even better Fellowship!

3. Division member and Air Marshal of the Division 6 Air Force, Glen Marshall, forwarded information about a typical day of performing Air Missions:



A view from Glen's Aircraft

# Here's the link:

# $\underline{https://photos.app.goo.gl/DpPjV1xxNNtg5VYu7}$

More specifically, here is just one report Glen submitted recently:

2 derelict vessels were spotted yesterday on Delta patrol (Order Number 1163585.

Vessel 1

Date: 6/26/2018

Time: 15:20

Latitude: 37 49 12

Longitude: 121 31 17

Waterway: Grant Line Canal

Vessel 2

Date: 6/26/2018

Time: 16:07

Latitude: 38 15 40

Longitude: 121 39 26

Waterway: Minor Slough







Vessel 2

What a neat way to serve!!!

4. Scott Galloway reports: The following multi-day classes will begin again in September at the Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room at 365A Lake Avenue in Santa Cruz:

Coastal Navigation\* (CN), Mondays, on Mondays (14 weeks) Boating Skills (BS&S), Wednesdays, on Wednesday (13 weeks) Sailing Skills (SS&S), Thursdays, on Thursdays (15 weeks)

5. Flotilla 6-7 promoted our Division's June 2nd Auxiliary course "About Boating Safely" and in accordance with Flotilla 6-7's Diversity Plan, promoted the Coast Guard's Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month on its Facebook page.

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

- 6. There are four more ABS classes scheduled to be conducted in Santa Cruz during 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 July
  - 01 September
  - 27 October
- 7. The following surface operations patrols were completed by Division 6 facilities during this last month:

Facility #	Coxswain	Flotilla #	Location	# hours
Facility 201474	Steve McCann	Flotilla 6-4	in Monterey	20 hours
			Harbor	
Facility 201152	Mark McLaughlin	Flotilla 6-4	in Monterey	TBA
			Harbor	
Facility 261616	Dave Wormington	Flotilla 6-7	in Santa Cruz	TBA
			vicinity	
Facility 301219	Wally Smith	Flotilla 6-10	in Santa Cruz	21 hours
			vicinity	
Facility 331522	Chuck Cobery	Flotilla 6-10	in Santa Cruz	7 hours
			vicinity	
Air Facility	Glen Marshall	Flotilla 6-7	In Watsonville	In District Av Rpt
			vicinity	



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





Facility 261616

Facility 301219 assisting Vessel Assist



Facility 201474

Santa Cruz Harbor continues to partner with our Division: 8.

http://www.santacruzharbor.org/

and advertise our monthly "About Boating Safely" Classes:

https://www.santacruzharbor.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/ Announcement USCGBoatingSafetyCourse.pdf

In addition, the Santa Cruz harbor bulletin boards featuring a themed monthly boating safety message provided by Flotilla 6-7. The intention is to have a fresh, timely message up each month to catch boater's eyes.



9. 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

# **PROJECTS:**

- July
  - o About Boating Safely Class, Santa Cruz Harbor, July 21st
- August
  - o CG Birthday Party Softball Game and Barbeque (August 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- September
  - About Boating Safely Class, Santa Cruz Harbor, (Sept 1st)
  - Past Commander's Association Fair (PCA) in Alameda (Sept 8-9)
  - o OPTREX Santa Cruz Harbor, September 15-16, Sponsored by Flotilla 6-7
  - Community Safety Saturday at the Monterey Fair Grounds
  - o Division Meeting (Flotilla 6-4 hosts)- Sept 22, Elections
  - o Coastal Beach Clean-up Day (Sept 15th)
  - Watsonville Fly-in (TBA)
- October
  - Monte Foundation Fireworks Display (Oct 7<sup>th</sup>)
  - Fleet Week Support (Oct 5-7)
  - About Boating Safely Class, Santa Cruz Harbor, (Oct 27<sup>th</sup>)
  - Santa Cruz Haunted Harbor
  - Monterey Fire Department Safety Fair
- November
  - o CG Station Veteran's Day Ceremony
  - o Change of Watch (Flotilla 6-10 hosts)- November 10<sup>th</sup>
- December
  - o TCT/ Santa Cruz Harbor Lighted Boat Parade, December 1st
  - o CG Station Monterey Holiday Party
  - Division 6 Holiday Party

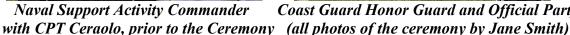
#### **CHALLENGES/ OBSTACLES:**

- Trying to juggle numerous Division responsibilities with limited personnel and available time.
- Trying to increase the membership and participation level of our Flotillas.
- Trying to develop a pool of members interested in moving up in the Division leadership hierarchy.

#### **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

10. Team Coast Guard Monterey conducted a Change of Command Ceremony at 10:00 hours on Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup> at San Carlos Beach Park. All hands-on-deck from CG Station Monterey, and the USCG Cutter Hawksbill joined Division 6 Auxiliarists COMO Wally Smith, DSO-PA Jane Smith, DCDR Jerry Edelen, FC Craig Johnson, VFC Alex Urciuoli, Lynn May, and Rob Jackson to participated in the ceremony. CPT Anthony Ceraolo, Commander, Sector San Francisco presented remarks. Other participants in the ceremony were the Mayor of Pacific Grove, Bill Kampf, CSUMB Chief of Police and numerous high-ranking Coast Guard Officers and friends. At the conclusion of the ceremony, everyone retired to the Coast Guard Station Dining-facility for fellowship, refreshments, and to present outgoing LT Mark Magrino with a few mementos of his outstanding leadership of the Station. The Auxiliary presented LT Magrino with a nice farewell plaque.







Coast Guard Honor Guard and Official Party



Reception Area Fellowship

Division 6 plaque being presented by DCDR Jerry Edelen and



The Auxiliary Plaque next to other presented plaques



# A Detailed photo of the Presentation Plaque

11. Coast Guard Station Monterey Facebook Page includes Auxiliary support:

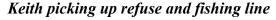
## https://www.facebook.com/coastguardstationmonterey/

12. 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: CG Active Duty personnel have cleaned and hosed off the CG Pier wharf in the area of the Hawksbill in preparation for the change of Command Ceremony on Friday. I was on the Pier this morning picking up litter, and I will do it again on Wednesday. This morning and one morning last week, I ran in to Marge. Both times, Marge was sweeping with a broom the entire public seaward side of Pier opposite the secure Hawksbill wharf side. She's doing so in preparation for the ceremony on Friday, her having talked to Hawksbill personnel. I also noticed her broom sweeping marks elsewhere along the Pier. Additionally, I picked up a large fish hook and gave it to her to add to her Pier collection, now reaching 7,500 fish hooks discarded on the Pier over the years.

Thank you, Keith!







Keith and Rob working in their Team CG Station Monterey attire

13. Patrolling on the San Francisco Bay on Silver Charm: Silver Charm is a specially designed Auxiliary facility used to support Air Station San Francisco. Tammera 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. Tammera Badano, Michael Badano, Terry Blanchard and Cheryl.



Checking on bridge maintenance in SF.



Tammera at the helm, Coxswain training



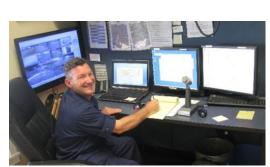
The Crew of Silver Charm for the day.

14. 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

- 15. Flotilla 6-4 conducts its monthly Flotilla meetings at the CG Station Monterey classroom.
- 16. 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! (DONE!
- 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. (*One application already submitted for 2018!*)
- 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	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
Surface Operations (hrs.)	1700	289
Marine Dealer Visits	1150	494
Public Ed. (enrollment)	160	17*
Vessel Safety Checks	650	273
Volunteer Hours	18,000	5620

Note: AUXINFO Data for Public Ed. is not accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

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