



DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

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

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Monte Foundation Fireworks are Next Month!!!!
2. Fog Patrol!
3. Public Education Classes are expanding.
4. Surface Operations Patrols are conducted.
5. Santa Cruz Harbor Partnership continues.
6. Public Auxiliary Courses Website is upgraded.
7. Craig Johnson is honored as "Coastie of the Year!"
8. Keith Simmons impresses Sector San Francisco Command Staff.
9. CG Station Monterey Facebook Page includes Division 6 Activities.
10. Coast Guard Pier clean-up continues.
11. Silver Charm support continues.
12. Flotilla 6-4 conducts joint operations with CG Station Monterey.
13. Monthly Meetings continue at CG Station Monterey.
14. Division support of CG Station Watchstanding continues.

DETAILS:

1. The Monte Foundation Fireworks are next month on October 18th.

<https://www.santacruz.org/upcoming-events/event-detail-page/eventgid/9454>

This event is not to be missed. Your humble scribe has experienced fireworks on three continents, and NOTHING compares to this extravaganza. The fireworks last for over half an hour, they are low burst, close to shore. The cliffs of Capitola and the beach are filled with revelers, and the ocean is chock-a-block with boats. Our Division Facilities participate annually to ensure the safety perimeter is maintained around the fireworks launch site, and to insure safety. Here's a YouTube video of last year's fireworks....the video doesn't do true justice. The fireworks are such low altitude burst, you can feel the concussion in your chest.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPQUVKkq3Gk>

2. The patrol conducted near Santa Cruz Harbor on Sunday, August 12th, with Wally Smith's, Dave Wormington's and Chuck Cobery's Facilities was a good one with some great training being conducted. The weather was a bit unusual, to say the least. Here is a photo taken the patrol:



For those of you who saw the movie “The Fog”, we expected pirate ships to appear out of the gloom at any second! 😊

3. Scott Galloway reports: Training activities:

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. Registration will begin at 7:00 PM on September 6, 2018.

Coastal Navigation* (CN): on Mondays, on Mondays (14 weeks)

Boating Skills (BS&S): on Wednesdays, on Wednesday (13 weeks)

Sailing Skills (SS&S): on Thursdays, on Thursdays (15 weeks)

Students who take and pass the Capitola Flotilla 6-10 Boating Skills & Seamanship course will meet the State boating card requirement.



Students who take the Santa Cruz Flotilla 67 Sailing Skills & Seamanship course will have the opportunity to meet the California State boating card requirement. The curriculum for the autumn 2017 course has been altered to cover the California "Course of Safe Boating," and students will be offered the opportunity to take and mail in the California California "Course of Safe Boating" exam during the course.

The ABS course was offered and is being offered by Flotillas 6-10 and 67. ABS classes scheduled in Santa Cruz in 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 began phasing in on 01 January. Classes were held on 20 January, 03 March, and 21 April, 02 June, and 21 July. Additional classes are scheduled for 1 Sep and 27 Oct.

California Department of Boating & Waterways approved our Boating Skills & Seamanship (BS&S) and About Boating Safely (ABS) courses as courses that satisfy the boating safety education requirement for the California Boater Card, which began phase-in on January 1, 2018.

This presents a great opportunity to expand our Public Education (PE) class offerings in Santa Cruz and Monterey. FSO-PE officers from Flotillas 6-10 and 6-7 agreed that a series of ABS classes in addition to the regular Fall semester of BS&S and SS&S would be appropriate. All students who graduated received certificates that will make it possible for them to receive a California Boater Card.

Flotilla 64 website continues to include a zip code-based PE Class locator at the following URL:

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

All local Monterey Bay Division 6 Public Education classes are listed on that page.

4. 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 Harbor	14 hours
Facility 201152	Mark McLaughlin	Flotilla 6-4	in Monterey Harbor	TBA
Facility 261616	Dave Wormington	Flotilla 6-7	in Santa Cruz vicinity	TBA
Facility 301219	Wally Smith	Flotilla 6-10	in Santa Cruz vicinity	21 hours



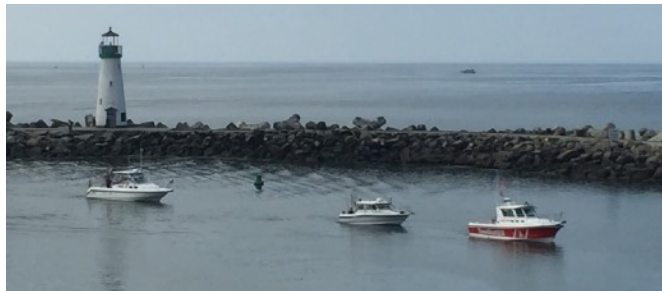
Facility 331522	Chuck Cobery	Flotilla 6-10	in Santa Cruz vicinity	14 hours
Air Facility	Glen Marshall	Flotilla 6-7	In Watsonville vicinity	In District Av Rpt



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



Facility 261616



Facility 301219 assisting Vessel Assist



Facility 201474

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

<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.



6. 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:

- September
 - About Boating Safely Class, Santa Cruz Harbor, (Sept 1st)
 - Past Commander's Association Fair (PCA) in Alameda (Sept 8-9)
 - OPTREX – Santa Cruz Harbor, September 15-16, Sponsored by Flotilla 6-7
 - Division Meeting (Flotilla 6-4 hosts)- Sept 22, Elections
 - Coastal Beach Clean-up Day (Sept 15th)
 - Watsonville Fly-in (TBA)
- October
 - Monte Foundation Fireworks Display (Oct 7th)
 - Fleet Week Support (Oct 5-7)
 - About Boating Safely Class, Santa Cruz Harbor, (Oct 27th)
 - 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 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:

7. On Friday, August 24th, Team Coast Guard proceeded to Coast Guard Island in Alameda to be part of the Navy League of the United States, Pacific Central Region Annual Coast Guard Awards. Coast Guard Station Executive Officer Cate Giguere, BMC Phil Dawalt, and Jerry Edelen attended the ceremony where our Monterey Flotilla Commander, Craig Johnson was recognized for his outstanding leadership and support of the Coast Guard this last year. The Point Welcome Room was full of senior Coast Guard and Navy League Personnel along with many other attendees. RADM Peter Gautier, Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District and CPT Anthony Ceraolo, Commander of Sector San Francisco were in attendance.



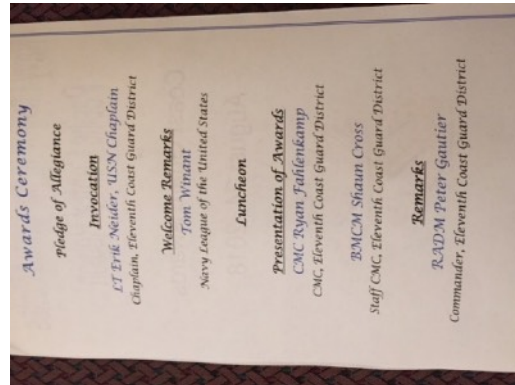
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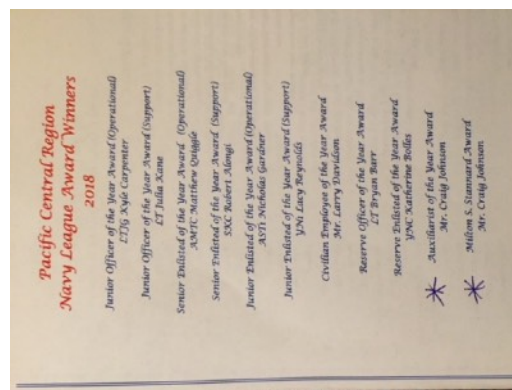
Ten awards were presented, including an award to an active-duty Rescue Swimmer who saved a boy from a 600-foot cliff via being lowered on a line from a helicopter. Craig was recognized as the “2018 Auxiliarist of the Year”!



The Program



Sequence of Events



Craig being honored

The last award of the afternoon was the Milton S Stannard Award. This award is presented to “Most Outstanding COASTIE of the Year!”. Craig received the recognition!!! In effect, Auxiliarist FC Craig Johnson was recognized with the highest award amongst all active duty Coast Guard, Reservists, Civilian Employees and Auxiliarists present. **BRAVO ZULU FC CRAIG JOHNSON!**





8. During a chance meeting between Auxiliarist Keith Simmons and Sector San Francisco Command Staff, Keith Simmons reports on the encounter:

To: LT Cate Giguere (Coast Guard Station Monterey Executive Officer)

Thank you for today my having the opportunity on the CG Pier to speak briefly to the visiting Active Duty group you and BMC Dawalt were leading. I hope what I was doing, i.e., picking up litter, left them with a positive impression of the Auxiliary. What I should have added was to mention the excellent working relationship and great rapport between Station Monterey Active Duty and Auxiliary personnel.

Keith,

Definitely our pleasure! I didn't do a great job at introductions, but that was the Sector San Francisco Deputy Sector Commander, CAPT Byrd, and the Response Department Head, CDR List, as well as a few other Sector visitors. We'd already told them earlier in the morning how awesome our Aux are, so having you show up was perfect timing! Thank you as always for your support!

Cate

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

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

10. 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 eleven trips to the Monterey USCG Pier and picked up litter, ever vigilant in relation to America's Waterway Watch (AWW). Often while walking on the Pier I have brief conversations with tourists, pointing out features and answering questions. Thus, serendipitously in addition to environmental benefits, my ongoing litter control effort is a positive public relations activity. I sometimes have the opportunity to say hello and chat with Active Duty personnel, which contributes to Auxiliary maintaining good



rapport with the Gold Side. By chance, on August 10 while walking and picking up litter I said “hello” to the Station Monterey CO who was with a group of CG officers, and similarly further down the Pier I encountered a second group with the Station XO and BMC, to whom I also expressed a greeting. In turn, the XO introduced me to the group as an Auxiliarist and explained what I was doing, upon which I had an opportunity to briefly chat with them, concluding by saying to the effect that of all piers the Coast Guard Pier should surely be litter-free. Later, I learned the group was from Section San Francisco and included very high-ranking officers, and earlier it had been mentioned to them there is a good working relationship between the Station and Auxiliary. Thus, hopefully I represented the Auxiliary well!

Between City of Monterey staff, four volunteers from different organizations unrelated to the Auxiliary (one almost daily on the Pier and three occasionally SCUBA diving alongside the Pier), and our Station Monterey CO approved Auxiliary effort, the USCG Pier is surely the most consistently litter-free pier in America – something in which Active Duty and Auxiliary can take pride.

Litter typically includes numerous cigarette butts, torn snack wrappers, small scraps of paper and plastic, and occasionally fish hooks, fishing line, and lead sinkers.



Keith picking up refuse and fishing line



Keith and Rob working in their Team CG Station Monterey attire

11. 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.*



*Tammera at the helm,
Coxswain training*



The Crew of Silver Charm for the day.

12. 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.

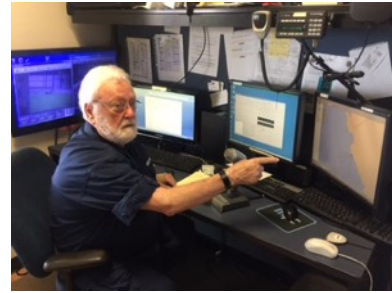


Crewman Robb Kay and the 47-foot MLB

13. Flotilla 6-4 conducts its monthly Flotilla meetings at the CG Station Monterey classroom.



14. 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	CURRENT STATUS
Surface Operations (hrs.)	1700	1244
Marine Dealer Visits	1150	539
Public Ed. (enrollment)	160	202
Vessel Safety Checks	650	295
Volunteer Hours	18,000	10,120

Respectfully submitted,

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DCDR – Division 6

