



DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

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

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Division conducts Division elections.
2. Division 6 OPTREX is a success.
3. Flotilla 6-7 meeting offers helicopter rides!
4. Flotilla 6-7 conducts PA Activities.
5. Flotilla 6-4 conducts Beach Clean-up.
6. Flotilla 6-7 Newsletter updates activities.
7. Division 6 attends PCA.
8. Division supports the Monte Foundation Fireworks.
9. Flotilla 6-7 updates its class schedule.
10. Flotilla 6-10 continues Public Education Classes.
11. Surface Operations Patrols are conducted.
12. Santa Cruz Harbor Partnership continues.
13. CG Station Monterey hosts SAR Council Meeting.
14. CG Station Monterey Facebook Page includes Division 6 Activities.
15. Coast Guard Pier clean-up continues.
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. At its quarterly Division Flotilla Commander and Division Staff Meeting on September 22nd, Division elections were held for calendar year 2019. Jane Smith, IPDC was elected to become the Division Commander, and Keith Simmons was elected to Vice Division Commander. DCAPT Ann Zocchi was present to oversee the elections. Her willingness to travel and extended distance to assist with the elections was much appreciated by all





Division Leadership

2. Division 6 conducted its OPTREX on September 15th in the Santa Cruz Harbor Area. Three facilities took part, all from Division 6. C.R.A.F.T. MOMENT # 301219 (Como W. Smith), Mei Long, facility #331522 (Chuck Cobery) and Pelican #201152 (Mark McLaughlin).

The Communications Tower Santa Cruz (Ray Burch Memorial Tower), was manned by Steve Daley and was in operation throughout the event providing communication support to the surface facilities.

Twenty-two Auxiliarists from Division 6 and Division 4 participated along with our District Operations and Training Officer, BOSN4 Doug Leavell. There were 3 Coxwain requalification candidates, 3 Crew requalification candidates & 3 Crew initial candidates. It was an incredibly beautiful training day on the bay with at least one instance of a pod of whales crossing by our training site.



Receiving the Morning Briefing



Stern Tow executed flawlessly





Steve Daley in the Communications Tower

3. Flotilla 6-7 conducted its monthly meeting at VFC Glenn Marshall's aircraft hanger at the Watsonville Airport on Saturday, September 29th. Members in attendance were: Peter Testa, Glen Marshall, Scott Galloway, Kim Huynh, Jim Musbach, Jerry Edelen, Debra Brown, Peter Kyril, Keith Simmons, Janet Baptista and Sean Sheehan. We were joined by another 10 friends and family for the event. One family friend has just submitted an application to join the Auxiliary.

A brief meeting was held to pass the word on upcoming events and then attendees turned to fellowship activities. Member Peter Testa treated all to delicious fresh caught fish and took charge of the BBQ, grilling up a variety of locally made sausages. The day was finished off by a showing of the movie Dunkirk, connecting the aviation and boating aspects of that event with today's contributions by membership.

WHAT A MEETING!! Unusual location, Barbecue, and HELICOPTER RIDES! The helicopter rides were courtesy of a friend of Glenn who will soon be joining the Auxiliary and offering her helicopter as an Air Facility!





Glenn's Aircraft with its "Facility Decal!"



*Relaxing in Glenn's Aircraft Hanger
prior to the meeting/ barbecue*



The Helicopter (prospective Facility), and Pilot!





Glenn Marshall's Aircraft and Partiers!

4. FC Sean Sheehan reports: Flotilla 6-7 PA activities: Continued promotion of Fall boating, sailing, and navigation classes via Facebook and print media. The boosted Facebook post of a course announcement reached over 1600 residents in service area and resulted in 1 inquiry for details via Facebook page, 23 post engagements and 29 clicks. Go to link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Flotilla67SantaCruz/photos/a.815011451971721/1153562534783276/?type=3&theater>

5. On September 15, Alex Uriuoli, Rob Jackson, and Keith Simmons participated in an annual state-wide marine environmental organization beach litter cleanup day in the immediate vicinity of Station Monterey. The area cleaned was San Carlos Beach, adjacent boulder and concrete sloped seawall, both sets of concrete steps to beach, beach park sidewalks along the sides and down the middle leading to the beach. Additionally, cleanup included the sidewalk along the road across the street from the Station, and down slope upper parking lot, Recreation Trail shoulders, lower parking lot, the road, parking areas, and sidewalks leading down to the CG Annex and CG Pier, the Pier, Breakwater Cove aisles and perimeter parking lot adjacent to initial section of the Pier. Craig Johnson also participated at another Monterey Bay beach.





*Keith Simmons, Alex Urciuoli
and Rob Jackson*

Environmental Clean-up Experts!



Just some of the Garbage picked up!

6. Flotilla 6-7's newsletter, "Lubber Line" is a great one this season. It illustrates lots of great Flotilla Activities! Thanks to FC Sean Sheehan for putting the effort to produce such a great newsletter!



Lubber Line Summer
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7. Division 6 attends the Past Commander's Association Fair at Coast Guard Island on September 8th and 9th. The following Division personnel attended: Don Morrison, Karen Yoder, Tom Stead, Bobbi Kamil, Jerry Edelen, COMO Wally Smith, Jane Smith, Rob Jackson, Michael Goldberg, Cecil Claspell, and Ben Fowler. It was a outstanding training event with myriad classes and opportunities for great fellowship. I was elected to the District Captain position due to the outstanding recreational boating safety activities of Division 6 over the last two years and I am deeply humbled by and thankful for our division member's hard work and support!





District Board and Staff Meeting

8. The Division supported the Monte Foundation Fireworks display on October 18th with two facilities. Division members participating were: Wally Smith (coxswain), Chuck Cobery (coxswain), Jane Smith, Karen Yoder, Jerry Edelen, Dave Frisbey, Cami Corvin, and Steve Daley.

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

This event was truly a bucket list experience.. Your humble scribe has experienced fireworks on three continents, and NOTHING compares to this extravaganza. The fireworks lasted for over half an hour, they were low burst, close to shore. The cliffs of Capitola and the beach were filled with revelers, and the ocean was 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 of them going off in your chest.

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

Prior to the fireworks being fired off, the Santa Cruz Fire Boat showed up on station....





Santa Cruz Fireboat trying to put out the sun! 😊

9. Flotilla 6-7 Commander Sean Sheehan reports:

- 1) Promotion of upcoming Fall boating, sailing, and navigation classes via Facebook and print media. A boosted Facebook post of a course announcement reached over 400 residents in service area and resulted in 1 inquiry for details via Facebook page. Go to link:

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- 2) In print media, the Santa Cruz Sentinel included an announcement of classes in its Coastlines community announcement page as well as its online version:



Coast Lines SANTA CRUZ

Boating safety classes start in September

The Santa Cruz and Capitola Flotillas of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary are offering three boating safety classes this fall. "Boating Skills and Seamanship," "Sailing Skills and Seamanship" and "Coastal Navigation" are two-hour weekday evening classes that run for 14 to 15 weeks beginning the week of Sept. 10. Course fees range from \$60 to \$70 and including textbook(s) and course materials.

Classes are held in the downstairs conference room at 365A Lake Ave. at the Santa Cruz Harbor, near the Harbor Marine boat yard. Registration will be held at 7 p.m. on Sept. 6 at the same location. Those not able to attend registration may be admitted on the first day of class if space is available.

"Boating Skills and Seamanship" and "Sailing Skills and Seamanship" will prepare students for the exam required to qualify for the new California Boating Card.

Information: 831-425-6559 or email cso@solopublications.com for class times and dates.

BONNY DOON

Deadline nears to apply for director

There is one vacancy on the Bonny Doon Union Elementary School Board of Directors. The position to be filled is for a new four-year term. Applications are available at the district office, 1492 Pine Flat Road.

Santa Cruz Sentinel Article

See link for online version:

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/general-news/20180827/coast-line-boating-safety-classes-start-in-september>

3) Flotilla tailored a Coast Guard produced PSA with local contact information for use during Labor Day Holiday. Released on Facebook. See this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Flotilla67SantaCruz/videos/272613416687323/>



10. Scott Galloway reports:

1. The following multi-day classes began in September 2018 at the Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room at 365A Lake Avenue in Santa Cruz. Registration was held on September 6, 2018 in the Santa Cruz Harbor conference room:

Coastal Navigation (CN)

Boating Skills (BS&S)

Sailing Skills (SS&S)

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 (14 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 2018 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 "Course of Safe Boating" exam during the course.

Due to low enrollment, the Boating Skills (BS&S) class was cancelled for the fall. The two registering BS&S students agreed to transfer into the Sailing Skills (SS&S) class.

At present, five (5) students are enrolled in the Coastal Navigation Class and ten (10) students are enrolled in the Sailing Skills and Seamanship class.

2. One day ABS classes will be taught throughout this year.



The ABS course is being offered by Flotillas 6-10 and 67. 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 2018. An ABS class is scheduled for 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.

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11. 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	21 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	35 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 TWO Division 6 Fighter Aircraft...uh... Air Facilities! 😊



Facility 261616



Facility 301219 assisting Vessel Assist





Facility 201474

12. 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.



PROJECTS:

- October
 - About Boating Safely Class, Santa Cruz Harbor, (Oct 27th)
 - Santa Cruz Haunted Harbor
- 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:

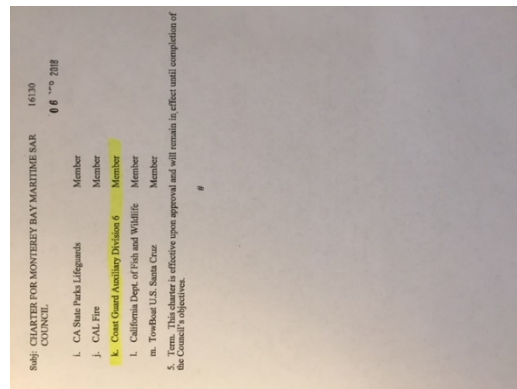
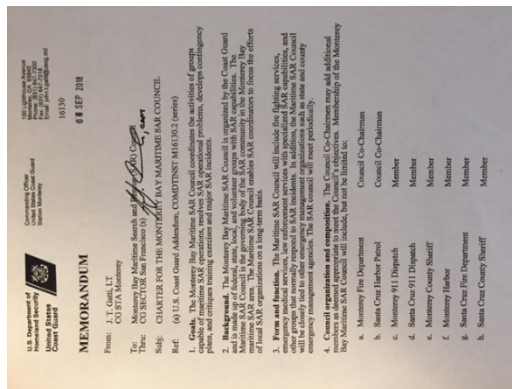
13. Coast Guard Station Commander, LT John Gatti organized a meeting to update the Charter for the Monterey Bay Search and Rescue Council at Coast Guard Station Monterey on Tuesday, September 18th. Jerry Edelen and Keith Simmons represented Division 6. The following organizations also participated:

Coast Guard Sector San Francisco Command Center
 Santa Cruz Port District (Letisha Marshall)
 Monterey County OES
 Monterey Fire Department
 Santa Cruz Harbor Patrol
 Monterey 911 Dispatch
 CAL Fire
 Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 6
 California Department of Fish and Wildlife
 TowBoat U.S. Santa Cruz

Several SAR-related organizations were unable to send representatives to this meeting; but, it is expected they will participate in the future.

It was a very productive meeting with discussions about each unit's capabilities, equipment, and command structure. It was decided to continue to conduct these meetings three times each year during the months of January, May and September.





The Establishing Memorandum



LT Gatti addressing the assembled representatives

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

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

15. 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 ten 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 activity. Also, I often have the opportunity to say hello and briefly chat with Active Duty personnel, which also contributes to Auxiliary maintaining good rapport with the Gold Side. Between City of Monterey staff, two volunteers from different organizations unrelated to the Auxiliary (one on the Pier and one 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.



Keith picking up refuse and fishing line



Keith and Rob working in their Team CG Station Monterey attire

16. Patrolling on the San Francisco Bay on Silver Charm: Silver Charm is a specially designed Auxiliary facility used to support Air Station San Francisco. Terry Blanchard, Wally Smith, Jane Smith, and Mark McLaughlin are regulars who assist the Active Duty Coast Guard with their Air Operations.



Checking on bridge maintenance in SF.



Coxswain Training





Some of the Crew of Silver Charm for the day

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, and Alex Urciuoli are fully qualified U.S. Coast Guard Watchstanders and continue to serve in this important position at CG Station, Monterey.





Division Watchstanders Alex Urciuoli 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. (*Flotillas 6-4 and 6-7 received the Award!!!*)
- Sign up three Division Members to earn the RBS Device. Encourage everyone. (*We had one member earn his RBS device this year!*)
- Have two Division Members qualify for AUXOP. Encourage everyone. (*Peter Kyril received his AUXOP!*)
- 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. (*This year, more members attended both training events than in previous years!*)
- 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	675
Public Ed. (enrollment)	160	202
Vessel Safety Checks	650	295
Volunteer Hours	18,000	10,120

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry B. Edelen
 DCDR – Division 6

