



## DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

**To: DCO Mary Kirkwood, D11NR**  
**Cc: District Board and Staff**  
**Date: FEBRUARY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019 ACTIVITIES**  
**Division: 6 – Gold Coast**  
**DCDR: Jane D. Smith**

### HIGHLIGHTS

- January 12<sup>th</sup> – Division 6 Meeting (morning)
- January 12<sup>th</sup> – Basic CPR & First Aid Class (afternoon)
- January – Flotilla 64 - Support for Station Monterey during Shutdown
- January 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – Flotilla 64 Hosted at Whalefest.
- January – Flotilla 67 with instructor Scott Galloway, Flotilla Commander, launched both Sailing Skills and Seamanship and Coastal Navigation classes (15 weeks).
- January – Flotilla 6-10 with instructor, Wally Smith, launched Boating Skills and Seamanship (13 weeks).
- January 31<sup>st</sup> – Four members of Division 6 attended meeting at Navy League in support of Lt. Gatti, Commander of Station Monterey.

### DETAILS

- January 12<sup>th</sup> – Division 6 Meeting – We had a presentation by DNACO Wally Smith about the Auxiliary and where we are going. Staff Officers were sworn into office. A few were unable to attend and will be sworn in at next Division Meeting, April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- January 12<sup>th</sup> – Cecil Claspell of Flotilla 64 put on an excellent Basic CPR and First Aid course. Those that attended were Keith Simmons, Jerry Edelen, Mark McLaughlin, Dave Frisbey Wendy Killingsworth, Deborah Matthews, Michele Maliesky, Tony Budlong, Don Morrison, Wally Smith and Jane Smith.
- Flotilla 64 helped support Station Monterey with the other two flotillas during the shutdown with donations to CG Mutual Assistance and CG Spousal Club with gift cards, groceries and assortment of other donations. Community outpouring with support was evident from all the goods they received.
- Whalefest was a great success. Auxiliary interacted with scores of community members voicing their support for Coast Guard. Alex Urciouli, Flotilla Commander headed this event. Attendees were: Tony Budlong, Brian Babcock, Craig Johnson, Coastie Operator, Mike Goldberg, FSO-PA, Jerry Edelen, DCAPT, Keith Simmons, VCDR, Derek Clemmons as our Mascot, Auxxter the Otter, Wally Smith and Jane Smith, DCDR.
- Flotilla 67's instructor, Scott Galloway started up the Sailing Skills (23 students) and Coastal Navigation (12 students) classes.



- Flotilla 6-10's instructor, Wally Smith started up the Boasting Skills and Seamanship (15 students).

## **PROJECTS**

- February 13 Valentine's celebration headed up by Flotilla 64 for Station Monterey
- Dockwalker training for 2019 headed up by Flotilla 64's Craig Johnson
- From Whalefest many requests for the Boating Safety class from Auxiliary.
- February 28<sup>th</sup> – Flotilla 64 Read Across America – New Republic Elementary School-Salinas.
- Flotilla 67 – Adoption of 2019 Goals and Objectives scheduled for the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

- Flotilla 64 – Assistance with putting together and finding instructors for an ABS class.
- Flotilla 64 – Due to the government shutdown, for the first time ever, member Keith Simmons did not conduct any cleanups on our local Coast Guard pier.
- Flotilla 67 – With relatively small numbers of active members we have achieved excellence in a number of areas. Relying on a small number of active members, though, creates vulnerability and will over time result in member burnout.
- Flotilla 67 – New and old members alike, but mostly new members are drawn primarily to operational roles. We collectively need to work on strengthening our local Flotillas and building unit cohesion and unit pride.

## **AGENCY INTERACTION**

- Thru Flotilla 64, Division 6 worked with Station Monterey personnel to coordinate support during the shutdown and the two day Whalefest on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Flotilla 64, during Whalefest weekend worked and interacted with numerous local and state agencies.
- January 31<sup>st</sup> – Tony Budlong, Sonia Foster (newly Elected President of Navy League) Mark McLaughlin and Jane Smith attended a Navy League dinner to support Lt. John Gatti, Commanding Officer at Station Monterey. He received a plaque of gratitude for leadership with his unit. His unit will receive the Sailor of the Quarter Award and Unit award for their challenges these past several weeks during the shutdown. His crews were on duty 24/7. The plaque and award will be present at Station in the near future.

## **GOALS OF DIVISION 6**

- Retain and Recruit – Contact inactive members, encourage activity, learn roadblocks to activity
- Conduct PA events to present the Auxiliary to the public. Goal – each quarter.
- Continue to offer training to members as requested.
- Maintain operational readiness.
- Coordinate emergency services throughout Division 6
- Increase interaction, communication, shared events, and training between Flotillas.
- Goal will be reviewed for RBS monthly.



- Continue the excellent rapport with CG Station Monterey, USCG Cutter Hawksbill, the local harbors and other local agencies. We are always looking, through our interaction, for ways we can help.
- Multiple events involving more than one flotilla allow for great fellowship and awareness. This provides for timely acquisition of information from many entities and allows for timely dissemination to the flotilla member.



Whalefest Booth with Mascot Auxxter the Otter and Coastie with children and others looking on.



In front of Station Monterey's RBS 29', two of our Coasties, Alex Urciouli,



Keith Simmons, Craig Johnson, Brian Babcock, and Tony Budlong. They are holding some of the donations received, due to the shutdown, from locals who are still donating.

Respectfully submitted,

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