



DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

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Cc: District Board and Staff
Date: AUGUST REPORT FOR JULY 2019 ACTIVITIES
Division: 6 – Gold Coast
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Highlights

- **July** – Auxiliarist of Flotilla 64 – Keith Simmons and Rob Kay.
- **July 13th** – Flotilla 6-10 had its annual Summer Solstice Dinner at Aldo's Restaurant
- **July** - Flotilla 64 facility #219, #522, Flotilla 67 facility #616 and Flotilla 64 facility #474 - patrols.
- **August 5th** – 229th Birthday BBQ – with Station Monterey

Details:

- **July** – Auxiliarist Keith Simmons of Flotilla 64 - completed ten trips (including one on 7/26 in collaboration with Auxiliarist Robb Kay after they had conducted multiple VSCs at Stillwater Cove, Pebble Beach) to the US Coast Guard Pier at Monterey and picked up litter, ever-vigilant in relation to America's Waterway Watch (AWW). Beginning in June, only the initial section of the Pier has been open to the public due to construction down the Pier, thus limiting litter collection only to initial section. While on the Pier, Simmons sometimes has brief conversations with tourists, some foreign, pointing out features and answering questions. Thus serendipitous with environmental benefits, his ongoing litter control effort is a positive public relations activity. Typically, he often has the opportunity to say hello and briefly chat with Active Duty Station Monterey and Cutter *HAWKSBILL* personnel, which contributes to Auxiliary maintaining good rapport with the Gold Side. Likewise, on one trip at the Pier, he spoke with Auxiliarists Tracy Schultz and Robb Kay on 7/24 as they prepared as crew on Steve McCann's Auxiliary Facility and on a later trip, on 7/26, Robb and coincidentally Simmons spoke with Steve McCann. Litter typically collected before it can end up in the ocean includes cigarette butts, scraps of plastic and paper, occasional bottle or can, and unfortunately sometimes fishing line, leaders, hooks, lures with hooks, and lead sinkers, which included this month a few lengths of fishing line. Between City of Monterey staff and periodically a street sweeper on the initial section, one ever-present environmental organization volunteer, and occasionally one and sometimes additional SCUBA divers alongside the Pier, all affiliated with organizations unrelated to the Auxiliary, and our Station Monterey Commanding Officer 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.



- **July 13th** – Flotilla 6-10 had its Summer Solstice dinner at Aldo’s with a good number of members old and new attending!
- **July - Marine Patrols** – again all three Flotillas had patrols this month. OpFAC 301219 has been repowered with two new motors for more patrols.
- **August 5th – 229th Birthday of Coast Guard** with Station Monterey – It was excellent and so many enlisted (all together 75) attended as well. Bobbi Kamil with her husband, John Ittleson, pulled it together excellently. After the event the leftover abundant food was taken back to the Station’s galley, as the Hawksbill 87’ crew came in to this surprise and were so thankful for all Auxiliarist efforts.
Monterey Flotilla participants were: Bobbi Kamil (Lead for Food Services), Jerry Edelen, Mike Goldberg, John Ittelson, Craig Johnson, Lyn May, Mark and Susan McLaughlin, Tracy Scultz, Keith Simmons and Marsha Taylor. **Capitola Flotilla participants were:** Chuck Cobery, Jane and Wally Smith.
- **CG Day Attendees & associated agencies:** CG Active Duty Station Monterey (including CO, XO and BMC), DLI, and Commercial Vessel Inspector, and CG wives and children; Flotilla 6-4 and 6-10 members (including Diversity Assistant Deputy National Commodore and Pacific Area Deputy National Commodore), one Auxiliary retiree, and one Auxiliary wife; Mayor of Monterey, and former Mayor of Del Rey Oaks, and DLI Police Chief (former CG) and wife

PROJECT

Monterey Flotilla -

- **December 3** -Risk Management (RM) Training Requirements. Due date for in-class training December 31, 2019.
- **June** - Boat Crew Academy – The class is continuing Wednesdays. This 9-week course prepares one to qualify as an Auxiliary Boat Crew Member. NOTE: Given time constraints for instructors, etc., scheduling ABS classes will take place after the completion of the Boat Crew Academy course. One more section is to be given aboard a vessel.
- **September** – Date TBA – Station Monterey - another SAR practice with local agencies and Auxiliary in Santa Cruz AOR.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

Monterey Flotilla -

- 1. Management training. Help ensure that all 64 members working in operations complete all areas of the new Risk Management training by the required due date(s)--December 31st 2019. **Risk Management (RM) Training Requirements.** Due date is December 31, 2019 for in-class training.
 - **2. Boat Crew Academy** The class began on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. This 9-week course prepares one to qualify as an Auxiliary Boat Crew Member. *NOTE: Given time constraints for instructors, etc, scheduling ABS classes will take place after the completion of the Boat Crew Academy course.*
 - 3. Air Observer/Air Crew training -
Under Glen Marshall’s continuing leadership, get Division 6 pilots and observers trained and qualified so that local aviation assets can be self-sustaining, and can begin to work with local Active Duty personnel and AUX Boat Crews.
 - 4. Gather members’ information and completing the NACO 3 Star Award Application for 2019.
- ### Santa Cruz Flotilla -



- 1. One of the major challenges this year is to promote Flotilla 67 esprit de corps. Today, new members and old members alike, but new members in particular are drawn primarily to operational roles in the Auxiliary, which are scheduled by other than the local flotillas.
- 2. Flotilla 67 will succeed as a flotilla and at the Division level and Division 6 will succeed as a Division only if we retain RBS as a major focus of our activities. We collectively need to work on strengthening our local flotilla and build unit cohesion and unit pride. In summary, the major task I see as Flotilla 67 Flotilla Commander is to build Flotilla esprit de corps. Through that effort we will work to rebrand unit success not only as success at sea, and in the air, but also in the classroom, through vessel safety checks, through program visitation, and through that effort we will rebuild the local RBS program.
- 3. Unfortunately Flotilla meetings this year have been poorly attended, with a quorum often lacking.

AGENCY INTERACTION

- **July 16th** - A representative of Save our Shores spoke at the Flotilla 67 meeting.
- **August 5th** - Celebration of Coast Guard’s 229th Birthday (Flotilla’s 64 and 6-10) – See Details.

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.
- Continue to offer training to members as requested, AUXCOM and AUXWEA classes.
- Coordinate emergency services throughout Division 6
- Increase interaction, communication, shared events, and training between Flotillas.
- Progress towards RBS goals will be reviewed 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.
- Keep the multiple events to involve more than one flotilla to 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.

RBS PROJECT		GOAL 2019	CURRENT STATUS 2019
Surface Operations (hrs.)		1300 hours	881 hours
Marine Dealer Visits		1100	505
Public Ed. (hours)		250	90
Vessel Safety Checks		299	496
Volunteer Hours		15,000	8536





CG Auxiliarists working on the BBQ before Station Monterey Personnel Attends



Station Monterey Personnel, Guests and Auxiliarist enjoying a great Lunch!





**Station Monterey Personnel and some Personnel from the Defense Language School playing softball before
The Lunch**



Craig Johnson of Flotilla 64 and Wally Smith of Flotilla 6-10 prepping the food before servicing to the group

