



## DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

**To:** DCO Mary Kirkwood, D11NR  
**Cc:** District Board and Staff  
**Date:** SEPTEMBER REPORT FOR AUGUST 2019 ACTIVITIES  
**Division:** 6 – Gold Coast  
**DCAPT:** Judy Esteban  
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### Highlights

- **August** – Division 6 facilities #219, #522, #616 and #474 - patrols.
- **August 5<sup>th</sup>** – 229<sup>th</sup> Birthday BBQ – with Station Monterey reiterated.
- **August 25<sup>th</sup>** – Division 6 Aux Air – Glen Marshal and Alex Urciuoli.  
**August** – Keith Simmons continues to clean up C G Monterey Pier.
- **August 20<sup>th</sup>** - Gabrielle Adleman who is part of a team working on a unique project called the California Coastal Records Project was a guest speaker at the August Flotilla 67 meeting.
- **August 20<sup>th</sup>** - Bruce Krogstad – Speaker at 67 meeting

### DETAILS

- **August - Marine Patrols** – Division 6's three Flotillas had a combined 10 patrols for this month. OpFAC 301219 has been repowered with two new motors last month.
- **August 5<sup>th</sup> – 229<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Coast Guard** with Station Monterey – It was excellent and so many enlisted and officers attended as mentioned in my last report. And just to reiterate, **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 the Diversity Assistant Deputy National Commodore and the 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
- **August 25<sup>th</sup> - Division 6 Aviators participate in SAR case at the request of USCG Station Rio Vista** - while preparing for a routine Delta Patrol, Division 6 Aviators, **Glen Marshall** of Santa Cruz 67 and **Alex Urciuoli**, newly qualified Observer of Monterey 64, were requested to help in a SAR case by USCG Station Rio Vista. The mission was to find a missing person in the water near Discovery Bay who was described as a Hispanic male wearing black pants and a black shirt with no life jacket or other PFD. Once on scene, along with surface assets from both station Rio Vista and local Auxiliary, and a Dolphin Helo from Air Station San Francisco, Marshall and Urciuoli searched area waterways for a full two hours before having to return to Watsonville Airport before the fog came in. Most unfortunately, CG efforts to find this



individual were unsuccessful. After a first light search the next day by Station Rio Vista personnel, the case was turned over to the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department.

- **August - Flotilla Monterey 64: Keith Simmons' USCG Pier cleanup in Monterey continues:** Keith completed eleven (11) trips to the US Coast Guard Pier at Monterey and picked up litter, ever-vigilant in relation to America's Waterway Watch (AWW). Beginning sometime in July, only the initial section of the Pier has been open to the public due to construction down the Pier, thus limiting litter collection just to that section until the entire Pier reopened in late August. While on the Pier, he sometimes has brief conversations with tourists, some foreign, pointing out features and answering questions. Thus, serendipitously 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. 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 and some hooks. 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's seawall, 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.  
*Thanks Keith!!!*
- **August – Gabrielle Adleman 67 member** -The goal of the California Coastal Records Project is to create an aerial photographic survey of the California Coast, post those pictures on their website ([www.californiacoastline.org](http://www.californiacoastline.org)) and do periodic updates on it. There are over 10,200 photographs of the California Coast available on the website, from the Oregon border to Fort Bragg and then again from Bodega Bay to the Mexican border. Gabrielle does the flying in their Robinson R-44 helicopter. Gabrielle shared some of her experiences and thoughts regarding this amazing endeavor.
- **August – Bruce Krogstad, 67 member** and former Navy P3 Pilot gave a first person report on the Cold War in the North Pacific Ocean. He discussed his many adventures in Alaska and the North Pacific Ocean during the Cold War period.
- **August - Division 6: Tracy Schultz—SO-DV**  
NACO 3 Star Award for Excellence in Diversity applications have been submitted and approved for: 6-4, 6-7, 6-10, and the Division. Awards were presented to Commodore Kirkwood at NACON on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We were the only Division in the District that received the award for all Flotillas and the Division. Division 6 represented 4 of the 7 awards earned by the District.
- **August - Division 6: Bruce Simpson - SO-NS**  
During the month of August, Bruce responded to and verified seven (7) aids to navigation in the Moss Landing area. One aid in the Elkhorn Slough was missing while the others were watching properly. He also verified the MBARI buoy which is eleven miles offshore. The appropriate documentation was sent to DSO-NS.



## **PROJECTS**

- **December 31<sup>st</sup>** - Risk Management (RM2.0) Training Requirements. Due date for online training December 31, 2019.
- **August** - Boat Crew Academy –Has finished their in classroom material. One more section is to be given aboard a vessel – Flotilla 64.
- **Date TBA** – Station Monterey - another SAR practice with local agencies and Auxiliary in Santa Cruz AOR. Course: BS&S

### **PE Classes:**

#### **Course: BS&S**

Start Date: 11 Sep 2019

End Date: 04 Dec 2019

Address: Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room, 365a Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz CA 95062

#### **Course: SS&S**

Start Date: 12 Sep 2019

End Date: 12 Dec 2019

Address: Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room, 365a Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz CA 95062

#### **Course: Coastal Navigation**

Start Date: 09 Sep 2019

End Date: 09 Dec 2019

Address: Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room, 365a Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz CA 95062

PE students in Santa Cruz come by the dozens to learn Sailing Skills and Seamanship. The current SS&S textbook is excellent. It provides a sound basis for teaching the class. We are teaching the material in the SS&S textbook, but also covering the material in the publication "California Course for Safe Boating." Our students are studying for and passing the open book California exam that comes with the California Course for Safe Boating publication in order to qualify for their California Boater Cards.

PE students in the Boating Skills and Seamanship BS&S class who pass the final examination automatically qualify for the California Boater Card.

The PE classes are free to all Auxiliarists. BS&S and SS&S courses remain an excellent way to move from IQ to BQ status. The Coastal Navigation class teaches both traditional and electronic coastal navigation. The locally published textbook, The Accidental Navigator written by Auxiliarist Scott Galloway, and its companion workbook written by Auxiliarist Ray Burch, are used to teach this traditional coastal navigation due to shortcomings in the Weekend Navigator textbook. We engage in plotting cruise problems in class using the Monterey Bay Chart # 18685 utilizing charts and plotting tools owned by the instructor. We also teach electronic navigation including use of GPS, RADAR, depth sounders, VHF Radio, AIS, EPIRB, and other marine electronic devices. We teach use of the chart plotting software using an in-class computer laboratory provided by Auxiliarist Peter Adams. This course is an excellent way to prepare for the AUXNAV exam.



- **September 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>** – Santa Cruz OPTREX
- **September 14<sup>th</sup>** - Flotilla 67 Annual Hanger party
- **September 21<sup>st</sup> - 35th Annual Coastal Cleanup** will be held on *Saturday, from 9am to 12pm at various Monterey Bay locations, throughout California, and the world.*
- **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** is our last Division Meeting – 1830 at London Bridge Pub, Monterey. We will be voting for our new Division leaders.
- **October – TBA** -Haunted (Harbor) to take place in Santa Cruz
- **October 27<sup>th</sup> - Pebble Beach Zombie Race and Emergency Preparedness Fair** Scheduled for *Saturday, from 9:00 am - 12 pm.* Pebble Beach Corporation Yard, 4005 Sunridge Road, Pebble Beach. After completing a run, participants grab a post-race snack from sponsors and go around Emergency Preparedness booths of local agencies, where they *“might learn something that could help you survive the next zombie apocalypse or other disasters.”* 64 members Deb Matthews and Craig Johnson are coordinating with Fire Capt. Jennifer Valdez of Cal Fire for this event. More details to follow. *NOTE: Above information is from the “What’s Up Monterey” website.*
- **November 9<sup>th</sup>** – Change of Watch – Division 6 at Del Rey Oaks Moose Lodge.
- **December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Lighted Boat Parade – Supporting both St. Monterey and Harbor in Santa Cruz.
- **December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Division Christmas Party

### **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 online training.
- **2. Boat Crew Academy** – Only the On-the-Water training is left for this class to be finished.
- **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. FC, Chuck Cobery of 6-10 will work with FC Scott Galloway regarding this coordination of Boat Crew and Aux Air locally.
- **4. Gather members’ information and completing the NACO 3 Star Award Application for 201**
- **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

- **August 5<sup>th</sup>** - Celebration of Coast Guard's 229<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Flotilla's 64 and 6-10) – See Details.

## GOALS OF DIVISION 6

- **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.
- **Continue Flotillas 67's** excellent and award winning Program Visitation program efforts
- **Continue Flotilla 67's** excellent and award winning Public Education program efforts
- **Enhance Surface Operations** program through recruitment and training
- **Expand local participation** in Air Squadron activities through recruitment and training
- Initiate member training both during monthly Flotilla meetings and at other times to prepare our members for Auxiliary carriers in Program visitation, Vessel Examination, Communication Specialists and as Instructors.
- **Teach the AUXCOM class and an AUXWEA** class this year in conjunction with Flotilla 6-10
- **Recruit new members** who own boats and have boating skills, and members with skills suitable for participation in the Auxiliary RBS programs.
- **Schedule Vessel Examination Days** at Santa Cruz Harbor Launch Ramp with on-the-job training for new Vessel Examiners.
- **Increase the number of Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs)** performed 2019
- **Add new instructors to assist in Public Education program**
- **Develop ability to team teach** one-day ABS Classes.
- **Increase number of days** the Ray Burch Memorial Tower is in service for Communications
- **Recruit two pilots and two additional aircraft.**
- **Work with Air Squadron representatives** to offer local training for Air Observer and Air Crew qualifications
- **Schedule and staff Public Affairs events** including NSBW and seek other opportunities to reach out to develop new markets including Watsonville, Moss landing, UCSC, and Cabrillo College with the intent of increasing diversity in Flotilla 67 and enhancing recreational boating safety.
- **Retain and Recruit** – Contact inactive members, encourage activity, learn roadblocks to activity
- **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	904 hours
Marine Dealer Visits		1100	532
Public Ed. (hours)		250	122
Vessel Safety Checks		299	496
Volunteer Hours		15,000	10,219



**Dave Frisbey (boat crew hopeful) of 6-10 throwing a line to Alan Stanton, DCDR, Div. 4**







**CG Auxiliaries working on the BBQ before Station Monterey Arrived**



**Station Monterey Personnel, Guests and Auxiliaries 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**

