



## DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

**To:** DCO Mary Kirkwood, D11NR  
**Cc:** District Board and Staff  
**Date:** OCTOBER REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019 ACTIVITIES  
**Division:** 6 – Gold Coast  
**DCAPT:** Judy Esteban  
**DCDR:** Jane D. Smith DCDR / Keith Simmons VCDR

### HIGHLIGHTS

1. **September** – Division 6 facilities – marine patrols.
2. **September** - 13-14 – OPTREX – Division 6
3. **September 28** – Division 6 Aviators complete Bravo Patrol of Northern CA Coast AOR.
4. **September 21** - Several Division 6 members attend PCA Fair, CG Island, Alameda.
5. **September 21** -PCA Division 6 highlights,
6. **September 21** – Alex Urciuoli, Robb Kay, Keith Simmons cleanup entire area from CG Station Monterey seaward to far edge of beach.
7. **September** – Keith Simmons continues to litter cleanup on CG Monterey Pier.
8. **September 24** – Division Meeting at which Chuck Cobery was elected 2020 Division Commander and Cecil Claspell elected Vice Division Commander.

### DETAILS

1. **September** – Division 6 facilities – Several patrols transpired throughout this month.
2. **September 13/14** – OPTREX – Santa Cruz, with four boats - #201152 – Mark McLaughlin of Flotilla 64, #261616 - Dave Wormington of Flotilla 67, #331522 -Chuck Cobery and #301219- Wally Smith, both from Flotilla 6-10. Two initial qualified and two requalifications.
3. **September 28** – Division 6 Aux Air –patrols: Division 6 Aviators complete Bravo Patrol of Northern CA Coast AOR on Saturday, 9/28/19, Glen Marshall of Santa Cruz Flotilla 67, and Alex Urciuoli of Monterey 64, completed a Bravo Patrol up and down the length of the Northern CA coast, part of the D11NR AOR . No unusual activities were noted. Alex Urciuoli filed a standard report with NOAA after the patrol's conclusion.
4. **September 21-** Several Division 6 members attend PCA Fair: The following Division 6 members attended the Past Commander's Association Meeting held on September 21st and 22nd on Coast Guard Island: COMO Wally Smith, DCDR Jane Smith, DCAPT Jerry Edelen, Tracy Schultz, Karen Yoder, Mike Goldberg, Craig Johnson, and Ray David. Keith Simmons attended the District Meeting at home by computer via GoToMeeting
5. **September 21** PCA Division 6 highlights - PCA Fair Division 6 Participation; Division 6 Highlights: (a) NACO 3 Star Award for Diversity Awarded to Division 6 and all three Flotillas, (b) Jerry Edelen re-elected DCAPT and (c) Ray David received Trident Award

- (a) During the District Board and Staff Meeting on Saturday, Division 6 and ALL OF ITS FLOTILLAS were awarded the NACO 3 Star Award for Diversity Excellence. This is the first time that any Division in District 11nr has achieved this honor.
- (b) DCAPT Jerry Edelen was reelected as DCAPT on the first ballot.
- (c) The highlight of the Board Meeting was the presentation to Ray David of the Marine Safety (Trident Device). The Trident Device requires five years of service in the Marine Safety & Environmental Protection missions with 96 hours per calendar year.

**6. September 21 – Monterey Flotilla 64: Alex Urciuoli, Robb Kay, and Keith Simmons cleanup entire area from CG Station Monterey seaward to far edge beach (in Keith Simmons' words)**

Alex Urciuoli, Robb Kay, Keith Simmons participated in the 35<sup>th</sup> annual California Coastal Cleanup Day, sponsored by CA State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways/CA Coastal Commission, locally sponsored by Save Our Shores (SOS). They picked up litter in the immediate vicinity of CG Station Monterey. The area cleaned included 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 CG Station, and downslope the upper parking lot, Recreation Trail shoulders, lower parking lot, the road, parking areas, and sidewalks leading to the CG Annex and CG Pier, the Pier, and Breakwater Cove parking lot perimeter and aisles juxtaposed to initial section of the Pier. Robb and Keith had the opportunity to chat about what we were doing with a half dozen Active Duty members on their way to the Pier. Additionally, Monterey Bay Sea Otters Dive Club was there to clean underwater by diving alongside the CG Pier and offshore from the beach. (Cecil Claspell is a member of this organization.) These efforts not only benefit the environment and beautify the area adjacent to the CG Station but are examples of working collaboratively with other agencies and organizations, i.e., State of California, Save Our Shores, and Monterey Bay Sea Otters Dive Club.

**7. September – Monterey Flotilla 64: Keith Simmons USCG Pier cleanup in Monterey continues (in his own words):**

“I completed five (5) trips to the US Coast Guard Pier at Monterey and picked up litter, ever-vigilant in relation to America’s Waterway Watch (AWW), particularly watchful during my trip on September 11, anniversary of 9/11. While on the Pier I sometimes have brief conversations with tourists, some foreign, pointing out features and answering questions. Thus serendipitously with environmental benefits, my ongoing litter control effort is a positive public relations activity. Typically, I often have 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.”

8. **September 24** – Division Meeting: Division 6 quarterly meeting and fellowship dinner was held at the Monterey Wharf’s London Bridge Pub, and included the election of the Division’s 2020 leadership. Charles Cobery (Capitola Flotilla) was elected Commander and Cecil Claspell was elected Vice Commander. In addition to Division 6 members, DCAPT Judy Esteban attended.

## PROJECTS

- **October 24** – Meeting of the Monterey Bay Maritime SAR Council, to be held at Station Monterey.
- **December 7** – TCT Refresher Course will be presented at the Santa Cruz Harbor preceding the Harbor’s Lighted Boat Parade. All are welcome to attend.
- **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. Two persons have been on board for training and one qualified at the Santa Cruz OPTREX.
- **Date TBA** – Station Monterey - another SAR practice with local agencies and Auxiliary in Santa Cruz AOR.

### **PE Classes Class Continue:**

**Course: BS&S** - Started: 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** - Started: 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** - Started: 09 Sep 2019; End Date: 09 Dec 2019

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

### **Events and Missions:**

- **October 26<sup>th</sup>** – Haunted Harbor to take place in Santa Cruz. An Auxiliary booth will be provided. All are invited to attend and have some fun interacting with the public.
- **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 at 1100.
- **December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Lighted Boat Parade – Supporting both CG Station 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--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 for some in 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

- **Annual Coastal Cleanup** As part of this event, 64 Members Robb Kay, Keith Simmons and Alex Urciuoli worked simultaneously with the Monterey Bay Sea Otters Dive Club. Urciuoli acted as our “liaison” with the dive club, and Kay and Simmons chatted with members.
- **AUXAIR Bravo Patrol of Northern CA coast AOR** All AUXAIR patrols are D11NR and Division 6 activities. USCG Air Station San Francisco is the Order Issuing Authority and Sector SF keeps the comms guard of all Auxiliary aviators while on patrol. Standard reports are also filed with NOAA after each Bravo Patrol’s conclusion.
- **USCG Pier clean up** In this effort, Keith Simmons at times interacts with one or two City of Monterey staff, one ever-present environmental organization volunteer, and occasionally with time a SCUBA diver who dives alongside the Pier’s seawall gathering snagged fishing line. As also noted, Station Monterey CO officially approves the Auxiliary task.

## **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.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



DCO Mary Kirkwood presented to DCAPT Jerry Edelen on behalf of Division 6 the NACO 3 Star Award for Diversity Excellence at PCA Fair. (Photo by Michael Goldberg)





DCO Mary Kirkwood congratulates Monterey Flotilla member Ray David on his receiving Trident Award at PCA Fair, with Monterey's Jerry Edelen in background. (Photo by Michael Goldberg)