

DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

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Cc: District Board and Staff
Date: NOVEMBER REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2019 ACTIVITIES
Division: 6 – Gold Coast
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HIGHLIGHTS

- **October 10th - Flotilla 6-10** members Wally Smith and Chuck Cobery participated as crew members aboard AUX facility Sea Horse during Fleet Week 2019 in San Francisco. Sea Horse was the target boat, or aim point, for the US Navy Blue Angel Fight Demonstration Team to fly directly above during the air show.
- **October 13th – Flotilla 6-10** - C.R.A.F.T. Moment and Mei Long, conducted security patrol for the annual Monte Family fireworks display in Capitola.
- **October 24th** – Meeting of the Monterey Bay Maritime SAR Council, at Station Monterey **October 24th** –
- **October 24th** - Station Monterey personnel visit Alex Urciuoli's GED/HISET preparation class in Salinas
- **October 26th – Haunted Harbor – Flotilla 67 and 6-10.**
- **October 27th Pebble Beach Zombie Race and Emergency Preparedness Fair.**
- **October - Keith Simmons' monthly cleanup of the USCG Pier in Monterey continues**
- **October 29th – USCG Academy at local college fairs** Flotilla 64 Members, Tracy Schultz and Alex Urciuoli as representatives.

DETAILS

- **October 26th -Flotilla 67** members operated a booth at the Harbor" event, while 6-10 members watch and wander through the crowds to ensure safety of children and parents. Nearly 700 children and their parents visited the harbor where they trick-or-treated their way through the harbor and visited booths operated by harbor and maritime organizations. In addition to the treats, members distributed approximately 350 water safety activity books and boating safely coloring sheets. Boating safety literature and boating safety class schedules were distributed to parents.

Together with 67 were members of Flotilla 6-10 Capitola who were on hand assisting the harbor district by patrolling on foot to watch for safety concerns in support of the Santa Cruz Harbor Patrol. Auxtter, the Boating Safety Otter, and Oscar made an appearance to joy (and terror of a few) children.

- **October 27th - Pebble Beach Zombie Race and Emergency Preparedness Fair - Flotilla 64** members hosted an Emergency Preparedness booth along with other local agencies. 64 members Deb Matthews and Craig Johnson were coordinators with Fire Capt. Jennifer Valdez of Cal Fire for this event. The 29 foot Response Boat Small (RBS) and Active Duty crew from USCG Station Monterey also participated.

Photos of this event available on request from 64 FSO-PA Mike Goldberg)

- October - Keith Simmons' of Flotilla 64 monthly cleanup of the USCG Pier in Monterey continues.** Keith Simmons continues to complete one (1) trip to the US Coast Guard Pier at Monterey and picked up litter, ever-vigilant in relation to America's Waterway Watch (AWW). While on the Pier he 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. 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 or more 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.”
- October 1st - Current Flotilla 67** membership is 34, including one new member who was issued a member number in September and one who was issued a member number in October. The Flotilla 67 HR Officer has initiated contact with four additional new members. In addition we are in the process of recruiting new members who are interested in becoming Auxiliary Instructors. One member has recently relocated to the east coast bringing the total number of Flotilla 67 members who reside outside of Santa Cruz County for part or all of the year to thirteen (13) members or 38 percent of the flotilla membership including two members who are currently serving on active military. Disenrollment has been requested for two members for failure to pay their 2020 dues by October 1, 2019. We have not been able to make contact with those two members.
- October - Flotilla 67 continues to support the recruitment and training efforts of the District 11NR Air Squadron in the Monterey Bay Area.** Flotilla 67 is continuing the operation of our own local Auxiliary Air Training Center headquartered at the Watsonville Airport to train and mentor members of Flotilla 67 and other Division 6 Flotillas who wish to begin training for the Auxiliary Air program. Our first goal is to attract future Air Observers, Air Crew Members, and Pilots to join our effort from the Monterey Bay region. Our second goal is to assist District 11NR by preparing those members to become qualified Air Observers, Air Crew Members, and Pilots.
- October - Flotilla 67** members and members from other Division 6 flotillas who are interested in or are already involved in becoming Auxiliary Air program should contact Flotilla 67 VFC Glen Marshall. Glen Marshall, is both an Auxiliary Instructor and an Auxiliary Aircraft Commander. Glen Marshall's airplane is a District 11NR Auxiliary Air Squadron Facility.
- October 15th - Flotilla 67** elected a new Flotilla Commander and Vice Commander for 2020 at the October 15th meeting. Veteran Flotilla Commander Sean Sheehan was elected to serve in 2020 and Flotilla 67 Commander. Glen Marshall was elected to serve as Vice Commander.

PROJECTS

- November 10th - AUXAIR Bravo Patrol of Northern CA coast AOR** Division 6 members Glen Marshall, 67 and Alex Urciuoli, 64 will conduct their next Bravo Patrol on Sunday, November 10th 2019.

- **November 19th - The Flotilla 67 Annual Dining In / Flotilla 67 Awards Ceremony** is scheduled for Tuesday November 19, 2019 at 7:30 PM. A light Thanksgiving Dinner will be served at the meeting.
- **December 7 – TCT Refresher Course starts: 1030** will be presented at the Santa Cruz Harbor preceding the Harbor’s **Lighted Boat Parade. Meeting at Harbor Meeting Room 1630.** All are welcome to attend. Pre-registration is required.
- **December 31st - Risk Management (RM2.0) Training Requirements.** Due date for online training December 31, 2019.
- **January 25/26 2020 - WhaleFest 2020** This event will take place on the Wharf in Monterey on Saturday, January 25th and Sunday, January 26th 2020 from 10am-5pm. USCG Station Monterey personnel will also participate, schedules permitting (*More information to follow in the next few months*).
- **Date March & May 2020–** Station Monterey and Santa Cruz Harbor - another SAR practice with local agencies and Auxiliary in Santa Cruz AOR.
- **PE Classes Class Continue:**
Course: BS&S - End Date: 04 Dec 2019
Address: Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room, 365a Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz CA 95062
Course: SS&S - End Date: 12 Dec 2019
Address: Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room, 365a Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz CA 95062
Course: Coastal Navigation - End Date: 09 Dec 2019
Address: Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room, 365a Lake Avenue, Santa Cruz CA 95062

Events and Missions:

- **December 7th** – Lighted Boat Parade – Division 6 – Supporting both CG Station Monterey and Harbor in Santa Cruz.
- **December 14th** – Division 6 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.
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.

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 though that effort we will rebuild the local RBS program.

3. Unfortunately Flotilla 67 meetings this year have been poorly attended, with a quorum often lacking.

AGENCY INTERACTION

- **October - 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.
- **October - 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.
- **October 24th - USCG Station Monterey personnel visit Flotilla Commander of 64 Alex Urciuoli's** GED/HISET Preparation class in Salinas. USCG member Yara Ortiz talks to Alex Urciuoli's High School Equivalency class at El Puente School in Salinas, CA about boat crew training and her experiences in the Coast Guard. USCG Station Monterey members Michael Bongiorno and Yara Ortiz visited Alex Urciuoli's high school GED/HISET Preparation class to talk about their experiences in the Coast Guard-- and the value of study and preparation. After several weeks of studying with Alex Urciuoli to improve her ASVAB scores, Yara Ortiz (photo show below) is now qualified for Yeoman A-School (YAY!!). As a result, she wanted to let Alex's students know that hard work pays off!
- **October 24th – SAR Council Meeting lead by Lieutenant Gatti.** Division 6 members, Jerry Edelen, Keith Simmons, Wally Smith, & Jane Smith in attendance. The council was led by the Commander of Station Monterey, Lieutenant Gatti. Also in attendance were Chief Vizzi of Station Monterey and a couple of other Coasties, three Coast Guard representatives were from Sector SF and YBI. An employee at Monterey EOC, Fire Departments from Santa Cruz and Monterey and Monterey Police Department, plus two deputies from Santa Cruz Harbor were also there. Several other agencies to discuss SAR incidents and about SAR practices in 2020.
- **October 26th – Santa Cruz Haunted Harbor event** – Flotilla 67 Santa Cruz members Sean Sheehan, Scott Galloway and Bruce Krogstad operated a booth at the Santa Cruz Harbor's "Haunted Harbor" event on October 26th. Nearly 700 children and their parents visited the harbor where they trick-or-treated their way through the harbor and visited booths operated by harbor and maritime organizations. In addition to the treats, members distributed approximately 350 water safety activity books and boating safely coloring sheets. Boating safety literature and boating safety class schedules were distributed to parents. With Flotilla 67 members were members of Flotilla 6-10 Capitola Chuck Cobery, Dave Jardin, Wally and Jane Smith and Flotilla 64 member, Karen Yoder, who were on hand assisting the harbor district by patrolling, on foot, to observe for safety concerns in support of the Santa Cruz Harbor Deputies. Auxtter the Boating Safety Otter and Oscar made an appearance to joy (and terror of a few) children
- **October 29th/30th - 64 Members Tracy Schultz and Alex Urciuoli** represent the USCG Academy at local college fairs. Shultz and Alex Urciuoli represented the USCG Academy at college fairs at Monterey Peninsula College and Carmel High School on October 29th 2019, and Hartnell College in Salinas on October 30th.

GOALS OF DIVISION 6.

- **Risk Management training Flotilla 64** - Help ensure that all members working in operations complete all areas of the new Risk Management training by the required due date(s)--December 31st 2019.
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- **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.
- **Flotilla 67 - 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 members

RBS PROJECT	GOAL 2019	CURRENT STATUS 2019
Surface Operations (hrs.)	1300 hours	1,138 hours
Marine Dealer Visits	1100	660
Public Ed. (hours)	250	152
Vessel Safety Checks	299	502
Volunteer Hours	15,000	12,762

PHOTOGRAPHS



Ralph Neal received his 55 year membership award at our November 9th COW, but wasn't able to attend. Wally & Jane Smith with Jerry Edelen (not shown) presented to him at his place of residence. Ralph will be 99 years old November 29th.



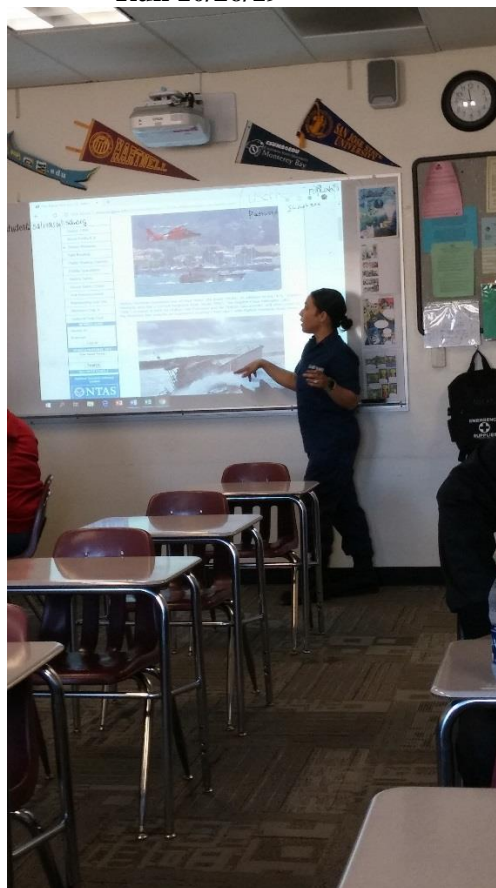
Dave Frisbey, Newly Elected FC, Flotilla 6-10 before Monte Fireworks Patrol on Facility #331522



Alex Urciouli and Tracy Schultz representing the USCG Academy at some local Colleges



Craig Johnson & Deb Mathews with Station Monterey Active Duty at the Annual Pebble Zombie Run 10/26/19



of two Coasties from Station Monterey, Yara Ortiz, giving some information at HS Equivalency Class at Alex Urციouli , Educator’s School



SAR Council with Station Monterey, led by CO, Lieutenant Gatti, includes other Station Coasties, including Chief Vizzi. Wally Smith, Jerry Edelen, Keith Simmons and Jane Smith were there representing CGAuxiliary. Other agencies from the Monterey Bay Area and Coasties from CGI and YBI were there as well.



Santa Cruz Haunted Harbor with Flotilla 67 Scott Galloway & Bruce manning the Haunted Harbor booth



6-10 members Wally Smith, Jane Smith, Chuck Cobery and Dave Jardin (not shown) worked with Santa Cruz Harbor Deputies, and Karen Yoder, acting as AUXTTER the Otter (our Auxiliary Mascot) all before taking a safety patrol walk thru the crowd of children and parents at the Santa Cruz Haunted Harbor 10/24/19