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DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

To: DCO Mary Kirkwood, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
Date: FEBRUARY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2020 ACTIVITIES
Division: 6 - Gold Coast
DCAPT: Randy McCormick
DCDR: Chuck Cobery

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Division 6 Staff Officer Reports for January 2020

SO-CM Communications David Wormington

No update received.

SO-CS Communication Services Kim Huynh

- Division 6 website: add Division Xmas photos under "What's New"
- Capitola website: updated with new staff names and PE class schedule
- Monterey website: updated under "Announcement" with meeting agendas & minutes
- The Santa Cruz website is current and managed by FSO-CS Scott Galloway.

SO-DV Diversity Tracy Schultz

No update received.

SO-FN Finance Steven McCann

No update received

SO-FS Food Service Bobbi Kamil

- PCA was held at Coast Guard Island on Jan. 18-19, 2020 and food prep was well received

- Planning for the Station Monterey Valentine's Party is ongoing which will be held at Station Monterey on 12 February.
- Linda Haynes, Division FSO will join us to help with food prep to prepare dinner for Active Duty families and AUX members

SO-HR Human Resources Thor Rasmussen

Nothing significant to report due to lack of HR application submissions.

SO-IS Information Services Benjamin Fowler

A reminder was sent to all about the deadline for 2019 submissions to be counted for awards, as well as requesting anyone who needed a copy of their annual report for hours/miles to email a request to Fowler.

SO-MA Materials Jane Smith

No report received

SO-MS Marine Safety & Environmental Protection Alexander Urciuoli

Flotilla 6-4 Monterey:

1. **Whale Fest 2020** took place on the Wharf in Monterey on Saturday, January 25th and Sunday, January 26th, 2020 from 10am-5pm.
2. **AUXAIR Bravo Patrol** flown by Glen Marshall, Flotilla 6-7 and crewed by Alex Urciuoli, Flotilla 6-4, on Saturday, January 25th.
3. **Marine Dealer Visits** (MDVs) were conducted by 64 Members Ray David and Tom Stead.

Flotilla 6-7 Santa Cruz:

Flotilla members Glen Marshall, and Gabrielle Adelman flew AUXAIR Bravo Patrol on Sunday, January 26th.

Flotilla 6-10 Santa Cruz:

David Jardin reports that he is currently working with the Santa Cruz Fire Department & Santa Cruz Harbor on safety projects.

DETAILS: *(Summary of the event activity described above)*

1. **Monterey 6-4: Whale Fest 2020** took place on the Wharf in Monterey on Saturday, January 25th and Sunday, January 26th from 10am-5pm. As in past years, USCG Station Monterey personnel and the 29' RBS also participated. Special thanks to Craig Johnson for leading 64's effort, and for being the Voice of Coastie (along with Bobbi Kamil) over this weekend! As always, the kids loved it!! *(More photos of this event available upon request from 64 FSO-PA Mike Goldberg.)*
2. **Marine Dealer Visits** (MDVs) were conducted by 64 Members Ray David and Tom Stead. Ray David conducted 8 visits, and Tom Stead conducted 1 visit in January. These Morro Bay 64

members are also available for Commercial Fishing Vessel Examinations (CFVEs) and Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiners (UPVs), arranged upon request.

3. **Santa Cruz 6-7, with Monterey 6-4, and Capitola 6-10: AUXAIR Bravo Patrols** Division 6 members Glen Marshall, Flotilla 6-7 and Alex Urciuoli, flotilla 6-4 conducted a Bravo Patrol of Northern CA coast AOR, and were able to train with the crew of Chuck Cobery's AUX vessel **Mei Long**, Flotilla 6-10, on Saturday January 25th. Because Oscar was wearing a bright orange PFD, the AUXAIR crew was able to successfully direct the **Mei Long** to retrieve it out of the water. A true Division 6, multiple-assets effort. On Sunday, January 26th, Flotilla 6-7 AUXAIR crew Glen Marshall and Gabrielle Adelman conducted a Bravo Patrol while Alex Urciuoli kept track of their progress while standing the watch at Station Monterey. As is standard, photos were taken of the CEMEX plant, and a report was filed with NOAA at each patrol's conclusion.
4. **Capitola Flotilla 6-10:** David Jardin, FSO-MS, is currently working with the Santa Cruz Fire Department & Santa Cruz Harbor and coordinating with the Santa Cruz Harbor on Marine fire prevention program and demonstration (*more information on this effort in the coming weeks*).

PROJECTS:

AUXAIR Bravo Patrols of Northern CA coast AOR Division 6 members Glen Marshall and Alex Urciuoli will conduct their next Bravo Patrol on Saturday, February 22nd, 2020. Under Glen Marshall's continuing leadership, Division 6 pilots and observers are being trained and qualified so that local aviation assets can be self-sustaining. In addition, continued training with AUX Boat Crews is on-going.

Need a replacement person/crew to take over cleaning the USCG Pier in Monterey. Now that Keith Simmons has resigned his membership in the Auxiliary, efforts are underway to find others interested in continuing this fine effort of keeping the pier spotless. (*More information on this in the coming weeks.*)

Upcoming Events:

Marinas and yacht clubs are invited to two free seminars in Martinez and Stockton that present oil spill response resource information. The seminars will cover information on:

- California's oil spill response structure
- Office of Spill Prevention and Response Equipment Grants
- Third party claim process
- General information on oil spill kits for boating facilities
- California's new Marinas and Yacht Clubs Spill Response Communication Packet
- Tools and resources available to increase communication capabilities between boating facilities and the Office of Emergency Services during an oil spill. Key presenters include: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California State Parks and California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

You MUST REGISTER to attend. Contact Vivian Matuk at vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov or by calling (415) 904-6905 for more information.

Division 6 Marine Safety Goals for 2020:

1. A primary goal for the coming year is to continue participating in the activities and events as highlighted above in 2019.
2. Strengthening contacts and working more closely with other community organizations and agencies in the marine safety area for the Monterey Bay.

3. Have more regular personal contact between the FSO-MS officers of Capitola, Monterey, and Santa Cruz, share ideas, and help each other to achieve both individual Flotilla and Division 6 goals for 2020.

SO-MT Member Training Cecil Claspell

No activity for January.

SO-NS Navigation Systems Bruce Simpson

There was no activity to report during the month of January in the Navigation Systems program. But, there will be in February.

SO-OP Operations Mark McLaughlin

The 2020 OPS Seminar has been released for presentation. All surface operational flotilla members must have attended the 2020 OPS Seminar before June 2020 to prevent going into REYR. The 2020 OPS Seminar will be presented during the March Flotilla 6-4 meeting. All surface operational members plus all interested members are invited to attend.

SO-PA Public Affairs Sonia Foster

No update received.

SO-PE Public Education Scott Galloway

Winter/Spring P.E. Classes in Santa Cruz began on Thursday January 8, 2020 with registration for three classes: Boating Skills and Seamanship (BS&S), Sailing Skills and Seamanship, and Coastal Navigation (CN). The courses are 14 to 15 weeks in duration and will be held Weekly at the Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room. Lead Instructor for the BS&S is Wally Smith, Flotilla 6-10. Lead instructor for the SS&S and Coastal Navigation courses is Scott Galloway, Flotilla 6-7.

Eighteen students have registered for BS&S, fourteen students have registered for SS&S and fourteen students have registered for Coastal Navigation.

SO-PV RBS Visitor Program Peter Kyryl

No update received.

SO-SR Secretary/Records Karen Yoder

No update received.

SO-VE Vessel Examination Craig Johnson

Information from AUXDATA:

	Examiners	VSC's given
Division	17	0
Monterey	14	0
Santa Cruz	2	0
Capitola	1	0

SO-PB Publications Vacant

Division 6 Flotilla Commander Reports for January 2020

Flotilla 6-4 Monterey **Alex Urciuoli**

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1. Whale Fest 2020** took place on the Wharf in Monterey on Saturday, January 25th and Sunday, January 26th, 2020 from 10am-5pm.
- 2. AUXAIR Bravo Patrols** flown by Division 6 aviators on Saturday and Sunday the weekend of January 25-26, 2020.
- 3. Marine Dealer Visits** conducted by 6-4 members in January 2020.

DETAILS:

See Division 6 SO-MS Staff Officer reports for details.

PROJECTS:

1. Annual Station Monterey Valentine's Day Party 2020. One of the highlights of the year, this party will be held on Wednesday, February 12th at Station Monterey. Coordinated by Flotilla 6-4 FVC Bobbi Kamil, SO-FS extraordinaire, festivities will begin at 1730/5:30pm. An e-vite email went out to all Division 6 members.

2. America Reads 2020 will once again be held at Flotilla 6-4 member Karen Yoder's school, New Republic Elementary School in Salinas on February 27th. Last year, both Station Monterey Active Duty personnel and Flotilla 6-4 Auxiliary members participated.

3. Ralph Neal memorial/celebration of his life Per Ralph Neal's family, his memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 14th at 11am at the Old Whaling Station adobe. The service will be followed by a lunch. The address is 391 Decatur, Monterey. The family requested the Auxiliary honor guard at the service as well as the opportunity to scatter Ralph's ashes from a Coast Guard vessel.

Ralph's family would also like a member of CGAUX to speak at the service to share a bit of Ralph's history and involvement with the Auxiliary. Per Audrey Neal, she and Steve, Ralph's son, will be in Monterey weekend of Feb.14-16, to go through photo albums for a memory board etc. They would love help with this as well as putting photos onto a disc if someone is available who can do it. Audrey is thinking that Feb 14th or 15th would be great for a few hours to do this. The Neal family will provide lunch. Ralph's Rotary Club will be invited to help as well. Both DCAPT Jerry Edelen and Alex Urciuoli have been in contact with Ralph's family. Any other Auxiliary members who would like to participate, please contact Jerry or Alex.

4.Upcoming Operations Seminar Slated for March 10, 2020 Flotilla Meeting Per Mark McLaughlin, the 2020 OPS Seminar has been released for presentation. All surface operational flotilla members must attend the 2020 OPS Seminar before June 2020 to prevent going into REYR. The 2020 OPS Seminar will be presented during the March Flotilla 6-4 meeting. All surface operational members plus all interested members are invited to attend.

5. AUXAIR Patrols Division 6 members Glen Marshall, 6-7 and Alex Urciuoli, 6-4 are scheduled to conduct their next AUXAIR Patrol on February 22, 2020.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

The events below will be significant activities that will need the help and participation of many Flotilla 6-4, and Division 6 members:

- **Annual Station Monterey Valentine's Day Party 2020** --See Information above.
- **America Reads 2020** --See Information above.
- **Ralph Neal memorial/celebration of his life** --See Information above.
- **AUXAIR Patrols**--See Information above.
- **Upcoming Operations Seminar Slated for March 10, 2020 Flotilla Meeting**--See Information above.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- **Recruit, Support, and maintain new 6-4 members.** Over the past year, Flotilla 6-4 has seen a number of retirements of long-serving members. In order to keep 6-4 as vibrant and active as it has been over the past decade, an effort to find new members for whom the USCG Auxiliary would be a "good fit" is a priority.
- **Train and Support 6-4's new CS Officer** Help her in her many duties, and in maintaining the Flotilla Monterey website.
- **Continue improving the quality of Flotilla 6-4 meetings** In 2019, there has been a concerted effort by both Flotilla 6-4 FC and VFC to keep meetings brief and more interesting by including the use of technology and having presenters as often as possible. Continuing this in 2020 is the plan.
- **Air Observer/Air Crew training** Like in 2019, 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.

Flotilla 6-7 Santa Cruz Sean Sheehan

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Second Santa Cruz Member completes Aux Aircrew & Aircraft Commander qualifications.
2. New season of PE courses begin at Santa Cruz Harbor
3. Two new instructors assisting in classes.

DETAILS:

1. Flotilla 6-7 member Gabrielle Adelman completed requirements for both Auxiliary Aircrew and Auxiliary Aircraft Commander qualifications. Working with both district Aux Air members and our own Glen Marshall, Gabrielle actively sought training availabilities to reach goal. The Flotilla will hold pinning event at the February meeting where members will celebrate Gabrielle's accomplishment and present her Aircraft Commander wings.
2. The 2020 Public Education year began with a registration night held jointly with Flotilla Capitola. Fifteen students signed up for Sailing Skills & Seamanship and 13 for Navigation.
3. Two of our newest members have hit the ground running by getting involved in our PE classes. Bruce Krogstad and Marius Landauer have joined in our PE efforts. Bruce completed his IT qualification shortly after joining the Auxiliary last year and is assisting teaching in our Navigation course. Bruce, a former Naval Aviator, brings with him years of practical insight and is eager help the public. Marius, an experienced private sailing instructor joined the Auxiliary in October of last year and has completed the Instructor

Development Course and is working toward full Auxiliary Instructor qualification while assisting teach our Sailing Skills and Seamanship course.

PROJECTS:

- Reaching out to local Sea Scouts to find out area where we may be of assistance and develop a working relationship.
- Developing plan for children's poster contest for NSBW.
- FC and FSO-DV to update Flotilla 6-7 Diversity Action Plan.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

- Continued delays in background checks for DO have been a challenge in retaining aviation-interested members. For example, last year after waiting nearly 3 years for ability to progress in the AV program, a highly experienced pilot-member gave up and disenrolled, taking with them what would have been a valuable air facility.
- The delay in arrival of VE decals from district/national has resulted in putting off any harbor VE days for time being. One exam has been completed and client waiting for decal.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- Double, at minimum, VE delivery from 25 to 50 in 2020.
- Increase visibility of Auxiliary and boating safety message in AOR.
- Increase active membership and participation in all programs.

Flotilla 6-10 Capitola David Frisbey

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Conducted two marine patrols out of Santa Cruz Harbor

DETAILS:

- The marine patrols emphasized MOB drills with "Oscar," a life sized dummy. Conducted a joint aviation and marine SAR out of Santa Cruz harbor. Oscar was safely recovered by Aux Facility Mei Long after being spotted by Aux aircraft spotters from Flotilla's 6-7 and 6-4 crewmembers.

PROJECTS:

- Reserving the Auxiliary Communications Vehicle for display at Boating Safety Week in May at the Santa Cruz Harbor.
- Scheduling Communications course with Alan Stanton.
- Scheduling Vessel Examiner course with Wally Smith.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

- Member Retention
- Member Attendance at meetings
- Recruitment

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- Increase opportunities for member involvement through training

- Increase member participation in established auxiliary events
- Expand opportunities to work with our counterparts in other flotillas
- Find new avenues for member recruitment

Division 6 Vice Commander Comments January 2020 - Cecil Claspell

Nothing to report for January. February's Division 6 meeting will be held in Santa Cruz at the Harbor's Public Meeting Room on 22 February. Commodore Wally Smith will swear in all Division Staff Officers to their offices. We will also set the schedule for upcoming Division meetings.

A search is on for a new meeting location that splits the difference between flotillas located in Santa Cruz and Monterey. I will contact the Moss Landing Harbor Master to see if they are willing to accommodate a quarterly meeting. An alternate site in Watsonville will also be investigated, possibly at a fire station. I will inform the Division board of any new developments.

Division 6 Photographs for January 2020



Flotilla 6-10 member Wally Smith conducts a class in Boating Safety at the Santa Cruz harbor.



Photo of CEMEX Plant near Marina, CA--Bravo Patrol.



Families meet Auxtter and Coastie at Monterey Whale Fest 2020.



Monterey 64 Vice Flotilla Commander, Bobbi Kamil, introduces Coastie the Safety Boat to interested young Monterey Whale Fest participants.



Sean Sheehan, 6-7 Flotilla Commander (R), presents new member Marius Landauer (L) his member nameplate



Recovering Oscar on Aux Facility Mei Long



The happy crew after another successful recovery of Oscar on Wally Smith's Aux Facility C.R.A.F.T. Moment



Flotilla 6-4 member Tim Meroney talks about Recreational Boating Safety to members of the Lake McClure Houseboat Association in Mariposa County, CA.