



U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
District Eleven North Region
DIVISION COMMANDERS REPORT



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To: Mary Kirkwood, Commodore
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Division: 113-06 Gold Coast Area September 2020 Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Division Elections to be held October 23rd
2. Division 6 members maintaining restricted activity
3. All Public education classes on hold.

DETAILS:

1. Elections for Division Commander and Vice Division Commander will be held virtually on October 23rd. Incumbents **Chuck Cobery** and **Cecil Claspell** are running for re-election in their current positions.
2. **Cecil Claspell**, Flotilla 6-4, reports that with regard to the latest information on Commercial Fishing Vessel/CFV exams, movement has been made into the 2nd phase of our Sector reconstitution plan and if the trend on COVID-19 front stays the course we will be looking at phase 3 in the not too distant future... **Bruce Simpson** and **Brian O'Mara**, both members of Flotilla 6-10, have completed fifty-eight of the sixty aids assigned to us by District. The remaining two are offshore buoys that are not likely to be verified as long as we are in Phase I of the Covid 19 restrictions. Aids Verifier **Wally Smith** has repeatedly requested patrol orders to complete our assignment, however, those requests are not being approved at this time... **Tom Stead**, Flotilla 6-4, continues to work on Marine Dealer Visits in the Paso Robles area.
3. In person Public Education class offerings are not possible at this time due to the cessation of most in-person activities by the Auxiliary, however instructors and flotilla leadership are discussing possible strategies for winter 2021. Sailing Skills and Seamanship, Boating Skills and Seamanship, and Coastal Navigation were not offered either in person or on-line for the fall term. Experience gained by teaching these classes as on-line classes last spring demonstrated the need to either teach the courses in a classroom setting or reformat the course material for the video conferencing environment. Reformatting the course material for the video conferencing environment is not locally feasible at this time. Student participation

in group classroom exercise and the nature of the course material make teaching these courses in a classroom the only viable solution for teaching the courses, however this is not possible under current Auxiliary policy and resumption of these three classes in January cannot be confirmed.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Lost proficiency, recruiting and retention are our major challenges, along with the eventual emerging from our shutdown with Safety on the forefront. A rebuilding process will have to take place in an orderly fashion once things return to whatever normal may be. Division 6 is ready *now* for full resumption of all of our operations, with particular emphasis on **rebuilding our organization, safety in operations, and retention and recruitment.**

AGENCY INTERACTION:

1. None.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

2. Our Division 6 goals are to remain flexible, be ready to get back in the saddle, and to continue to recruit. Nothing easy these days.

Semper Gumby,

Chuck Cobery
DCDR, Division 6

This is Division 6 -- what we are and what we will be again soon!

