



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



Date: January 15, 2021  
To: Deann McFarren, Commodore  
From: Chuck Cobery, Division Commander  
CC: DCOS, DCAPT, VCDR, IPDCDR, SO-SR, 113-06 Flotilla Commanders  
Division: 113-06 Gold Coast Area December 2020 Report

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Division 6 continues surface operations.
2. Public Education still on hold.
3. Flotilla News.

**DETAILS:**

1. **Wally Smith**, Flotilla 6-10, completed three patrols aboard C.R.A.F.T. Moment during the month of December. As noted in the last Division Commander report, **Chuck Cobery**, also from 6-10, sortied once with Mei Long and crew, conducting two boat ops with Wally. Some great training was completed, and as always, safety in procedures was strictly adhered to.
2. Public Education (PE) Courses are still on hold due to Current Auxiliary policy preventing the scheduling of in-person PE Courses in Division 6. Our instructors continue to monitor changes in PE policies at the National and District levels.
3. **Kim Huynh**, Flotilla 6-7, has begun her new job as SO-IS, beginning this month. She has been working to create files in Auxdata II for our division members to make the data base more user friendly for all of us. Thanks, Kim, for taking this initiative...**David Jardin**, Flotilla 6-10 has started planning for Safe Boating Week coming up in May 2021. Let's hope we can make this happen this year ...**Tom Stead**, Flotilla 6-4 continues his good work with Marine Dealer Visits. You go, Tom!... **Craig Johnson**, Flotilla 6-4, had attended in-person Whalefest 2021 meetings every month until Covid hit and the meetings changed to ZOOM. As the January 2021 event date drew closer the meetings became bi-weekly and then finally weekly, however the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary, along with many other exhibitors, determined that there could be no Whalefest 2021 because of the continuing pandemic. Craig notes that preparations for Whalefest 2022 will begin somewhere around the middle of February. Thanks for all your hard work, Craig! I am sure we can do this next year...Flotilla 6-7 Commander **Sean Sheehan** sadly reports that one of our retired members, **Caryl Wells**, has passed over the bar. Caryl passed away on December 2nd. She was a member of Flotilla 6-7 for more than 25 years prior to her transfer to retired status a few years ago. Sean has been in contact with her family, who are planning on holding off on any services until Spring.

### CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

As we continue operations within Phase II, we will keep **safety** clearly and steadily in our sights and carefully rebuild our skills while strictly maintaining proper COVID practices. Division 6 is moving forward with particular emphasis on **rebuilding our skills, safety in operations, and retention and recruitment.**

### AGENCY INTERACTION:

A routine telephone meeting was held between Division 6 Commander **Chuck Cobery** and Station Monterey Commanding Officer LDCR **John Gatti** in early January 2021. The CO reported that his Station crew are doing well and are in the process of receiving COVID-19 inoculations. During the conversation it was reaffirmed to LCDR Gatti that the Auxiliary is still here to support and help the Station meet its goals and objectives. Further, at the direction of DIAUX and CG D11 Commander RADM Penoyer, a proposal for possible future Auxiliary augmentation at the Station was discussed. LCDR Gatti agreed to review his station requirements for shortages or gaps that may be filled by an Auxiliarist and return his findings to the Division 6 Commander in the near future.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Our Division 6 goals are to continue to remain flexible (be Super Gumby), be safe while conducting operations, and to continue to recruit.

Semper Gumby, and Very Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Cobery  
DCDR, Division 6

Surface Operations, Vicinity of Santa Cruz, Monterey Bay



From Left: **Wally Smith** (far left) and crew members **Jane Smith** (Flotilla 6-10) and **Bard Mansager** (Flotilla 6-4) prepare for a side tow with Mei Long; **Alan Stanton**, (L) Flotilla 04-09, monitors the timing for a SAR patten for helmsman **Onno Hommes** (R), also from 04-09, aboard Mei Long; now this is what a proper Victor Sierra pattern looks like!