



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



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To: Den McFarren, Commodore
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CC: DCOS, DCAPT, VCDR, IPDCDR, SO-SR, 113-06 Members
Division: 113-06 Gold Coast Area October 2020 Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Division 6 continues surface operations.
2. National Safe Boating Week
3. Tom Stead awarded Marine Safety Trident Award, Kim Huynh works the websites

DETAILS:

1. A surface patrol was conducted aboard **Wally Smith's** C.R.A.F.T Moment on 6 February. Previous patrols have been unsuccessful due to either heavy shoaling at the harbor mouth or poor weather.
2. National Safe Boating Week planning has begun with **Alex Urciuoli** being named as the Division Chairperson. The event will occur on May 22-23, if all goes well, and all three flotillas will participate. More on this in the future.
3. Congratulations to **Tom Stead**, Flotilla 6-4, for completing the requirements to wear the Marine Safety Trident Award device. This is the culmination of a lot of hard work and dedication. Bravo Zulu Tom!



Speaking of dedication, a heartfelt thank you to **Kim Huynh**, SO-CS/IS for doggedly working the Auxdata II system and maintaining all three flotilla web sites. Many thanks, Kim!

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Working within Phase II, we are keeping **safety** clearly and steadily in our sights and rebuilding our skills while strictly maintaining proper COVID practices. Division 6 is conducting surface ops and has just started our air operations, with particular emphasis on **practicing our skills, safety in operations, and retention and recruitment.**

AGENCY INTERACTION:

After discussions with LCDR Gatti at Station Monterey regarding how the Auxiliary could enhance its support to the Coast Guard, it was determined that the station would welcome an additional communications watch stander when the Corona Virus situation is under control. Persons providing this service must go through a series of training modules as well as the Station PQS. Anyone interested in this valuable support should contact their Flotilla Commander.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Our Division 6 goals are to continue to safely open up our operations while recruiting and maintaining members.

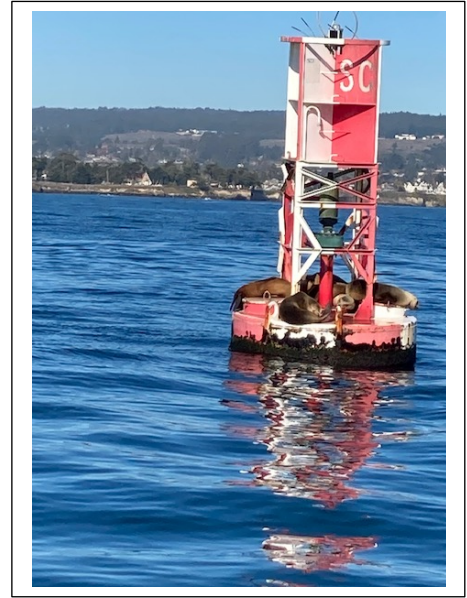
DIVISION COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

This month's report is short and sweet, however the end of the tunnel is truly within sight. We have carefully begun surface and air operations within the division and other activities will soon follow suit. Attendance at monthly meetings and training sessions via video have been surprisingly well attended and consistent, indicating our people are still committed, however I know we are all looking forward to the in-person fellowship that we have missed this past year.

Very Respectfully submitted, and Semper Gumby,

Chuck Cobery
DCDR, Division 6

Division 6 Operations



(L) Wally Smith checks life vests during a Vessel Safety Inspection. (R) It was determined by the crew of C.R.A.F.T Moment last Saturday that the Santa Cruz Mile Buoy was in place and functioning, to include the obligatory sleeping Sea Lions. Missing from the buoy was a seagull, which normally perches on top of the buoy. Must have been out for lunch.