



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



Date: March 11, 2021  
To: Dean McFarren, Commodore  
From: Chuck Cobery, Division Commander  
CC: DCOS, DCAPT, VCDR, IPDCDR, SO-SR, 113-06 Members  
Division: 113-06 Gold Coast Area February 2021 Report

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Division 6 takes to the skies - finally!
2. New Auxiliarist Physician
3. New members and other Flotilla news

**DETAILS:**

1. Auxiliary Pilots **Gabrielle Adelman** and **Glen Marshall**, Flotilla 6-7, are pleased to report that they are back in the cockpit flying missions up and down the Central Coast in support of the US Cost Guard. It has been a long time and both aviators are smiling a lot lately. Keep those rotor blades and propellers turning!
2. In February, Flotilla 6-4's **Peter Gerbino** completed the About Boating Safety (ABS) course. Dr. Gerbino has offered his services as a physician to the Coast Guard but was unable to get orders until his status changed from Initially Qualified (IQ) to Basically Qualified (BQ). Completion of ABS fulfills the Boating Safety requirement and was needed for BQ status. Normally, the ABS course takes about 8 hours of in-person instruction, but Auxiliarist Gerbino was able to attend classes virtually, complete the self-paced coursework and finish the final exam. Congratulations to Auxiliarist Gerbino and Bravo Zulu for his initiative on completing these requirements. Thank you for your valued service as a physician to the United States Coast Guard!



3. Flotilla 6-10 has two new members: **Vinny Mata**, a transfer from Flotilla 4-3 and new recruit **Bill Souza**. Welcome aboard, gentlemen...**Wally Smith** conducted two patrols on 2/6 and 2/27. He conducted crew training as well as buoy surveys. **Wally** is also leading a series of three Monday night Boat Crew training classes in March. The classes are listed in the District training calendar that was sent to all members last month. The class on the 15th includes **Radio Communications - Boat Crew**. Anyone interested should join in and no pre-registration is required...hardworking **Kim Huynh**, Flotilla 6-7, has been ensuring all the Aux II data is properly and expeditiously entered and she reports that there is no backlog at this time. Well done, Kim... **Alex Urciuoli** (F6-7), Division Chair for the May 2021 National

Safe Boating Week, along with **Craig Johnson** (F6-7) and **Jane Smith** (F6-10) attended a District 11NR initial planning meeting for the upcoming event.

### CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

We have begun Division operations at a slow, even pace. Safety is our first concern. Our challenges are to continue to expand our operations and return to what was once normal. We have an opportunity to provide communications services personnel to Station Monterey, however this will not happen until Auxiliarists are allowed on station. National Safe Boating week is on the horizon. This will be a great opportunity to show ourselves to the public and to recruit new members.

### AGENCY INTERACTION:

None.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goals for 2021 for Division 6 are as follows:

Division 6 Auxiliary support for Station Monterey Communications missions  
Begin Public Education courses leading to Cal Boating certification cards  
Make efforts to increase diversity through community outreach in underserved areas  
Increase focus on inland lake outreach through Vessel Exams and Program Visits  
Offer Boat Crew Academy to increase number of qualified crew members  
Plan and execute a successful Change of Watch  
Initiate planning and follow-up completion for successful 2022 OPTREX in September  
Increase member involvement in Auxiliary functions by improving the overall member experience  
Develop an organized, methodical mentoring program

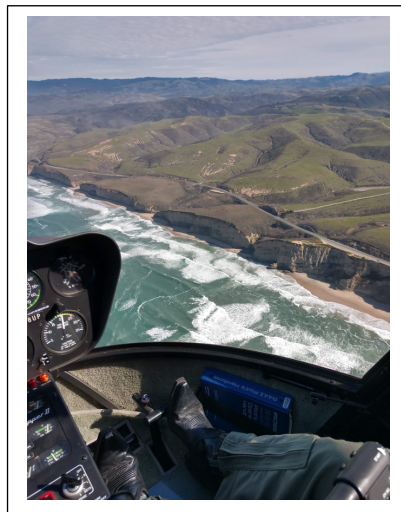
### DIVISION COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

I regretfully must announce the peaceful passing last Sunday of Auxiliarist **Shirley Johnson**, wife of **Craig Johnson**, both of Flotilla 6-4. **Shirley** joined the Auxiliary in mid 2010. Her awards included the Sustained Auxiliary Service award, Meritorious Team Commendation, Flotilla Achievement Award, and the CG Unit Commendation. Funeral arrangements are pending. Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shirley. You will be sorely missed.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Cobery  
DCDR, Division 6

Division 6 Operations: We are everywhere!



(Top L) USCG Aux Surface Patrol: **Jane Smith** and **Wally Smith**, Flotilla 6-10, & **Jerry Edelen** and **Brad Mansager**, Flotilla 06-07 ready for "COVID Bubble" patrol. (Top R)USCG Aux Air Patrol: **Gabrielle Adelman** poses with her pretty bird, a Robinson R442, prior to takeoff. (Bottom) A view of the beautiful Central Coast in the R442 on patrol with **Gabrielle** and **Glen Marshall** in the cockpit, both of Flotilla 6-7.