



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



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To: Dean McFarren, Commodore
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CC: DCOS, DCAPT, VCDR, IPDCDR, SO-SR, Division 6 Members
Division: 113-06 Gold Coast Area March 2021 Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Division 6 continues operations
2. New member activity
3. General Flotilla News

DETAILS:

1. Division 6 surface and air activity continued during the month of March and April with six surface patrols (two involving two boats) in the Santa Cruz area and two Maritime Observation missions along the Central California coast and in the inland waterways, respectively. We will continue to maintain and gradually increase our operations tempo and keep our crews trained and qualified.
2. Despite the COVID slowdown, several new prospective members have shown interest in the Auxiliary within Division 6 recently. Flotilla 6-04 reports that there are three members pending with applications submitted and one new member received their ID number. Flotilla 6-7 has one new prospect and Flotilla 6-10 has one applicant.
3. All Flotillas have been regularly meeting via the internet. Attendance has been fair to good and the meetings have all been lively...**Alex Urciuoli**, Flotilla 6-4, Division Chair for the May 2021 National Safe Boating Week, is planning on a virtual event, however we are all remaining flexible on this, as situations may change again. Alex is soliciting any ideas for the event...**Wally Smith**, Flotilla 6-10 continues to fit in Aids to Navigation verification to his training regimen while on patrol. He and his crew recently observed that a red pier light on the railroad bridge spanning the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor was extinguished. He completed and submitted the appropriate reports to District...additionally, Aids Verifier **Brian O'Mara**, Flotilla 6-10, surveyed from ashore eighteen aids to navigation in the Monterey area. Fourteen were watching properly while four were discrepant and reported... New member **Dusan Tatomirovic** of Flotilla 6-4 completed the About Boating Safely course in March. This was done as a virtual course. Completion of this boating safety course puts Dusan on the path to BQ status. Well Done, Dusan, your enthusiasm is appreciated!

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

We have continuing our Division operations at a moderate and safe pace. We are meeting our challenges and will eventually expand our operations and return to what was once normal. National Safe Boating week is on the horizon. This will be a great opportunity, regardless of whether it is virtual or not, to show ourselves to the public and to recruit new members.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

None.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

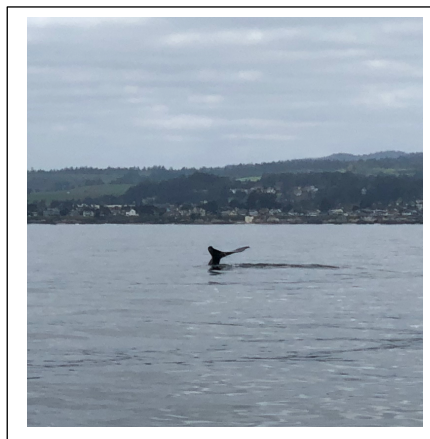
Goals for 2021 for Division 6 are as follows:

- 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.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Cobery
DCDR, Division 6

Division 6 Operations: We are everywhere!



(Top L): Auxiliarists BK **Barr** (timing on left) and **Onno Vaneikemhommies** (at the helm on the right), Flotilla 4-09 members, conduct a Victor Sierra SAR Pattern exercise aboard Mei Long in Santa Cruz. (Top R) **Alan Stanton**, Flotilla 4-09 works the lines aboard Mei Long during a towing exercise with C.R.A.F.T Moment in Santa Cruz. (Bottom L): A view of a wrecked vessel off the California Coast north of Dillon Beach noted while on patrol with **Gabrielle Adelman** and **Glen Marshall** in the cockpit, both of Flotilla 6-7. This vessel was previously reported to the Coast Guard. (Bottom R): A Humpback whale goes deep off Santa Cruz.