



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



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To: Dean McFarren, Commodore  
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Division: 113-06 Gold Coast Area April 2021 Report

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Division 6 National Safe Boating Week participation on 22 May
2. Division interaction with the Gold Side
3. Future Boating Classes, non-Zoom Meeting

**DETAILS:**

1. Division 6 is proud to announce it will participate in the 2021 National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) on 22 May 2021 in conjunction with the Santa Cruz Harbor Authority. This represents the start of the boating season and has traditionally brought focus on recreational boating safety which is the primary mission of the Auxiliary. Our participation will be held in the parking lot adjacent to the harbor launch ramp and will include members from all three Division Flotillas. The **Auxiliary Communications Vehicle** (ACV) will be brought from Alameda and parked near the boat launch ramp next to a manned booth where safe boating literature can be distributed. The ACV has a video screen that can be mounted outside the vehicle and a continuous loop of photos depicting local Auxiliary activities will be displayed. Additionally, Auxiliary facility **Mei Long** will be crewed and moored nearby as a static display. Division members will be available to answer questions from the general public and act as ambassadors for the Auxiliary. Current COVID restrictions will be enforced. We are really looking forward to this rewarding event!
2. On 1 May, for the first patrol following the bursting of the COVID Bubbles, the crew of C.R.A.F.T Moment consisted of **Alan Stanton & Onno Hommes**, Flotilla 4-9, and trainees **Bruce Krogstad**, Flotilla 6-7. **Wally Smith**, Flotilla 6-10, served as Coxswain. As the patrol departed Santa Cruz Harbor, the Coast Guard RBS 29146 from CG Station Monterey was moored on their end tie adjacent to Station Small Santa Cruz with a crew aboard. Following greetings, Wally offered to serve as a training target should they need some practice. They readily accepted and in about 30 minutes met up with C.R.A.F.T Moment about ½ mile offshore for towing practice. Once in position, the tow line was passed and a stern tow evolution was completed. The Coast Guard boat then came alongside for a side tow. After a successful tow, the RBS 29146 completed an underway transfer of one its crewmembers while C.R.A.F.T Moment was

a minimum speed. Altogether it was a smooth and successful integration with the Gold Side and several signoffs were completed for the Coast guard. Another great example of our continuing support for our active-duty brothers and sisters!

3. **Scott Galloway**, Flotilla 6-7, reports that planning for future in-person PE class offerings is under discussion at this time by the Auxiliary, however instructors from Flotilla 6-7 and Flotilla 6-10 will soon be discussing possible strategies for the summer and autumn of 2021. Instructors will evaluate the feasibility of offering Sailing Skills and Seamanship, Boating Skills and Seamanship, Coastal Navigation and Boating America courses under the new Phase III regulations...**Flotilla 6-10** held a regular in-person meeting on 4 May. Covid precautions were strictly observed. All in attendance agreed that it was great seeing each other after a year of virtual video.

### **CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:**

The National Safe Boating event in Santa Cruz on 22 May will be a great opportunity to show ourselves to the public and to recruit new members.

### **AGENCY INTERACTION:**

**LCDR John Gatti**, the CO of Station Monterey, reports that the Coast Guard is still in COVID Phase II and routine access to the station is still off limits to Auxiliarists. He further reported that his Relief, LT Matt Peryea is currently on board and is scheduled to take command in July. Lt Peryea is coming from the CG D13 Command Center, which is responsible for Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana.

### **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 a successful 2021 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: Working with the Gold Side!



(Top L): **Onno Vaneikemhomm**, Flotilla 4-9, getting some helm time aboard C.R.A.F.T Moment.  
(Top R): **Vaneikemhomm** observes a moving personnel transfer evolution with Coast Guard RBS 29146 following a towing exercise. (Bottom): C.R.A.F.T Moment under tow by RBS 29146.