



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



Date: July 17, 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 June 2021 Report

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Surface Operations in high gear
2. Flotilla News
3. SAR Council, new Station CO

**DETAILS:**

1. Monterey Flotilla 6-4 resumed surface operations in May. Since resuming operations, Flotilla 6-4 **Steve McCann's** facility, Sundiver has completed 10 missions with over 40 hours underway in Monterey Bay. The operations included training for crew and MOM patrols. The crew were also able to work with local community members and agencies and assist local boaters and kayakers. Additionally, **Wally Smith** and **Chuck Cobery** conducted several patrols in the Santa Cruz area aboard Aux facilities C.R.A.F.T Moment and Mei Long.
2. **Bruce Simpson**, Flotilla 6-10, has continued checking Aids to Navigation around the Monterey Bay. All aids are watching correctly except one, which was properly reported...Flotilla 6-4 Commander **Bobbi Kamil** led her first in person Flotilla meeting at the Coast Guard Station Monterey since the COVID shutdown began. The meeting was well attended, and everyone was glad to see and interact with each other... Flotilla 6-4 member **Alex Urciuoli** began a weekly shift at the Station Monterey communications center. Alex is a fully qualified communications watch stander and his participation in this critical support frees up a Coast Guard watch stander to be used at another task aboard the station. In addition to watch standing, Alex is also signing off PQS requirements for his active duty communications counterparts. Thank you, Alex. You bring a great set of credentials to the job...Bruce Krogstad, Flotilla 6-7, has been newly designated as the Division's Staff Officer for Sea Scouts. He has been attending Sea Scout meetings and will be working on integrating the young members into Aux and Gold side functions.
3. SAR Council and new Station Commanding Officer (see Agency Interaction below).

## CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

With the recent loss of the Vice Division Commander, the Division Commander is seeking new replacement candidates for this critical post.

## AGENCY INTERACTION:

**David Jardin** and **Wally Smith**, Flotilla 6-10, attended a Search & Rescue (SAR) Council meeting held at the Santa Cruz Harbor, the first meeting since the COVID shutdown began. Thirty participants attended from several different law enforcement, Coast Guard, and first responder agencies including Coast Guard Station Monterey, which hosted the quarterly event. The new Commanding Officer from Station Monterey, Lt. **Matt Peryea** was there, as well. Discussions centered around inter-agency coordination of Search and Rescue and disaster response.

Division Commander **Chuck Cobery** made a courtesy call on the new Commanding Officer of Station Monterey, Lieutenant **Matt Peryea** (see attached Bio). Discussions centered around continuing and future Aux support for the Coast Guard as well as upcoming social events. Lt Peryea has had a favorable experience with the Auxiliary in the past and the Division Commander "thinks this is the beginning of a beautiful relationship" (thanks, Humphry Bogart). A more detailed report on this meeting is forthcoming.

## 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 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  
US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Division 6 Operations: Keeping up the Tempo and supporting the Gold Side!



(Top L): Flotilla 6-10 **Wally Smith's** C.R.A.F.T Moment approaches the **Chuck Cobery's** Meil Long, during a side tow exercise. (Top R): **Steve McCann**, Flotilla 6-4, is a happy camper on patrol near Monterey aboard Aux Facility Sundiver. (Bottom): **Alex Urciuoli**, Flotilla 6-4, keeping the Monterey Bay safe, mans the Coast guard Station Monterey Communications Center.

**Lieutenant Matthew O. Peryea**  
**United States Coast Guard**



Lieutenant Peryea is a native of Malone, New York. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in July 2003 and attended Basic Training in Cape May, New Jersey. He was enlisted for 13 years and reached the rank of Boatswain's Mate First Class (E6). His enlisted assignments include: USCGC JEFFERSON ISLAND in Portland, Maine, where he struck Boatswain's Mate, USCGC SLEDGE in Baltimore, Maryland, where he served as the First Lieutenant and Operations Petty Officer, and Coast Guard Station Shinnecock in Hampton Bays, New York, where he served as a Heavy Weather Coxswain and Station Small East Moriches' Supervisor. His final enlisted assignment was as the Executive Petty Officer of Aids to Navigation Team Cape May, New Jersey. In 2016, he was competitively selected to attend Officer Candidate School in New London, Connecticut. Following graduation and commissioning, he was assigned to USCGC ASPEN in San Francisco, California; that in addition to its primary role of Aids to Navigation maintenance within the Eleventh District, performed Counter Drug operations in the Eastern Pacific. His most recent past assignment was to the Thirteenth District Command Center in Seattle, Washington as a Command Duty Officer.



Lieutenant Peryea's personal awards include the Coast Guard Commendation Medal with gold star and "O" device, Coast Guard Achievement Medal with two gold stars and "O" device, Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon with gold star and "O" device, and various other personal and unit awards. He has also earned the Coast Guard Coxswain, Advanced Boat Forces, and Permanent Cutterman Insignias. In 2014, Lieutenant Peryea successfully attended the Fifth District Officer in Charge Review Boards, earning certifications in all four enlisted Command mission areas.

Lieutenant Peryea is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Management, with a concentration in Leadership, from American Military University. Lieutenant Peryea and his wife Ruth have been married for 13 years and have a daughter, Calliope (7), and a blue heeler named Abbie.

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