

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



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Division:	113-06 Gold Coast Area July 2021 Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1. Division Operations
- 2. Flotilla News
- 3. Flotilla 6-10 Raft-up

DETAILS:

- Flotilla 6-4's Steve McCann and crew, aboard his Facility, Sundiver, completed 6 surface patrols in July on the Monterey Bay. Well Done, Steve!... Wally Smith and his crews conducted three patrols, including one evening patrol, in the Santa Cruz area aboard Aux Facility C.R.A.F.T Moment...Alex Urciouli, Flotilla 6-4, has contributed over *36 hours* of communications watch standing at Station Monterey. Great job, Alex...Bard Mansager, also a 6-4 member, has been completing his sign offs and break in period aboard Station Monterey's USCGC Hawksbill in his pathway to become an in-port watch stander aboard that vessel. Thank you for this investment of your time, Bard...Prospective boat crew and coxswain candidates for qualification and requalification are being called for at this time for the Division 6 OPTREX, to be held at the Santa Cruz harbor area on 11 September. A practice day will be held on Friday, 10 September. All candidates should submit their names to Chuck Cobery, OPTREX coordinator.
- 2. Flotilla 6-10 gained two new members this last month, **Ingelise Rowe** and **Debora Cohen**. Both are interested in becoming boat crew qualified. Welcome, ladies, and thank you for your interest in the Auxiliary... Bobbi Kamil, Flotilla 6-4 Commander, will be spearheading a Division Barbeque for Station Monterey and Hawksbill personnel and their families at the Station on Saturday, Aug 7. This annual event, which was not held last year due to COVID-19, is a gesture of appreciation for the Gold Side as well as an opportunity for Division 6 fellowship...Flotilla 6-4 held their first in-person meeting aboard Station Monterey on 13 July. Attendees included many of the flotilla members as well as the CO of Station Monterey, Lt **Matt Peryea**, and several members of his staff.
- 3. Members and guests of Flotilla 6-10 inaugurated the first ever three boat anchor and raft-up off Santa Cruz's Main Beach on 17 July. The boats were provided by Chuck Cobery (Mei Long), David Jardin (Alte Lieve) and Wally Smith (C.R.A.F.T Moment). Refreshments, salads and barbequed hamburgers and hot dogs were complimented by the wonderful weather and convivial fellowship. A second event is in the planning stages

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

The recent loss of the Vice Division Commander has caused some concern as to a replacement, however it has been decided to defer and have this position filled during the next regularly scheduled election.

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 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







(Top L): A young lady shows off her "I got caught wearing a lifejacket" tee shirt presented to her by **Wally Smith.** Promoting boating safety, even to the kids, is what we do! (Top R): **Bruce Krogstad**, Flotilla 6-7, takes the port watch aboard C.R.A.F.T Moment off the Sant Cruz Wharf. (Bottom): **Wally Smith**, Flotilla 6-10, Captains C.R.A.F.T Moment at the beginning of a twilight patrol off the Santa Cruz boardwalk.