



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



Date: September 13, 2021
To: Dean McFarren, Commodore
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CC: DCOS, DCAPT, VCDR, IPDCDR, SO-SR, 113-06 Members
Division: 113-06 Gold Coast Area July 2021 Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Division Operations
2. Flotilla News
3. A day in the Life

DETAILS:

1. Flotilla 6-4's **Steve McCann** and crew, aboard his Facility, Sundiver, completed 4 surface patrols in July on the Monterey Bay. Thank you, Steve!... **Wally Smith** and his crews conducted three patrols in the Santa Cruz area aboard Aux Facility C.R.A.F.T Moment as well as an additional two boat patrol with **Chuck Cobery's** Mei Long...**Bruce Krogstad**, Flotilla 6-7, is busy with his Division responsibility as liaison with the Sea Scouts. He will be working with Station Monterey to arrange tours of the facility when the COVID situation allows.
2. Flotilla 6-10 has gained five new members with the past two months. Welcome to you all and thank you for your interest in the Auxiliary... All three flotillas returned to virtual meetings last month and will continue, unfortunately, until we are given further guidance...**Bobbi Kamil**, Flotilla 6-4 Commander, provided the leadership and expertise for a Division sponsored Barbeque for Station Monterey and Hawksbill personnel and their families at the Station on Saturday, Aug 7, in honor of the Coast Guard's birthday. This annual event, which was not held last year due to COVID-19, is also a gesture of appreciation for the Gold Side as well as an opportunity for Division 6 fellowship. The station CO, Lt Matt Perye, provided a "Bounce House" for the kids as well as a slushy station for the young and young at heart. The affair was very well attended and the dozen or so Auxiliary members and spouses helping out received personal thanks from individual active-duty member and their families. Bobbi, you did it again in style!
3. *Here is an excerpt from one of Wally Smith's patrols submitted recently, which highlights why we do what we do:* The day on Monterey Bay out of Santa Cruz started quietly with a voyage to Seacliff Beach and a viewing of the Cement Ship, and on to Capitola Beach and the Capitola Wharf. As can often happen this time of year, the fog near shore was very thick which made it even more interesting with a new trainee on board for her initial patrol

Following a brief midday break, our patrol continued with a Marine Observation Mission in the vicinity of the Santa Cruz Wharf, Cowell's Cove, Steamer's Lane, and the Main Beach which was heavily populated by folks from "over the hill" escaping the heat and smoke.

The wind came up "hard" with gusts to 25 kts which made for some choppy conditions. A couple of rental kayaks from the Wharf encountered some difficulty on their attempts to return to the Wharf and the Santa Cruz Harbor Patrol enlisted our assistance in towing one of the kayaks back to the Wharf.



Michael Brown, DCDR Div. 4 & Boat Crew, brings the abandoned kayak alongside in preparation to tow.

Shortly after returning the kayak to the Wharf, as we were preparing to refuel and stand down, a call came in that there were two kayakers in need of assistance off Sunny Cove, less than one mile from our location. We responded along with the Harbor Patrol and Santa Cruz Lifeguards on a PWC. One of the fishing kayaks had overturned and the fisherman was unable to reboard and was exhausted. The Harbor Patrol boat took the kayaker on board and again requested our assistance in returning the vessel to the Harbor. We gladly lent assistance and returned the kayak to the Fuel Dock which was especially convenient as that is where we were headed in the first place.

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

The next set of elections at the Division and Flotilla level will be a test of our resilience and commitment after the COVID hangover as to who will step up for the challenges we must face in the future. I believe we are all up to this.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

See above, Station BBQ.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goals for 2021 for Division 6 are as follows:

- Division 6 Auxiliary support for Station Monterey Communications missions (ongoing)
- Begin Public Education courses leading to Cal Boating certification cards (planning for next year).
- Make efforts to increase diversity through community outreach in underserved areas (ongoing).
- 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 (successfully completed).
- Increase member involvement in Auxiliary functions by improving the overall member experience.
- Develop an organized, methodical mentoring program.

Very Respectfully Submitted,

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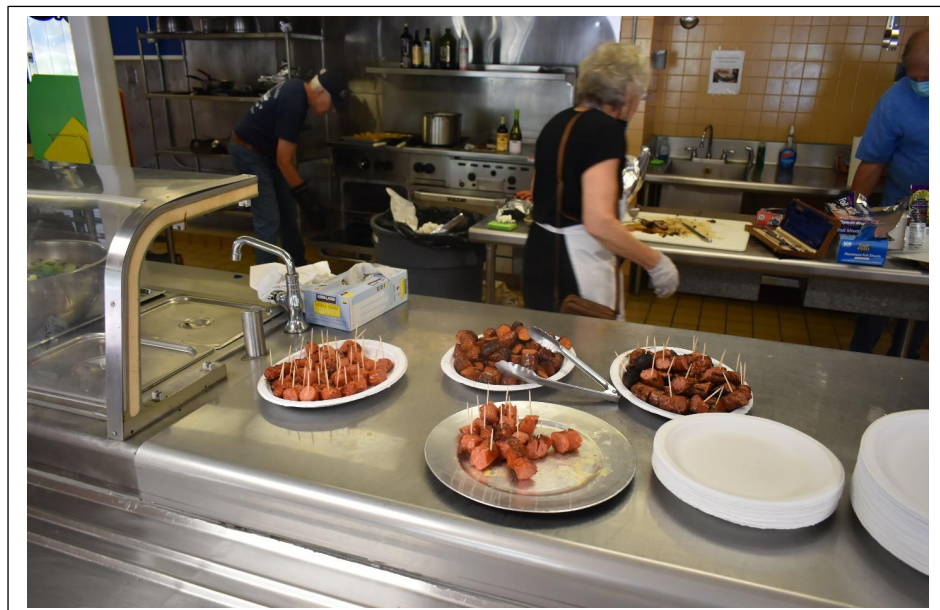


You couldn't pay me to have this much fun!

Division 6 BBQ for Station Monterey



Station Monterey personnel, Hawksbill crew, Division 6 members, and their families enjoy a beautiful day at a Barbeque of Tri -tip, sausages, beans, salad, and bread aboard the Station.



Corralitos Sausages (the best anywhere) - Medium, spicy, and volcano mouth hot.