



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, 113-06 Members
Division: 113-06 Gold Coast Area October 2021 Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. Monte Foundation Fireworks Support
2. Flotilla News

DETAILS:

1. Members of Division 6 participated in the annual security patrol for the 26th annual Monte Foundation fireworks display held in Capitola Harbor on October 10th. Facilities that participated were the C.R.A.F.T. Moment, helmed by **Walley Smith** and crew, and **Chuck Cobery's** Mei Long. Dedicated to the children of Santa Cruz County, the Monte Foundation has been raising money for schools, sports fields, a family skate park and now the Capitola Library. The Monte Foundation's largest fundraiser is the annual fireworks show which brings in revenue to donate back into the community. The evening was a spectacular event, with a dozen or so boats in the harbor and thousands of locals observing along the beach and higher points of land. Additionally, the weather was perfect and the crews were able to experience some challenging night operations. The sponsors of the event later personally thanked the crew members of Division 6 for their involvement in maintaining a safe environment around the wharf, where the fireworks originated.
2. Flotilla 6-4 elected **Karen Yoder** as the new Flotilla Commander (FC) and **Ben Fowler** as Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC). Flotilla 6-10 elected **Bruce Krogstad** as FC and **Mark Toledo** as VFC. Flotilla 6-7 will hold elections on 16 November and are on track to elect **John Fisher** as FC and **Sean Sheehan** as the VFC in an uncontested election. Commodore **Wally Smith** graciously accepted the nomination and subsequent election as District Six Commander. His Vice will be **David Frisbey**, the former FC of flotilla 6-10. Congratulations to all and *thank you* for stepping up!...**Wally Smith** and **Chuck Cobery** participated in security operations on 7 October during Fleet Week aboard Silver Charm. The Blue Angels never looked better!

CHALLENGES/OBSTACLES/OPPORTUNITIES:

Our next big event will be our Change of Watch Luncheon, to be held on Saturday, November 20 at the Bayonet and Black Horse in Seaside, CA...The Coast Guard Financial System blackout has placed a hold on Division operations, however we eagerly look forward to continuing operations in the Monterey Bay in the near future...Additionally, future Public Education classes are in the discussion phase, pending COVID restrictions.

AGENCY INTERACTION:

None

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,

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

Division 6 surface operations



Above: Mei Long makes her way into Capitola Harbor in preparation for security duties at the Monte Foundation Fireworks show.



Above: The Monte Foundation Firework display as seen from ashore in Capitola.