



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 November 2021 Report

HIGHLIGHTS:

1. COW luncheon
2. Year in Review
3. DCDR's Comments

DETAILS:

1. Members of Division 6 held their annual Change of Watch luncheon on 20 November 2021 at the Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Club in Seaside, California. Approximately 40 Division and District members were in attendance. Guests of honor representing the Gold Side were **CAPT Taylor Lam**, Sector San Francisco Commander, **CAPT Jordan Balduenza**, Deputy Sector Commander, Station Monterey Commander **LT Matt Peryea** (along with four of his senior enlisted personnel), and AUXLO **Ltjg Sarah Connell**. The District was represented by Commodore **Dean McFarren**, Commodore **Mary Kirkwood**, Deputy National Commodore (Pacific Area) and past District 11 Commodore, Chief of Staff **Curtis Han**, and District Captain **Alan Stanton**. The Santa Cruz Port Director, **Holland MacLaurie**, Santa Cruz Harbormaster, **Blake Anderson**, and local radio personality **Rosie Chalmers** rounded out the distinguished guests. A fabulous Texas backyard Barbeque buffet lunch was served. All agreed that the event was a success, and after a two year hiatus, a great time was had by all.

2. For a year that began with a COVID-induced slow start, Division Six stood out from the crowd. A total of almost 13,000 Auxiliarist hours were logged this year in the performance of our duties. That is quite an accomplishment! In addition, we achieved the following during 2021:

Division 6 was one of the first in the District to resume Surface operations after COVID restrictions were relaxed.

In May we held a very successful National Safe Boating Week in conjunction with the Santa Cruz Harbor Port Authority to include a dozen members of the Division and the use of the Auxiliary Communication Vehicle. Several new members were recruited during the event.

A well-attended Bar-B-Que for Station Monterey personnel and USCGC Hornbill crew in honor of the Coast Guard Anniversary was hosted in August, spearheaded by Flotilla 6-4.

We have been assisting Station Monterey with a Communications Watch Stander and a boat crew trainee.

In December we conducted a safe and successful OPTREX in the Santa Cruz area with four boats and two QE's, qualifying or requalifying 13 Auxiliarists, the most of any other OPTREX this year.

We have made a successful integration with the local Sea Scouts.

3. Division Commander's Comments:

I have now completed two years as your Division Commander, and it has been a blessing. I have been amazed and pleased by what we accomplished as well as the total dedication of so many individuals to get the job done. I thank you all for making this Division shine. I am proceeding on as a District Captain and Wally Smith has taken the helm for the Division. I trust he will do an even better job of making this Division a standout in the district. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, or if you prefer, a happy Holiday period, as well as a prosperous New Year. Well done all, and Semper Gumby!

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 classes to begin in January)
- Make efforts to increase diversity through community outreach in underserved areas (ongoing).
- Plan and execute a successful Change of Watch (completed).
- 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 (ongoing).

Very Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Cobery
DCDR, Division 6
US Coast Guard Auxiliary



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

Division 6 in 2021



Ready for Patrol!



Alex Urciuoli, Flotilla 6-4, keeping the Monterey Bay safe, mans the Coast guard Station Monterey Communications Center.



Towing exercise off Santa Cruz.



Safe Boating Week, Santa Cruz Harbor.



Craig Johnson, Flotilla 6-4, with



CAPT Lam leads in the Pledge of Office to (from left) David Frisbey, Karen Yoder, Bruce