



DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

To: DCO Dean McFarren, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
Date: February Report
Division: 6 – Gold Coast
From: COMO Wally Smith

February Report covering January activities

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Surface & air patrols have resumed after being on stand down since early October.
2. Division 6 and all three Flotillas have earned the NACO 3-STAR AWARD.
3. Flotilla 6-10 is actively engaging with the Sea Scouts.

DETAILS

1. Patrol activities remained “on hold” for most of January due to the Coast Guard’s software conversion that affected funding for Auxiliary activities.
2. The Division and Flotillas 64 (Monterey), 67 (Santa Cruz), and 6-10 (Capitola) have earned the NACO 3-STAR AWARD. This is the first Division and all included Flotillas in the nation to have 100% inclusion in earning the AWARD.
3. Members of Flotilla 6-10 Capitola have been actively working with the local Sea Scouts Ship. As a result, plans are underway to develop a training program both on and off the water. Auxiliarists interacting with the Scouts have completed the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) “Youth Protection Training” (YPT) that is required prior to engaging in any face-to-face and/or other contact e.g., email, phone, etc. More details are included in Flotilla 6-10’s report below.

PROJECTS

- 13 February – Valentine Day Party – at CG Station Monterey sponsored by Division 6.
- 25 – 27 March – D-TRAIN – Work to maximize the number of Division 6 attendees.
- August – CG Birthday Barbeque for CG Station Monterey, the crew of the CGC Hawksbill, and Auxiliary personnel
- Division 6 – 9-10 September – OPTREX – Santa Cruz
- Change of Watch – Date TBD at Bayonet / Black Horse Golf Club.

AGENCY INTERACTION

- Nothing additional to report.

GOALS OF DIVISION 6

- Retain and Recruit – Contact inactive members, encourage activity, learn roadblocks to activity
- Conduct PA & VE combined events (PAVE) to present the Auxiliary to the public. Goal – minimum two in 2022.
- Continue to offer training to members as requested.



- Engage with the local Sea Scouts Ship 669.
- Maintain operational readiness.
- Add new Operational Facilities.
- Increase interaction, communication, shared events, and training between Flotillas.
- Continue the excellent rapport with CG Station Monterey, USCG Cutter Hawksbill, the local harbors and other local agencies and always looking for ways we can help by our interaction.
- Plan multiple events involving more than one flotilla allowing for great fellowship and awareness. This allows for timely acquisition of information from many entities and allows for timely dissemination to the flotilla member.

FLOTILLA REPORTS

Flotilla 64 – Monterey

Highlights

1. In Person Meeting and Zoom Meeting to Continue
2. Voted to reimburse Facility owners for certain equipment needed.
3. Two new members.
4. Members are starting to get more active.

Details

Format of having Zoom and In Person Meeting is working except there is no internet at station. Hot Spots are unreliable.

1. Signed paperwork sent to DIRAUX for new members.
2. Tom Stead cleaned pier and saved a bird from entanglement.

Flotilla 67 – Santa Cruz

No report submitted.

Flotilla 6-10 - Capitola

Highlights

1. Kickoff '22 Flotilla meeting on 1/4 was attended by an in-person quorum plus 1 remote member and included guests from Ship 669, our local Sea Scout Ship. Both leaders attended and updated us on the arrival of their new ship – *String of Pearls*.
2. FC Bruce Krogstad, DCAPT Cobery, and COMO Smith attended and presented at EOT, and later the Memorial Service at CGI on 1/15.
3. Three members [W. Smith, J. Smith, and C. Cobrey] assisted the Santa Cruz Harbor Patrol during repair activities post tsunami on 1/6, earning them the first “Semper Gumby” (informal) award for flexibility and initiative.
4. Three 6-10 members [Smith, Cobrey, and Krogstad] escorted the *SSS Bossa* on her final voyage on 17 January. We made note of future training opportunities.

Details

Real progress was made in January to our relationship with the local Sea Scout Ship. They were invited to our next meeting in February, and we, in turn, have been invited to their next meeting to



conduct training. We believe this strengthening relationship will be a good source of new members- both Scouts and parents. In addition, we see opportunities to coach them on boating and seamanship when they receive their new ship mid-February.

****END OF REPORT****

Respectfully submitted,
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SEMPER GUMBY!

