



## **DIVISION COMMANDER REPORT**

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

### **April Report covering March activities**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Surface 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; six new members as a direct result.

#### **DETAILS**

1. Patrol activities have resumed and reimbursements are beginning to flow! More patrols are being added for upcoming months.
2. The Division and Flotillas 64 (Monterey), 67 (Santa Cruz), and 6-10 (Capitola) have earned the NACO 3-STAR AWARD. This was 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 / UPCOMING EVENTS**

- August – CG Birthday Barbeque for CG Station Monterey, the crew of the CGC Hawksbill, and Auxiliary personnel. August date TBD.
- OPTREX Division 6: 9-10 September – Santa Cruz
- Change of Watch: 19 November at Bayonet / Black Horse Golf Club.

#### **AGENCY INTERACTION**

- The C.O. of Station Monterey has requested the following:
  - Increased training opportunities with Auxiliary surface facilities.
  - Watchstanders for the Station.

#### **GOALS OF DIVISION 6**

- 3 R’s – Recruit, Retain, Re-engage – 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**

### **64 Monterey - Karen Yoder FC**

The Flotilla has 32 prospective new members who are located at the Defense Language Institute (DLI). Some are active-duty military. Bill Dodson, Craig Johnson, and FC Yoder are working hard to get everyone enrolled and testing completed. A lengthy discussion ensued at a recent Division meeting regarding a concern about how to support such a large influx of members. The possibility of the formation of a “DLI Detachment” was briefly discussed; relevant sections of the Auxiliary Manual were given to FC Yoder.

FC Yoder and Jane Smith, along with the Whale Entanglement Team (WET), headed by Peggy Stapp, worked with AuxAir pilots Larry Olson and Douglas Kerr, USCG Air Station Sacramento, and NOAA to help save an entangled whale. A detailed report was sent by Larry Olson. The WET Team, including FC Yoder, presented at the most recent AuxAir Dinner. Many new connections were made and teamwork was at a very high level.

The 1-hour Operations Workshop will be offered directly after the next Flotilla meeting and will be presented by Mark McLaughlin.

People who did not respond to Everbridge calls will be contacted.

Meetings will continue in person and zoom.

Flotilla will continue to work on the 3 Rs.

### **67 Santa Cruz - John Fisher FC**

The Flotilla is striking an alliance with West Marine in Santa Cruz.

In-person and Zoom meetings will continue.

Flotilla 6-10 FC Krogstad asked about classes and a discussion occurred. A sailing class would be beneficial. He will be looking for an instructor.



## **6-10 Capitola – Bruce Krogstad FC**

1. March 1 Flotilla meeting – our in-person meeting included updates on new member training, calendar events, NSBW update, and a 1-hour Ops Workshop conducted by COMO Smith.
2. Surface Operations included only 1 patrol due to scheduling issues (D-Train/N-Train) of our 2 Coxswains. 3 weekend patrols are expected for next month.
3. Progress continues for our 7 new members to achieve BQ status.
4. BS&S classes commenced on April 6; all new members are encouraged to participate.

Our AUXScout activity continues to gain momentum. With the arrival of the vessel *Pearls*, there will be additional joint training available including on-board crew management, joint exercises with AUX Facilities, cruise planning, and more.

On March 16, COMO Smith, FC Krogstad, and from Flt. 64 Tracy Schultz, attended their bi-weekly Ship meeting. Tracy conducted training on basic marching drills, saluting, and standing at attention. COMO Smith then did a 45-minute presentation on Marine Communications. Both these were in anticipation of upcoming Regattas where Ships will compete on a variety of skills.

**\*\*END OF REPORT\*\***

Respectfully submitted,  
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**SEMPER GUMBY!**



**BONUS MATERIAL!**



New OpFac coming online! “DOLPHIN DREAMS”, owned by Tracy Schultz, pictured in Santa Cruz Harbor, will soon be home ported in Moss Landing. She will be known as “321322” and is a former Coast Guard Ports & Waterways Boat (32PWB).



