



## **DIVISION COMMANDER REPORT**

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

### **June Report covering May activities**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Flotilla 6-10 is actively engaging with the Sea Scouts.
2. In April, a large contingent of new member applications were received from enrollees at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) in Monterey.

#### **DETAILS**

1. 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.
2. Twenty-nine new member applications were submitted from students at DLI, most in the Army. Meetings and/or discussions occurred including the DCDR, the IPDCDR, the C.O. from CG Station Monterey, and the C.O. of DLI to determine how best to proceed, or not, with this large an influx. The final outcome was that the applications and dues payments have been returned to the applicants. The C.O. along with the commanding officers of each of the four military branches undergoing studies at D.L.I. agreed that the applicants (students) would not have adequate time aside from the required studies to engage in any meaningful way with the Auxiliary. It was further agreed amongst Auxiliary leadership that the local Flotilla did not have sufficient “bandwidth” to provide adequate support to such a large contingent of new members; to train, to outfit with gear, to provide mission opportunities, etc. especially in light of the applicants’ expected short tenure at D.L.I. which would likely be followed by deployment to utilize their newly acquired language skills.

#### **PROJECTS / UPCOMING EVENTS**

- August – CG Birthday Barbeque for CG Station Monterey, the crew of the CGC Hawksbill, and Auxiliary personnel. Date: 06 August at CG STA Monterey
- 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**

No report submitted.

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

1. National Safe Boating Week (NSBW) kicked off in North America on Saturday, May 21, 2022 and the USCG AUXILIARY Flotilla 06-07 was out in full force with an attendance at the West Marine boating store in Santa Cruz, CA.
2. Flotilla Commander (FC), John Fisher, Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC) Sean Sheehan, and Flotilla Staff Officer - Program Visitor, (FSO-PV) Peter Kyryl were on-hand to man a table that held USCG AUX safe boating pamphlets, coloring books for kids, The ABCs of Boating in CA, and Federal Regs for boating. Gas spill pads were provided free of charge and sun visors and floatable key fobs were quite popular. In addition, the Management Team at West Marine hosted us with a table and chairs and had boating merchandise available as discussion points with recreational boaters that stopped by.
3. The kids were engaging and excited and the adults were eager to stop and discuss all of the changes that had occurred since many were getting back to boating after the Covid-19 lockdown. Fire extinguishers, life jackets and Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) were in high-demand. The USCG AUX Flotilla members present were demonstrating their use of the lightweight Type V “special use” life jacket.



4. During a survey of the results gathered from the 3.5-hour display visit were the following:
  - “...You guys need to come back and do this every month!” ...West Marine Manager on-duty
  - “...I had no idea that the USCG had an Auxiliary!” ...visiting boater
  - “...How do I join?” ...visiting boater
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5. There were approximately ~20--~25 visitors that we engaged and they ranged from kayakers, boaters, sailors, to an underwater boat detailing owner, there were plenty of kids that were receiving new life jackets thanks to parents and grandparents. In addition, several items of merchandise sold direct off the table including fire extinguishers and safety equipment. A special thank you goes to West Marine Manager Sergio Rodriguez and Manager on-duty Chris and the other Associates who helped us feel at home and welcoming. We will be in talks with West Marine to continue this once a month through the 100 days of Summer.
6. A special thanks to Peter who has over 38 years of Program Visitor support and VFC Sean Sheehan who has over 20 years of USCG AUX service, making this new FC feel at home.

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

### **Highlights**

1. May 3rd Flotilla meeting – our in-person meetings continued with a quorum of 16 present. FC Krogstad presented a review of available FSO positions and the importance of Succession Planning to long term health of the Flotilla. **Dave Jardin** spoke on the DockWalker program and the many benefits to the boating public and the Auxiliary. Jane Smith led a roundtable discussion of planned NSBW activity.
2. Public Education – The Spring BS& S semester continued in May with four classes. Three qualified instructors from 6-10 and one from 6-7 participated. This class of 12 includes new members from 6-10 as well as public students.
3. We welcomed one new member this month, a spouse of a current member. That brings our total for wife/husband team members to five (1/3<sup>rd</sup> of our total members)! We have welcomed 8 new members YTD in 2022.
4. AUXScout activity continues with COMO Smith and FC Krogstad conducting an abbreviated NAV/Cruise Planning training class to crewmembers of the *SSS Pearls*. Ship 669 also participated in our NSBW event at the Santa Cruz Harbor Ramp by co-staffing our table.
5. Four 6-10 Members attended the dedication ceremony for the new SC Harbor Patrol Boat- *P/V KINNAMON*. Also joining us was the CO of Station Monterey.
6. COMO Smith, DCAPT Cobrey, and FC Krogstad trained along with 2 Auxiliarists from Monterey Flotilla 6-4 for CG Helo Ops commencing on June 6 on the *Dolphin Dreams* out of Moss Landing.
7. NSBW – Along with Ship 669 and members from 6-7 and 6-4, we staffed 2 tables at the Santa Cruz Launch Ramp to promote NSBW. We also conducted tours of one of our facilities. Numerous Vessel Exams were conducted and scheduled. Thanks for **Jane Smith** for all her time and fine work in managing our teams!



## Details

Our AUXScout activity continues with future training planned for a presentation on The Coast Guard Academy and both Ground School and Sea School (at sea) training with the *Pearls* along with our 2 Facilities.

Jane reported some lessons learned from this year's event. Unfortunately, several were beyond our control. She has plans to create an *ad hoc committee* for the 2023 event.

During this reporting period, our Aids Verifier Brian O'Mara completed the verification of all thirty-two (32) aids to navigation in the Monterey area. He found twenty-two (22) to be watching properly and ten (10) to be discrepant. This was a large and commendable effort taking considerable time and personal resources to complete.

Verifier Wally Smith completed two (2) verifications in the Santa Cruz area. One was watching properly while the Marine Sanctuary PWC buoy SC7 is missing.

Our Aids Verifier in training, Bard Mansager, will be attending the C-School Aids to Navigation training in Yorktown this weekend.

Our Division and Flotilla are well on our way in completing our annual assignment of sixty-eight aids from District.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
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**SEMPER GUMBY!**



**BONUS MATERIAL BELOW!**





30 May, Capitola, CA – A “fire” helicopter with a large American flag suspended beneath circles over the Memorial Day Veterans Paddleout in Capitola. OpFac 301219, pictured center, assisted in providing a safety zone for the event at the request of the Santa Cruz Harbor Patrol, pictured upper left of the paddlers.

