



DIVISION COMMANDER REPORT

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

July Report covering June activities

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Flotilla 6-10 is actively engaging with the Sea Scouts.
2. Helicopter Training Support missions – Moss Landing

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. Helicopter Training Support for Air Station San Francisco was to have begun out of Moss Landing on Tracy Schultz’s new facility DOLPHIN DREAMS. A monthly schedule has been worked out with Division 6 support on the first and third Mondays of every month; the first session was to be on 18 June however, very poor wind and sea forecasts precluded getting underway that day; in subsequent conversation with the C.O. of CG Station Monterey, the 47MLB supported the ‘helo ops’ that day and it was very rough on the boat and the crew ... and that was a 47MLB a.k.a. surf boat! The first Monday in July was the 4th so no training ... 18 July should see the first helo ops from Moss Landing with a crew comprised of Division 6 members many of whom have crewed for helo ops on SILVER CHARM.

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: 09-10 September – Santa Cruz ... all are welcome!
- 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

Highlights:

1. Working on Recruitment.
2. Working on re-engaging members through participation in the Coast Guard Birthday Party to be held on August 6, 2022.
3. The new facility is now operational and air patrols are occurring. Alex Urciuoli has been working as an observer.

Details

1. More members are participating in activities, including more members returning to the in person meeting.
2. The new facility will be working with USCG on Helicopter Operations.
3. The flotilla will be working with Station Monterey to plan the Coast Guard Birthday Party at Station Monterey to be held on August 6, 2022. More details will be discussed at the regular USCG auxiliary meeting.

67 Santa Cruz - John Fisher FC

Highlights:

1. Enacted CDC Santa Cruz County Covid-19 guidelines for meetings.
2. Hybrid Meetings in effect – ZOOM Online and In-Person, Santa Cruz Harbor Office.
3. Harbor office clean-up and USCG AUX marking and inventory.
4. Southwest Border Ops Flotilla Support – 1 Member.
5. National Safe Boating Week Debrief from May 21, 2022, 6-7 hosted at West Marine.
6. Station Monterey Watchstanding PQS received – 1 member.



7. Three R's – Recruitment, Retention and Re-engagement in effect.
8. Did a Training Blitz to boost member training numbers.
 - 9 members Core Training (CT) complete
 - 1 member CT Yellow expires end of 2022
 - 13 members – 1 or more CT courses expired
9. Supporting Helo Ops – 3 Members.
10. Awards Distribution – Mailing due to no in-person attendance.

Details

This has also affected the ability of our instructors to teach Public Education (PE). A meeting will be held in later 2022 to discuss the plan to seek out alternate spaces that meet Covid-19 CDC and Santa Cruz County guidance.

6-10 Capitola – Bruce Krogstad FC

Highlights

1. Three vacant FSO positions were filled in June- **Chuck Cobery** is now our FSO -PA, new member **Bryant Grigsby** qualified as a VE and accepted the FSO-VE position, and another new member, **Eva Jardin** is excited to assume her duties as FSO-PV. Our officer roster is not filled yet, but conversations are being held and future acceptances are anticipated.
2. June 7 Flotilla Meeting: Our in-person meetings continued with a quorum of 13 present. Eligible members present received their DHS-OUA ribbons. **Chuck Cobery** received a SOS ribbon for his participation in Fleet Week 2021 Operations. Guest Flotilla 6-4 member, **ASOC Tracy Schultz**, conducted a comprehensive presentation on our National DEI programs and progress towards achieving our diversity goals.
3. Public Education: The Spring BS&S semester concluded for 12 students. Awarded certificates of completion included four new 6-10 members. Fall semester registration is schedule for Sept 7.
4. AUXScout: Activity continued with the successful VE inspection of the *SSS Pearls*. **COMO Smith** is working with **Bryant Grigsby** in certifying her next as an OPFAC, which will be a welcome addition to our Santa Cruz Harbor based 6-10 flotilla.
5. Surface Patrol activity continued at a high level with 6 total patrols conducted, two were held jointly. Boat Crew training is on pace to likely qualify both 6-10 and 6-7 boat crew trainees at our Sept OPTREX.



Details

Our AUXScout activity will continue with future training planned to include a presentation on The Coast Guard Academy. Both Ground School and Sea School (at sea) training with the *Pearls* and our 2 facilities is also scheduled; certification of the SSS *Pearls* as a OPFAC is underway and will significantly increase our options for joint at-sea training.

****END OF REPORT****

Respectfully submitted,
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SEMPER GUMBY!



BONUS MATERIAL BELOW!



OpFac DOLPHIN DREAMS is ready for helicopter support operations for CG Air Station San Francisco. “Helo Ops” patrols are scheduled to begin in July out of Moss Landing.

