



## **DIVISION COMMANDER REPORT**

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

### **August Report covering July 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 has 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 Monday in July was the 4<sup>th</sup> so no training ... 18 July saw the first helo ops and it was very successful. Patrols are home ported in 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.
- Santa Cruz Harbor Lighted Boat Parade: 03 December

#### **AGENCY INTERACTION**

- The C.O. of Station Monterey has requested the following:
  - Increased training opportunities with Auxiliary surface facilities.
  - Watchstanders for the Station. As of this writing, there are three Auxiliary watchstanders working shifts at Station Monterey and the Station is extremely pleased!



## **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.

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## **FLOTILLA REPORTS**

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

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Working on Recruitment.
2. The new facility owned by Tracy Schultz is now operational and air patrols are occurring.
3. Alex Urciuoli has been working as an observer and training two new watch standers, which is in response to a request from the Coast Guard Station Monterey.
4. Working on engaging members to attend and assist in helping Station Monterey celebrate the Coast Guard Birthday. The event is August 6, 2022.

#### **DETAILS**

1. More members are participating in activities, including more members returning to the in-person meeting.
2. Alex Urciuoli has also been working with M. Landauer and John Fisher at the Station Monterey Comms Center. They continue to train and are ready to begin role-playing in radio work and using the proper forms for SAR, MARB, etc.
3. The new facility has been working with USCG on Helicopter Operations. Tracy Schultz was commended for the hours he has put in to make this happen.
4. 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.

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**67 Santa Cruz - John Fisher FC**

No report submitted.

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**6-10 Capitola – Bruce Krogstad FC**

1. July 5th Flotilla Meeting-our in-person meetings continued with 11 members present. **Vinny Mata** received his 5-year ribbon and certificate along with his DHS-OUA ribbon. Vinny also serves as a DSO-EM and presented an overview of the CGUX Emergency Response System. Two new members were applauded for achieving BQ – **Ingelise Rowe** and **Debora Cohen**. Four Certificates of Accomplishment were presented to new members that completed the spring BS&S Course. **Eva Jardin** spoke regarding her new duties as FSO-PV and will soon be a Certified Program Visitor.
  
2. 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 based 6-10 flotilla.
  
3. Surface Patrol Activity- conducted 2 patrols in Santa Cruz, 1 in Moss Landing for training in anticipation of commencement of Helo operations, and our first operational Helo mission on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Four Capitola members joined other Division 6 crew members to inaugurate this valuable Auxiliary contribution to Air Station SF Helo readiness. On Independence Day Como Smith and crew joined the Pearls for informal barrier duty and fellowship off Santa Cruz Main Beach. As a result of a variety of complications, including darkness and heavy fog, they provided a much-needed escort back to the harbor for the *Pearls*.

**Details**

Our AUXScout activity will continue with future training planned to include a presentation on *The Coast Guard Academy* on August 3. Both Ground School and Sea School (at sea) training with auxiliary boat crew on the *Pearls* and Boat Crew training for Aux Sea Scouts onboard our facilities is calendared. Certification of the *SSS Pearls* as a OPFAC is underway and when complete will significantly increase our options patrols and at-sea SS training.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
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