



DIVISION COMMANDER REPORT

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

September Report covering August activities

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Division 6 participated in hosting a CG Birthday BBQ at Station Monterey.
2. Helicopter Training Support and ‘war game’ missions – Moss Landing.
3. 100% of aids to navigation verified.
4. Work with the local Santa Cruz Sea Scout Ship #669 continues.

DETAILS

1. The USCG Birthday at Station Monterey was a huge success. Great food and the cooking & the serving thereof was provided by Auxiliarists from Division 6. The Station was extremely grateful as were the many families of Station personnel. Well Done Division 6!
2. Helicopter training support for Air Station San Francisco continues 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. In addition to the ‘normal’ helo ops patrols, CG Station Monterey requested assistance with “war games” exercises that included drone work by the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). Both the Station and NPS personnel were very appreciative of this support.
3. All 68 ATONs & PATONs assigned to Division 6 for verification have been checked. This represents 100% verification for several consecutive years completed prior to the 30 September due date. To date, Division 6 is the only Division to have completed 100% of all assigned PATRONs and bridges.
4. Our AUXScout program continues to be very active. The former Auxiliary facility STRING O’ PEARLS is again an Auxiliary facility and is now the PEARLS ... a homage to the original name that reflects gratitude to the former owner and vessel donor Bob Gallup. Division personnel are working with the Scouts to train and qualify coxswains and crew so that the PEARLS may eventually operate independently crewed by all Sea Scouts.

PROJECTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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: Saturday 03 December. All Auxiliarists are invited to attend.



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.

FLOTILLA REPORTS

64 Monterey - Karen Yoder FC

HIGHLIGHTS

1. The USCG Birthday Celebration at Station Monterey was a big success.
2. Continuing to work on Recruitment.
3. The new facility owned by Tracy Schultz is continuing to be operational and helicopter patrols are occurring.
4. Alex Urciuoli continues working as a watchstander and training two new watchstanders, which is in response to a request from the Coast Guard Station Monterey.
5. Working on engaging members to attend and assist in helping Station Monterey with an Open House. The event is September 10, 2022.

DETAILS

1. The USCG Birthday event was a big success. Thank you to Craig Johnson and Mark McLaughlin for all of their hard work in planning the event. Thank you to all who participated and helped to make the event so successful.



2. More members are participating in activities, including more members returning to the in person meeting.
3. Alex Urciuoli has also been working with M. Landauer and John Fisher from Flotilla 6-7 at the Station Monterey Comms Center.
4. The Dolphin Dream, owned by Tracy Schultz, has been working with USCG on Helicopter Operations.
5. The flotilla will be working with Station Monterey to plan an Open House on September 10, 2022 at the Coast Guard Station and park adjacent to the station. It will be a fun event3 USCG Auxiliary – District 11N, Flotilla 6-4 Report August 2022 where the helicopter will be landing in the park. Craig Johnson has been working on this event. He will send out a request for assistance.

67 Santa Cruz - John Fisher FC

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Continued CDC Santa Cruz County Covid-19 guidelines for meetings.
2. Hybrid Meetings in effect – ZOOM Online and In-Person, Santa Cruz Harbor Office.
3. Southwest Border Ops Flotilla Support – 1 Member.
4. Coast Guard Day BBQ, August 6, 2022 – Station Monterey – 2 Members.
5. NACON, Orlando, FL – August 18-21 – 0 Flotilla 6-7 Members attended.
6. Three R's – Recruitment, retention and Re-engagement in effect.
7. Did a Training Blitz to boost member training numbers:
 - 9 members BQ complete
 - 1 member BQ Yellow expires end of 2022
 - 13 members – 1 or more BQ courses expired
8. Supporting Helo Ops – 3 Members.
9. Awards Distribution – 100% of Members Received awards either in-person at meetings or via USPS Mailing.
10. Working with 1 Member – Daniel Escarreola to get BQ training recertified and uniforms to become FSO.
11. Public Education (PE) is an issue due to Instructors affected by Covid-19, coordinating with Flotilla 6-10 & 6-4 for PE class instruction.
12. Reached out to all members who have not been in attendance to campaign for dues payment update, retirement application or to file for disenrollment. Expect to lose/retire 5 Flotilla 6-7 members.

DETAILS

1. Public Education (PE) classes for the Fall 2022 (September) will be reliant on combined efforts of PE instructors in Flotilla 6-10 & 6-4. Flotilla 6-7 Instructors expected to retire at end of year 2022.
2. OPTREX Santa Cruz planned for September 9-10, 2022. One member expected to qualify.



6-10 Capitola – Bruce Krogstad FC

Highlights

1. August 2 Flotilla Meeting-our in-person meetings continued with 14members present.
We hosted Santa Cruz Harbor Director, **Holland MacLaurie** who presented a comprehensive overview of both current and planned activities and capital improvement projects.
We had an opportunity to hear from our UAM Member **John Chesson** who shared an overview of the UAM Program at his college – VMI. He serves as a local member while he is completing his education and hopes to join the USCG upon graduation.
Given a high level of interest among our new members this year **COMO Wally** presented an overview the path to Boat Crew Qual. We are hopeful to have at least 3 candidates at our upcoming Division 6 OPTRX on Sept 9-10th
We announced another FSO position accepted by **Eva Jardin** (FSO-MA)
2. AUXScout- **FC Krogstad** and 6-4 member **Tracy Schultz** met on Aug 3rd with Ship 669 and introduced the Coast Guard Academy as a college option. Training on how to produce a Float Plan was then conducted using their upcoming cruise to Monterey on 8/6 as an actual case.
Other great news is we have a total of 10 Div 6 members YPT qualified. Of those, 5 are currently Boat Crew qualified and 2 more are in currently in training. Future patrols on the Pearls will be well crewed.
3. Surface Patrols- only one MOM Patrol was conducted due to coxswains' travel to NACON. However, 3 mixed (6-4 & 6-10 crew) patrols were conducted on Dolphin Dreams. Two in support of Helo Ops and one for a Special Operation (joint drone exercise with Naval PG School and the Monterey CG 47).

Details

Our AUXScout activity includes certification of the PEARLS as a facility and our plans to qualify her for patrols with a trained Coxswain and boat crew. We currently have 6 Aux/SS members that need Boat Crew qualifications. Communication with Scout Leaders will enable cross pollinations between both the Scout and Aux mission.

September will be a busy month for our members with the commencement of Fall BS&S class, 6-10 participation in the OPTREX hosted by Division 6, and the D11N PCA Fair

END OF REPORT*

Respectfully submitted,
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BONUS MATERIAL BELOW!



03 September – Auxiliary facility 301219 patrols off the very crowded Santa Cruz Main Beach on Labor Day. Extremely high inland temperatures drove multitudes of seekers of relief from the heat.

