



DIVISION COMMANDER REPORT

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

October Report covering September activities

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Helicopter Training Support – Moss Landing.
2. 100% of aids to navigation verified.
3. Work with the local Santa Cruz Sea Scout Ship #669 continues.

DETAILS

1. 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.
2. All 71 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. In addition, 11 unauthorized PATONs were reported.
3. 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

- 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

No report submitted.

67 Santa Cruz - John Fisher FC

HIGHLIGHTS

DETAILS

1. Hybrid Meetings in effect – ZOOM Online and In-Person, Santa Cruz Harbor Office.
2. Southwest Border Ops Flotilla Support – 1 Member.
3. Missions Day – Station Monterey Support – September 10, 2022 – 1 Member
4. Optrex Santa Cruz, CA – September 10, 2022 – 1 Member
5. PCA Fair – 2 Members September 17-18, 2022 – 2 Members
6. ESGR Boss Lift YBI – September 17, 2022 - 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 BQ complete
 - 1 member BQ Yellow expires end of 2022
 - 13 members – 1 or more BQ courses expired
9. Supporting Helo Ops – 3 Members.
10. Awards Distribution – 100% of Members Received awards either in-person at meetings or via USPS Mailing.
11. Working with 1 Member – Daniel Escarreola to get BQ training recertified and uniforms to become FSO.
12. Public Education (PE) is an issue due to Instructors affected by Covid-19, coordinating with Flotilla 6-10 & 6-4 for PE class instruction.



13. 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.
14. Of twenty-five (25) current Flotilla 67 members:
 - Eighteen (18) Flotilla 67 Members had paid their dues for 2023 as of September 11, 2022;
 - One (1) member has expressed an interest in retiring
 - Two (2) members have expressed in interest in disenrolling. (Processed 7035 on one thus far
 - We have received a 7035 form from one of these members
 - Four (4) members had not paid their dues by September 22, 2022

6-10 Capitola – Bruce Krogstad FC

Highlights

1. Sept 6 Flotilla Meeting-our in-person meetings continued with 16 members present. Agenda items included a review of the PCA Fair programs, upcoming Flotilla elections, and a busy calendar of events from now through year end.
2. Public Education -Fall Semester BS&S Registration took place on September 7 with 11 students enrolled. Classes started 9/14.
3. AUXScout- 4 SS/AUX members spoke at the meeting and updated us on their busy calendar of events. Two SS members started Boat Crew training this month. A total of 13 of our members are now YPT (Youth Protection Training) qualified including 2 Scouts, 4 SS Leaders/Auxiliarists, and 7 Auxiliarists. Copies of all completion certificates have been submitted to DIRAUX
4. OPTREX22 was hosted by Flotilla 6-10 on Sept 9 & 10. We contributed 2 Facilities, 2 Coxswains, and 4 Qualified Crew members. All 3 of our flotilla's candidates passed their PCS and Oral examination! Our hard working 6-10 team produced the event. From planning, communications, catering, and even post event clean up, Flotilla 6-10 delivered an outstanding event. All catering expenses (\$412.5) were paid from our budget.

BZ to COMO Smith, Jane Smith, DCAP Chuck Cobery, and FC Bruce Krogstad for their time and efforts to make this OPTREX a success.

5. Surface Patrols- Patrols this month focused on final sign-off and skills polish for our 3 newly qualified members: **Ingelise Rowe, Debora Cohen** and **Jim Cohen**. We currently have 2 Coxswains, 6 Boat Crew, and 2 Boat Crew Trainees eager to support Surface Operations in our AOR.
6. Helo Operations -Three 6-10 members and three 6-4 members are currently participating in Helo Ops on *Dolphin Dreams*. We were tasked with two missions this month in support of Station Monterey. On 9/2 we were cancelled by Air Station SF before we left the dock and on 9/19



Details

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

During this reporting period, Aids Verifier Wally Smith investigated four (4) previously unknown aids to navigation in the New Brighton area. They are non-permitted Private Aids. The appropriate forms were completed and sent to District.

END OF REPORT*

Respectfully submitted,
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DCDR – Division 6

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BONUS MATERIAL BELOW!



09 October 2022, Capitola, CA – Two Auxiliary facilities maintain a safety zone for the Monte Foundation Fireworks Extravaganza, a fund-raising event to support schools.

