



DIVISION COMMANDER REPORT

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

November Report covering October 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. 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. A dedicated Boat America course is planned for the Holiday season with 10 Scouts enrolled ... so far.

Membership / Scouts: As a direct result of the addition of the PEARLS to the Sea Scouts, the membership in the "Ship" has increased from six a year ago to thirty today ... and increase of 500%! Capitola Flotilla 6-10 has gained seven members from the relationship with the 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

No report submitted.

6-10 Capitola – Bruce Krogstad FC

Highlights

Oct 4 Flotilla Meeting - our in-person meetings continued with 15 members and one prospective member present. Flotilla elections were held in accordance with the Flotilla Procedures Guide and Bruce Krogstad was re-elected FC and Ingelise Rowe VFC. Congratulations to you both!

An excellent presentation on Uniforms was given by DCAPT Chuck Cobrey. He answered many questions from our newer members. FC Krogstad posed as a live model of the Tropical Blue uniform.

Surface Operations - 2 of 4 scheduled patrols were cancelled this month due to lack of funding. The two completed patrols included barrier duty for Monte Fireworks and the initial deployment of our newest Facility, *Pearls*, with a mixed AUX/SS crew. Two successful Helo Ops were conducted by a team that included of 6-4 and 6-10 members.

Public Education - Fall Semester BS&S Classes will continue through 14 December with 11 students



FC Krogstad with COMO Smith presented an AUX update to the Santa Cruz Harbor Commissioners meeting on 25 Oct.

Brenden Dungy's new member application was submitted to DIRAUX on 30 Oct. When approved there will be 5 Scout Leaders and 2 Sea Scouts as members of 6-10.

AUXScout- activity continued with the completion of the certification of the PEARLS as a facility and our plans to qualify her for patrols with an AUX Coxswain and qualified boat crew. A training mission was conducted (under non-reimbursable orders) on 29 Oct with a combined 2 SS and 4 Aux Crew. More training will be done to address lessons learned. Additionally, classroom training is being developed for SS members to be conducted over the school holiday break using the BOAT AMERICA text. When completed this will enable several scouts to qualify for their ORDINARY rating. Due to the new SOP, current YPT certified Aux Crew will be completing SAT (Safety Afloat Training) in November.

SO-AS Krogstad and 6-4 member Alex Urciuoli met remotely to discuss his new role as FSO-AS and the opportunity to develop a Monterey Ship/AUX relationship

Details

It was another busy month for the Capitola Flotilla. With BS&S classes, Surface Ops, Helo Ops, AUXScout activities and Flotilla meetings. However, all activities included a generous opportunity for fellowship.

END OF REPORT*

Respectfully submitted,
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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.



17 October 2022, somewhere on Monterey Bay, CA – COMO Tracy Schultz aboard his facility DOLPHIN DREAMS working with an MH-65 helicopter from Air Station San Francisco.

