



DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

To: COMO Curtis Han, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
Date: 11 March 2023
Division: 6 – Gold Coast
From: DCDR Dave Frisbey
RE: Division Report - February 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Surface operations cancelled due to cold weather
2. Provided training for Division members in lieu of surface operations
3. Working on increasing diversity in the Division

DETAILS

1. Flotilla 6-4 provided a Valentine's Party at Station Monterey on Saturday 18 Feb. Ten members of Division 6 volunteered to cook for the event. The party was well received and appreciated by the Station.
2. Winter Semester BS&S Class is continuing with 14 students.
3. Flotilla 6-4 is preparing to set up an information booth as part of [Whale Fest Monterey](#) on Sunday March 19. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote boating safety and show how the Auxiliary assists the boating community. It's a great recruiting event as well. This event overlaps with DTRAIN, however, enough volunteers have stepped forward. Station Monterey will bring the 29' boat to display at the event.
4. Operations – Both of the scheduled Helo Patrols on the Dolphin Dreams were cancelled in February due to adverse weather and conflicting Helo priorities. There were no surface patrols in February due to temperatures being below the 50 degree threshold for Auxiliary patrols without dry suits.
5. Member Training – Due to unsafe sea conditions, the MOM/Training patrol scheduled for 4 Feb was cancelled. However, in the spirit of *SEMPER GUMBY*, the five person crew huddled around the heater aboard the *C.R.A.F.T Moment* and conducted three hours of comms and risk management training. Once again, the 25 Feb Patrol was cancelled due to cold weather so we quickly created a Special Boat Crew training that was held for ten boat crew and guests. COMO Smith reviewed the new annual certification requirements, surface operations handbooks, and guidelines regarding night operations. FC Krogstad, Flotilla 6-10, presented a review of Nav rules. A total of three hours of quality training was conducted.
6. AUXScout – Two current Auxiliary/SeaScout members (and Boat Crew Trainees) and two prospective Auxiliary members attended the Special Boat Crew training class described above.

7. At the flotilla meeting on 2 Feb, Flotilla 6-10 hosted the Executive Director of *Save Our Shores* who presented a comprehensive overview of their activities. Also, their FSO-DV presented an overview of the Auxiliary's National Diversity and Inclusion program which prompted a healthy dialog on how we can address this important issue at the Flotilla level
8. The First Division 6 meeting of year was on 16 Feb at 1900.

PROJECTS/EVENTS

- March 17-19 – D-TRAIN
- March 19 - Whale Fest
- August – CG Birthday Barbecue for CG Station Monterey and Auxiliary
- 8 - 9 September – OPTREX – Santa Cruz
- Change of Watch – 11 November at Bayonet / Black Horse Golf Course in Seaside, CA
- Ongoing - updating homepages of Division 6, Flotilla 6-10 and 6-4 websites
- Communications – Auxiliary Com Station at Santa Cruz Harbor needs upgrades. Searching for grants.

AGENCY INTERACTION

- Division 6 continues to work with the Santa Cruz Harbormaster and CA State Parks lifeguards on a MOU for temporary shared use of the communications station at the Santa Cruz Harbor. CA State Parks lifeguards have lost their station due to storm damage at the Sea Cliff Beach State Park pier. The MOU will outline a temporary shared-use of the Santa Cruz station until CA State Parks can rebuild their own.

GOALS OF DIVISION 6

- Retain and Recruit – Contact inactive members, encourage activity, learn roadblocks to activity
- Continue to offer training to members as requested
- Maintain operational readiness
- Add new operational facilities
- Coordinate emergency services throughout Division 6
- 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. Always looking for ways we can help by our interaction
- Plan multiple events involving more than one flotilla allowing for fellowship and awareness
- Increase number of qualified instructors
- Provide trainings to increase participation in Aux Data II
- Expand number of vessel examinations
- Diversity
 1. Continue to have all units receive the NACO 3-Star award
 2. Ensure that all units have appointed a DV Staff Officer
 3. Have every unit conduct at least one diversity and inclusion class for its staff/members

Respectfully submitted,
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