



DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

To: COMO Curtis Han, D11NR
Cc: District Board and Staff
Date: 17 June 2023
Division: 6 – Gold Coast
From: DCDR Dave Frisbey
RE: Division Report - June 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Continued verification of PATONs and ATONs in Monterey Bay.
2. Seven Surface Operations
3. Qualified New Coxswain, Boat Crew, and Vessel Examiner

DETAILS

1. Public Education

1. Summer break. Fall semester class registration is on 6 SEP.

2. Surface Operations

1. Two Monterey Bay Helo Ops with USCG Station San Francisco and Dolphin Dreams. Only one scheduled patrol engaged with a CG Helo in June. Crew members from 6-10 included members Smith, Cobery, and Krogstad aboard the Dolphin Dreams.
2. Five surface patrols during June including mini-OPTREX with night operations on 24 JUN. OTO Tomas Perez was present on board CRAFT Moment for the OPTREX. As the OPTREX was concluding, CRAFT Moment and No Worries responded to a distressed boater call near the One Mile buoy south of the Santa Cruz Harbor. The boat, with two crew onboard, was then towed back to the harbor by CRAFT Moment crew with escort and translation services provided by No Worries. BRAVO ZULU to all involved!

3. Navigation Systems

1. It has been a very busy month in the Navigation Systems program. Wally Smith, AV-PQS responded to and verified seventeen (17) buoys in the Santa Cruz area. These included State Park's swim buoys, and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary personal watercraft buoys. He also reported a non-permitted Private Aid to Navigation in Capitola.

2. Also, this month, Brian O'Mara, AV-PQS verified twenty-seven (27) PATONs in the Monterey area. That is a very large number for a single verifier. Great work.
3. Bard Mansager, FI-64 will join Division 6 aids to the navigation team as he completes the AV-PQS training and testing.
4. The NS program is now well on our way to completing 100% of the 70+ aids assigned to Division 6 by District.

4. Public Affairs

1. Division 6 Coastie repairs have been completed.

5. AUXScout

1. Sea Scout and Auxiliarist Huck Higgins attended D-Train. Scout Leaders and Auxiliarists Brenden Dungy and Rebbie Higgins also participated.
2. Flotilla 6-4 FSO-AS, Alex Urciuoli has met with BSA leaders and continues to investigate the possible start of a Sea Scout sponsorship by the Flotilla. In June, Urciuoli is also taking the AUX Instructor Development Course in order to renew his qualification to teach a Boating Safety Course (Boat America) as both the local Sea Scouts (USCG) and Sea Cadets (USN) have requested this class (as well as several flotilla members).

6. Member Training

1. Flotilla 6-10 members Debora & Jim Cohen are enrolled in the newly announced Qualified Instructor training conducted by D11 MT staff.
2. Boat Crew Trainees Brenden Dungy and John Fisher (FC, 6-10) completed their swim qualifications at the mini DTRAIN.
3. 6 JUN - OPS Workshop for 10 boat crew and trainees was conducted by COMO Smith.
4. Flotilla 6-4 FSO-IS, Joel Maslyn, conducted a training session for flotilla members at the meeting on 16 JUN to demonstrate how to enter data directly into AUXDATA II. Kim Huynh, has assisted the effort tirelessly and has our deepest appreciation for her continued efforts.

7. Vessel Examinations

1. FSO-MS, Tom Stead, conducted a vessel safety check at Moss Landing. Tom is the only commercial vessel examiner between Santa Cruz and Los Angeles. Unfortunately, he has submitted a transfer request to Morro Bay due to the commute distance to Monterey. His departure will leave the Flotilla without a FSO-MS.

8. Member Achievements

1. On the 23 JUN, a night patrol enabled 6 crew members to begin their certification for night operations. On the 24 JUN, a Mini-OPTREX qualified 6-10 FC Bruce Krogstad as Coxswain and 6-10 member Brenden Dungy as Boat Crew. Congratulations to both!
2. New member, Maggie Grymes, was sworn in to Flotilla 6-10
3. Flotilla 6-10 member Brenden Dungy was awarded his VE qualification.
4. Bard Mansager departs 9 July to deploy on USCGC HEALY for its Arctic patrol and will return in late August.
5. Program Visits – Two this Month: GP Sports & Bass Pro, San Jose, CA

9. Coast Guard Station Monterey Support

1. Flotilla 6-7 member Bobbi Kamil is putting together the plans for a party for Station Monterey in August. She will provide details at the Division meeting on 22 July.
2. Flotilla 6-7 member Maurius Landauer stood three, 3.5 hour watches at Station Monterey.

PROJECTS/EVENTS

- Saturday 22 JUL 1000 - 1200 - Division 6 Meeting - Station Monterey
- 5 AUG – CG Birthday Barbecue for CG Station Monterey and Auxiliary - Station Monterey
- 8 - 9 SEP – OPTREX – Santa Cruz
- 17 SEP - Missions Day - Monterey Coast Guard Pier
- Saturday 23 SEP 1000 - 1200 - Div 6 Mtg and Election- Santa Cruz Harbor Meeting Room
- Change of Watch – 11 NOV at Bayonet / Black Horse Golf Course - Seaside, CA
- Saturday 2 DEC - Lighted Boat Parade - Santa Cruz Harbor
- Saturday 9 DEC - Division Holiday Party - Location TBD
- 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.

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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