

## **Division 6 Commanders Report for February 2010**

**DATE:** February 9, 2009  
**DIVISION:** 6 Gold Coast  
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### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

1. Flotilla 6-4 along with members of Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 are working on preparations for the annual Valentine's Day Party to be held at the Station Monterey dining hall. This very popular and well-attended event will include the staff of Station Monterey, the crew of the Cutter Hawksbill and their families. In the past this has been a great social activity for both the active duty personnel and for the members of the Auxiliary.
2. A major QE session is being planned by Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 to be held at Santa Cruz Harbor on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The plans are for one initial coxswain, one requal coxswain, 3 crew in reyer requal, and 5 initial crew qualifications. With 10 individuals going through the qualification process it be an intense and hopefully productive day.

### **DETAILS:**

1. Division 6 AuxNet call out continues on each Monday of the month. Currently 11 Auxiliary radio facilities are participating with occasional communication with Station Monterey Comms. Four additional members have completed AUXCOM plus the PQS had their radios inspected as facilities and are now land mobile qualified.
2. The Agreement was completed with Monterey Bay Kayaks for the 2010 Kayak Vendor Project. This will include

vessel examinations on the rental kayaks and a possible kayak boating safety course as part of the public education mission.

3. Current member training being offered by Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10. A two consecutive Saturday February 6 and February 13 offering of the AUXSEA course. This will be interrupted by PCA and the followed by a two consecutive Saturday March 6 and March 13 offering AUXPAT. This will give Division 6 members an opportunity to complete in a short time frame two of their AUXCOM courses

### **AGENCY INTERACTIONS:**

1. A red lighting system is being installed in the Auxiliary radio tower at Santa Cruz harbor in order to improve night operations.
2. SO-PV Sean Sheehan is attempting to get safety literature that is printed in Spanish in order to provide information to that segment of the boating public.
3. Members of Flotilla 6-4 are continuing to provide fingerprinting service for the active duty members of Station Monterey. This is a great service for the active duty members as it negates their having to go to Oakland for this requirement.
4. Flotillas 6-7 and 6-10 upon agreement with the Santa Cruz Harbor Master have placed 4 literature boxes in the harbor area. These boxes are like the real estate information boxes placed in front of homes for sale. The Auxiliary boxes contain boating safety information, Auxiliary information, and notices of upcoming public education classes.

## **UPCOMING Events, Dates and Location:**

1. Annual Valentine's Day Dinner February 14<sup>th</sup> Station Monterey Dining Hall. All of Division 6 flotillas will participate.
2. A meet the COs' Day will be held in conjunction with the Monterey Bay Chapter of the Navy League. This event will include the commanding officers of the Defense Language Institute, Naval Post Graduate School, Navy Fleet Numeric, and Coast Guard Station Monterey.
3. Plans are being formulated for a Coast Guard Week recognition and activities to be held on Monterey during the first week of August.

## **DIVISION GOALS**

1. Retain current members, recruit new members. To have **more interaction, communication, shared events and training between the flotillas making up Division 6. To mentor new members and to continue to provide training for current members. To continue our excellent rapport with USCG Station Monterey and USCG Station Morro Bay and USCG Cutter Hawksbill.**

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