

= SpongeBob SquarePants (season 6) =

The sixth season of the American animated television series *SpongeBob SquarePants* , created by former marine biologist and animator Stephen Hillenburg , aired on Nickelodeon from March 3 , 2008 to July 5 , 2010 , and contained 26 episodes , beginning with the episode " Krabby Road " . The series chronicles the exploits and adventures of the title character and his various friends in the fictional underwater city of Bikini Bottom . The season was executive produced by series creator Hillenburg , who also acted as the showrunner . In 2009 , the show celebrated its tenth anniversary on television . The documentary film titled *Square Roots : The Story of SpongeBob SquarePants* premiered on July 17 , 2009 , and marked the anniversary . *SpongeBob 's Truth or Square* , a television film , and the special episode " To SquarePants or Not to SquarePants " were broadcast on Nickelodeon , as part of the celebration .

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Several compilation DVDs that contained episodes from the season were released . The *SpongeBob SquarePants : Season 6 , Volume 1* and *2* DVDs were released in Region 1 on December 8 , 2009 and December 7 , 2010 , respectively , while the complete set was released in Region 2 on November 29 , 2010 and Region 4 on December 2 , 2010 . On November 13 , 2012 , *The Complete Sixth Season DVD* was released in Region 1 .

= = Production = =

The season aired on Nickelodeon , which is owned by Viacom , and was produced by United Plankton Pictures and Nickelodeon . The season 's executive producers were series creator Stephen Hillenburg and Paul Tibbitt , who also acted as the series ' showrunner . Upon the announcement of Nickelodeon signing the new show *The Mighty B !* on December 12 , 2006 , it renewed *SpongeBob SquarePants* for a sixth season with 26 episodes in order , surpassing the 100 @-@ episode mark . Cyma Zarghami , president of Nickelodeon , said " One of the great things about animation is that you can play it over and over again , and kids will still watch it [...] With live action they won 't . " On March 3 , 2008 , the season premiered with the episode " Krabby Road " . It was written by Luke Brookshier , Nate Cash and Eric Shaw , while Alan Smart served as animation director .

In 2009 , Nickelodeon began celebrating the tenth anniversary of the show with *Square Roots : The Story of SpongeBob SquarePants* , a documentary special by filmmaker Patrick Creadon , that discusses the history of the show and the ascent of the " absorbing character 's journey to pop culture stardom " . Creator Stephen Hillenburg , speaking by phone from Southern California , said " Ten years . I never imagined working on the show to this date and this long . I really figured we might get a season and a cult following , and that might be it . " In an interview , Tom Kenny told that " What I 'm most proud of is that kids still really like it and care about it [...] They eagerly await new episodes . People who were young children when it started 10 years ago are still watching it and digging it and think it 's funny . That 's the loving cup for me . "

Nickelodeon also broadcast a 50 ½ -hour television marathon titled " The Ultimate SpongeBob SpongeBash Weekend " . The marathon featured the ten most memorable episodes as picked by its viewers on Nick.com. The night capped off with the television encore of The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie at 8 PM . On July 19 , ten new episodes including the special episode " To SquarePants or Not to SquarePants " premiered . Paramount Home Entertainment released a 14 @-@ disc DVD titled The First 100 Episodes on September 22 , 2009 . The DVD runs approximately 2200 minutes and includes the first 100 episodes of the series . A second SpongeBob SquarePants television film , titled Truth or Square , aired on Nickelodeon on November 6 , 2009 . Several celebrities made live action cameo appearances on the film , including Rosario Dawson , LeBron James , Tina Fey , Will Ferrell , Craig Ferguson , Robin Williams and P ! nk , while Ricky Gervais provided opening and closing narration for the film .

Animation was handled overseas in South Korea at Rough Draft Studios . Animation directors credited with episodes in the sixth season included Andrew Overtoom , Alan Smart , and Tom Yasumi . Episodes were written by a team of writers , which consisted of Casey Alexander , Steven Banks , Luke Brookshier , Nate Cash , Zeus Cervas , Sean Charmatz , Derek Iversen , Tom King , Dani Michaeli , Richard Pursel , Chris Reccardi , Aaron Springer , Eric Shaw , and Paul Tibbitt . The season was storyboarded by Alexander , Brookshier , Cash , Cervas , Charmatz , King , Reccardi , and Springer .

= = Cast = =

The sixth season had a cast of six main actors . Tom Kenny provided the voice of the title character SpongeBob SquarePants and his pet snail Gary . SpongeBob 's best friend , a starfish named Patrick Star , was voiced by Bill Fagerbakke , while Rodger Bumpass played the voice of Squidward Tentacles , an arrogant and ill @-@ tempered octopus . Other members of the cast were Carolyn Lawrence as Sandy Cheeks , a squirrel from Texas ; Clancy Brown as Mr. Krabs , a miserly crab obsessed with money and SpongeBob 's boss at the Krusty Krab ; and Mr. Lawrence as Plankton , a small green copepod and Mr. Krabs ' business rival . The season had a number of secondary characters including Jill Talley as Plankton 's computer wife , Karen ; Mary Jo Catlett as Mrs. Puff , SpongeBob 's driving instructor ; Lori Alan as Pearl , Mr. Krabs ' daughter ; and Brian Doyle @-@ Murray as the Flying Dutchman .

In addition to the regular cast members , episodes feature guest voices from many ranges of professions , including actors , athletes , authors , musicians , and artists . For instance , in the episode " House Fancy " , television personality Alton Brown guest starred as the character of Nicholas Whithers , the host and judge of a show of the same name . In an interview , Brown described the work as " a blast . " He said " I came up with this voice that didn 't sound anything like me . I channeled this very strange person . Only three people I know figured out it was even me when they saw it . " Actor and musician Johnny Depp guest starred in the episode " SpongeBob vs. The Big One " as the voice of Jack Kahuna Laguna , a surf guru that taught SpongeBob how to surf . According to Sarah Noonan , vice president of talent and casting for Nickelodeon , Depp accepted the role because he and his kids are fans of the show . The episode was also guest starred by musician and The Monkees ' Davy Jones who starred in the episode as himself , appearing at the bottom of the sea with his locker , and Bruce Brown providing vocal cameo as the episode 's narrator . In " The Card " , Ernest Borgnine returned , reprising his role as Mermaid Man . Borgnine later reappeared in the episodes " Ditchin ' " and " Shuffleboarding " , voicing his recurring role , with Tim Conway as Barnacle Boy . In " Dear Vikings " , English actor Ian McShane voiced Gordon , the leader of the large group of Vikings outside of Bikini Bottom . Dennis Quaid also appeared in the " Grandpappy the Pirate " as Grandpa Redbeard , Mr. Krabs ' grandfather . Furthermore , Dee Snider , the frontman of the heavy metal band Twisted Sister , guest starred in " Shell Shocked " as Angry Jack . Snider said " I knew they must be fans [of mine] because in the SpongeBob movie , they took my song ' I Wanna Rock ' and changed it to ' Goofy Goober Rock . ' I flipped at the opportunity to be in the show . I have four kids , and everybody loved SpongeBob . " In the entry " The Clash of Triton " , English singer Victoria Beckham guest starred in the episode as the wife of King Neptune ,

Queen Amphitrite . The writers created the role of a Queen Amphitrite especially for Beckham . The former Spice Girl accepted the role because her sons , Brooklyn , Romeo , and Cruz , love the show , were excited when their mother told them of the role , and looked forward to watching the episode with her . Beckham recorded the voice @-@ over in late @-@ 2008 in a day , and claimed that she was " thrilled " to provide the vocal cameo . Other guests in the episode including Seinfeld actor John O 'Hurley also made a vocal cameo in the episode as King Neptune , and Skid Row heavy metal vocalist Sebastian Bach as the voice of Triton .

Moreover , in the television film SpongeBob 's Truth or Square , various celebrities guest appeared , including Rosario Dawson , Craig Ferguson , Will Ferrell , Tina Fey , LeBron James , Triumph , the Insult Comic Dog , and Robin Williams as guest actors appearing as themselves in the live action sequences , while Ricky Gervais provided vocal cameo as the narrator .

= = Reception = =

The show itself received several recognition , including the Kids ' Choice Awards for Favorite Cartoon in 2009 and 2010 . SpongeBob SquarePants won the 2009 and 2010 Indonesia Kids ' Choice Awards for Favorite Cartoon , while being nominated at the 2010 Kids ' Choice Awards Mexico for the same category . At the 2009 ASTRA Awards , the show was nominated for the Favourite International Program category , but did not win . At the 37th Daytime Emmy Awards , the show won for Outstanding Special Class Animated Program , while the directors , including Andrea Romano , Tom Yasumi , Andrew Overtoom and Alan Smart , were nominated for Outstanding Directing in an Animated Program . The episode " SpongeBob vs. The Big One " was nominated at the 2010 Golden Reel Awards . At the 2009 and 2010 BAFTA Children 's Awards , the show was nominated for the Kids ' Vote ? Television and International category , respectively . The DVD release of the episode was nominated at the 37th Annie Awards for Best Home Entertainment Production . At the same award body , SpongeBob SquarePants was nominated for Best Animated Television Production for Children , while Tom Kenny won Best Voice Acting in a Television Production for his work on the television film SpongeBob 's Truth or Square as SpongeBob SquarePants . Furthermore , at the 38th Annie Awards , the show won for Best Animated Television Production for Children , while the crew members , Jeremy Wakefield , Sage Guyton , Nick Carr and Tuck Tucker , won the Music in a Television Production category . SpongeBob SquarePants also won at the 2011 ASCAP Film and Television Awards for Top Television Series . At the 2010 and 2011 TP de Oro , the series won the Best Children and Youth Program category . Sarah Noonan has been nominated for two Artios Awards of the Casting Society of America , out of which she won for Television Animation .

In a DVD review , Paul Mavis of DVD Talk " highly recommended " the set , saying " [The season has a shaky start] , but the laughs definitely pick up on the second disc . " In particular , Mavis praised the episode " The Splinter " as " one of the very best SpongeBob [episodes] , " while " Slide Whistle Stooges " , " Boating Buddies " , and " The Slumber Party " were described by Mavis as " SpongeBob season 's best offerings . " In a separate review for the " Volume 2 " DVD , Mavis only " recommended " it . He said that the episodes , including " Choir Boys " , " Pet or Pests " , " Overbooked " , " Shell Shocked " , " Komputer Overload " , " Chum Bucket Supreme " , and " Single Cell Anniversary " are " solid entries " and " all deliver steady laughs , " but has doubts that " they 're on a par with series ' best entries like ' The Splinter ' , ' Slide Whistle Stooges ' , ' Boating Buddies ' , and ' The Slumber Party ' . "

In a DVD review for the individual episode DVD release Spongicus , Roy Hrab of DVD Verdict said that " In my previous SpongeBob reviews I have commented that series has lost its edge . This offering does nothing to change my opinion . But what the heck do I know ? Clearly , the show continues to maintain a large following and the franchise is a license to print money for Nickelodeon . " The DVD consists of eight episodes and praised the episodes " Not Normal " and " Gone " by describing them " the best episode on the disc " and " a decent episode " , respectively . Also from DVD Verdict , Gordon Sullivan , on the DVD release To SquarePants or Not to SquarePants , said that " [it is] a solid collection of SpongeBob SquarePants episodes . " He added that " My only

serious problem with this set is that it 's only eight episodes long ; a more complete season @-@ style release would be more efficient . On the technical front everything is fine , with the bright , solid colors of Bikini Bottom shining through clearly and all the dialogue and effects clear and detailed . " Sullivan gave the episodes " The Splinter " , " Slide Whistle Stooges " , and " The Krabby Kronicle " an 8 / 10 rating , while " Boating Buddies " received the lowest rating with 3 / 10 .

= = Episodes = =

Key

The following episodes listed in the chart are arranged according to the numbering found in their U.S. Copyright registration records , rather than by their original air dates .

= = DVD release = =

The first 24 segment episodes of the sixth season were released on DVD by Paramount Home Entertainment in the United States and Canada on December 8 , 2009 . The " Volume 1 " DVD release features bonus material including animated shorts . The remaining 23 segment episodes were also released under the title " Volume 2 " in the United States and Canada on December 7 , 2010 . The DVD release also features bonus material including music videos , shorts and featurettes . In Region 2 and 4 , the DVD release for the season was a complete set . On November 13 , 2012 , The Complete Sixth Season DVD was released in Region 1 , two years after the season had completed broadcast on television .