

# COAST GUARD CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**E-MAIL:** My address is [CGC@triad.rr.com](mailto:CGC@triad.rr.com) & [ad4pt@arrl.net](mailto:ad4pt@arrl.net). Members of the **Coast Guard Club** who have e-mail service, please let me know & I will add you to Appendix E of the call book. Additionally, Dick Anderson, [ke7a@gte.net](mailto:ke7a@gte.net), & I need to know when you obtain, cancel, or change providers or addresses. Please take a look at Dick's **Coast Guard Club** page at <http://home1.gte.net/ke7a/index.htm> to ensure your address is listed correctly. You may also go to [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) & look up KE7A to link up or Search "USCG amateur radio operators net".

## SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS

The CG medevaced an ailing crab fisherman aboard a fishing vessel about 90 miles W of St Paul Island who was suffering from medical complications aboard the fishing vessel *Sandra Five*. An HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter & crew, deployed to St. Paul Island for the Bering Sea crab fishery, was launched. The fisherman was hoisted aboard the helicopter & flown to St. Paul Island to an awaiting ambulance.

The CG spent a busy weekend performing medical evacuations from various cruise ships. CG personnel medevaced a man from the cruise ship *Disney Magic*. The patient was experiencing chest pains & suffering from a possible heart attack. A Dolphin helicopter from AirSta Miami transported the patient from Gorda Key, Bahamas, to emergency medical services in Nassau, Bahamas. The CG medevaced a woman from the cruise ship *Carnival Spirit* after she had suffered a heart attack 3 days earlier. A rescue boat from Station Key West with a 2-member Advanced Cardio Life Support team on board, met the ship & embarked the patient & the ship's nurse. While on board, the patient went into full cardiac arrest. The ACLS team & the ship's nurse began to resuscitate the patient until she was transferred to an ambulance. The patient is at Lower Keys Memorial Hospital, where she was in critical but stable condition. The CG received a report of a man experiencing severe abdominal pain & suffering from possible appendicitis on board the cruise ship *Fascination*. The crew of a Station Miami Beach rescue boat safely transported the patient from the Miami Sea Buoy to emergency medical service personnel. The crew of an Operation Bahamas Turks & Caicos CG Jayhawk helicopter was diverted to San Salvador Bahamas, to medevac a man from the cruise ship *Maasdam*. While the ship's medical crew was transferring the patient from the ship to a rescue boat, the patient went into cardiac arrest & passed away.

A CG search & rescue boat & helicopter, along with local authorities, are searching for a missing man who was last seen near the Perdido Pass Bridge. The missing boater was last seen at the rear of a 19-foot Carolina Skiff. He was onboard with his wife & a small child. The man is 6 feet tall & is wearing a blue shirt & blue pants. He is not reported to have a life jacket on. A 21-foot boat from Station Pensacola & a helicopter from AirSta New Orleans are currently assisting alongside the Alabama Marine Police, Daphne Search & Rescue & Lower Alabama Search & Rescue. Local authorities are currently dragging the water & have divers on scene. The helicopter & rescue boat will continue to search the area.

The CG medevaced a 43-year-old man working on a crab boat in the Bering Sea Friday night after a pot struck him. Edward Williams was working the deck on the *Lady Kiska* about 65-miles SW of St. Paul, when a nearly 700-pound crab pot struck him in the chest. A CG Jayhawk helicopter pre-deployed to St. Paul was launched to transport Williams. Williams was hoisted & flown to St. Paul where he arrived in stable condition.

A CG boarding team investigating a shrimp boat aground in the Laguna Madre found an abandoned vessel with more than \$7 million worth of marijuana onboard, the largest drug seizure of the year for the CG. CWO Patrick Culver, from Station South Padre Island said the team was returning from a homeland security patrol when they spotted the vessel *HW jr.* & boarded it to see what caused the grounding. "We saw big bales with bricks of marijuana," said Culver. He said the largest bale weighed 110 pounds & 8,975 pounds of marijuana were found during the search. U.S. Customs & Border Patrol agents began an extensive air & ground search of the area. Three men found walking along a highway were arrested in connection with the discovery & are being held by U.S. Customs. The boat ran aground on the S side of the Brownsville ship channel, about 50 feet from shore. CG personnel found a life raft that might have been used to get to shore.

CG Port Security Unit 305 is scheduled for imminent deployment to Naval Base Guantanamo Bay to provide waterside security to military vessels entering or leaving the bay & limited land-based protection to amphibious off-load vessels operating in the near shore area. PSU 305 from Fort Eustis, Va., is 1 of 6 specially trained PSUs throughout the nation.

## Rating Changes

FT, QM, RD, TT, TC, are being merged into other ratings. Two new ratings, Operations System Specialist (OS) & Information System Technician (IT) are being created. FTs & ET: Will merge into a revised ET rating. QMs & BMs will merge into a revised BM rating. RDs & ¼ of the TC rating will form the new OS rating, along with some BMs & QMs who have operations centre experience. The new IT rating will be created from TTs, the remaining ¼ of the TCs & some people from other ratings who have obtained information resources management qualification.

**BM RATING:** The BM rating will grow when merged with the QM rating. A redesigned BM 'A' school will be established at TRACEN Yorktown, Va. by the summer of 2002. At least one new 'C' school (Bridgwatch) is planned for members of the BM rating. BMs will become skilled in leadership, navigation, seamanship & boat handling. The billets where they will be assigned are on cutters, at small boat stations, at aids to navigation units, & in law enforcement detachments. Some of the BM billets currently at MSOs will eventually become MST billets.

**OS RATING:** The OS rating will be the tactical & intelligence experts for the service. Operations centre duty will be included among OS rating responsibilities. OSs will operate command, control & communication systems afloat, ashore, & in the air. A new OS 'A' school will be established at TRACEN Petaluma, Calif., & class 'C' schools will be located in various other locations. Initial preparation

will be focussed on the telecommunications principles that are now core to the TCs of the Coast Guard. As they progress in rate, OSs will acquire the skills & knowledge required of our SAR & LE controllers. They will also be our experts in the command & control software systems in use today & planned for tomorrow.

**IT RATING:** The IT rating will be responsible for the implementation & maintenance of the Coast Guard's IT infrastructure used to collect, store, & forward all voice, data & video information used in the execution of the Coast Guard's missions & duties. ITs will maintain Standard Workstation III systems, computer networks at sea & ashore, the C4I system, propulsion control systems & perform telephony duties previously assumed by TTs. A new IT school will be established at TRACEN Petaluma.

**ET RATING:** The ET rating will grow when it is merged with the FT rating. The ET core curriculum will be taught at TRACEN Petaluma, & a number of class 'C' schools will be offered in various other locations. ETs will maintain & service electronics systems associated with communications, engineering, main propulsion control, integrated systems, & fire control.

All rating changes are scheduled for completion by the summer of 2003.

## Stats FY 02

Lives saved: 533

Migrants Interdicted: 929

Drugs seized: Cocaine: 33,560 lbs, Marijuana 13,618 lbs

**CGC McLANE RESTORATION:** Jim Gill, K6IRR, is trying to obtain information regarding the types of radio gear about the WSC (125-ft. Cutter class) during the 1940s & where replacement equipment for this period may be found. Jim may be contacted at pdp@cts.com.

**COAST GUARD CLUB CALL BOOK** is bound in a spiral binder & includes the latest changes, & now includes a Certificate of Membership in the **Coast Guard Club** suitable for framing. As of today the book is 1" thick. If you want a copy of the call book, send a cheque for \$15.00, which includes postage, payable to **Don Gardner**. (Sold to CGC members only.)

**COAST GUARD NETS:** The Coast Guard Radio Amateur SSB Net is on the air each Saturday from 1200-1300 ET on 14300 (14313 alternate). At 1300 ET the Net shifts to 14327 & continues, usually for about 30 minutes. Dick Anderson, KE7A, in the Dallas-Ft Worth area, is the NCS. A CW Net with Fred Goodwin, K7LF, as NCS, is on 14052/7052 & runs simultaneously.

**COAST GUARD STORIES:** Check Out: **Jack's Joint**, [www.jacksjoint.com/](http://www.jacksjoint.com/), which has interesting Coast Guard short stories & scuttlebutt. I used selected short stories from this site for my version of **Coast Guard Stories, Vol. I & Vol. II**. I will print the volume(s) for you on my printer, put it in a spiral binder & send you a copy postage paid for \$19.95 each, or \$39.00 when both volumes are ordered. These volumes are on file at USCG Hq. in care of Dr Browning, the Coast Guard Historian. Dr Browning advised they will be kept in a place of honour in the Public Affairs Office. Volume III has begun & is in need of stories from Coasties. If you have something interesting to write regarding & incident or memories of your time in the 'Guard', please send it to me by e-mail, diskettes, or a paper copy. Don't worry about spelling, punctuation, or whatever.

## REUNIONS

**CGC ANDROSCOGGIN:** Reunion officers & crew from Vietnam era 1967-68, sometime in September (specific date to be announced later). More info RMCM Jack Cunniff, 1130 Oceanwood DR N, Neptune Beach FL 32266, e-mail RMCMJACK@aol.com or RMCM J L Thomas Sr., 6605 Morocco DR, Louisville KY 40214, fone 502 364 9861, e-mail: NBNP374@aol.com.

**CGAS ELIAZABETH CITY:** Reunion 31 May-2 June biennial reunion sponsored by CPOA open to everyone assigned to any E-City command. Website [www.geocities.com/ecitycpoa/ecreunion](http://www.geocities.com/ecitycpoa/ecreunion). More info packet from CPOA, POB 1362, Elizabeth City, NC 27906-1362, fone 252 335 5594, e-mail [ecitycpoa@yahoo.com](mailto:ecitycpoa@yahoo.com).

**CGC CAMPBELL:** Reunion 15-18 May 2002 Charleston, SC. Contact James Kelly, VP, USCGC Assn., W32-@909, fone 860 848 1160 or email [jkelly@uconnect.net](mailto:jkelly@uconnect.net).

**CGC CASCO:** Any former crewmembers who would like to be placed on a mailing list of shipmates & activities that includes a reunion every several years, contact: Gordon C Kelly, P O BOX 141, Lyon, WI 53148.

**CGC COURIER:** Reunion 11-18 October for all who served aboard. Further info: Rev. Gil Riggs, POB 828, San Rafael, NM 87051, fone 505 287-3338, e-mail [dnewe113@charter.net](mailto:dnewe113@charter.net). Approx attendance at this time is 80.

**CGC ROCKAWAY:** Reunion 26-28 April 2002 at Orlando, FL. Latest news & updates check [www.cccnews.net/rockaway/index2.htm](http://www.cccnews.net/rockaway/index2.htm). For more information contact Chief Harris 602 274 8980, email [tio@inficad.com](mailto:tio@inficad.com) or Frank Carlsson [adselinc@aol.com](mailto:adselinc@aol.com)

**LIGHTSHIP SAILORS:** Reunion 1-3 August. For further info contact Marty Krzywicki, 940 Albermarle St., St Paul MN 55117, fone 651 588 0504, e-mail [LightshipSailor@msn.com](mailto:LightshipSailor@msn.com). Direct reservations at the Hampton Inn Westport, fone 508 675 8500 and mention 'LSA' for reduced rate.

**SURVIVORS OF THE USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (CG)** reunion will be held 27-29 January 2002 in Baltimore. A special ceremony is planned on 29 January aboard sister ship CGC TANEY. For further info. contact Mike Walling at work 617 443 2617, or home 978 562 9873, or e-mail [mwalling@military.com](mailto:mwalling@military.com).

**MEMBERSHIP:** There are 506 members now in our club as of 24 January, which exceeded our goal of 500! Our 2002 goal is 530. de AD4PT.