

COAST GUARD CLUB NEWSLETTER

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WHO RECEIVES THIS NEWSLETTER? Members who have an upcoming birthday, each potential **Coast Guard Club** recruit, & any Coastie I write to. This Newsletter is posted on the Web at <http://home1.gte.net/ke7a/index.htm>, www.jacksjoint.com & at www.fredsplace.org. If you can receive e-mail files & would like a copy of this Newsletter each month, please contact me.

E-MAIL: My address is CGC@triad.rr.com & 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, & 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 & look up KE7A to link up or Search "USCG amateur radio operators net".

SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS

A CG helicopter crew rescued 2 Sitka fishermen whose fishing vessel sank 54 miles SW of Sitka. The CG received one mayday call from David Emswiler, skipper of the *Northern Dawn*, reporting the 40-ft vessel was taking on water. Emswiler gave the CG his location & said he & his crewman, Tony Tucker, were donning survival suits & abandoning ship into their life raft. A Sitka-based helicopter crew arrived on the scene & hoisted the 2 fishermen aboard & transported them to CG Air Station Sitka. Emswiler & Tucker, both uninjured, were released to awaiting family members. "These guys were prepared & did everything right," said Lt. Chris Ahearn, a search & rescue coordinator in Juneau. "They had time for one mayday & gave us their position, told us how many people were on board & that they were donning their survival suits & abandoning ship into a life raft. When the helicopter crew arrived on scene, the *Northern Dawn* was gone." A CG investigator from Marine Safety Detachment Sitka is investigating the sinking.

A 47-ft rescue boat from CG Station Woods Hole, MA., is towing a passenger ferry with 3 crewmembers on board to New Bedford after the ferry became disabled in rough seas 4 miles S of Sakonnet Point, R.I. A crewmember from the *Eugenia Louise*, a 106-ft passenger ferry owned by Boston Harbor Cruise, hailed the CG & reported that they were taking water over their bow in 8-ft seas & 20 knot winds, & were experiencing icing conditions. The cause of the disablement is unknown & there are no injuries reported.

The CG is searching for a missing shrimp boat captain in the waters west of Homosassa & Crystal River, FL, after finding his vessel aground near the Crystal River Nuclear Power Plant. David Delade, 35, captain of the fishing vessel *Tuff Enuff*, was due to return to his fish house to offload his catch, but when he did not arrive, the CG was notified & began a search for the overdue vessel. An Air Station Clearwater HH-60 helicopter located the grounded vessel, but Delade's location remains unknown. Crews from CG Station Yankeetown, Air Station Clearwater & the CG Auxiliary, along with local law enforcement, are searching the waters between Homosassa & Crystal River for the missing man. Anyone with information is asked to call the CG command centre in St. Petersburg at 727-824-7506.

The CGC *MIDGETT*, based in Seattle, returned from the 3-month Counter Drug patrol "Operation New Frontier", in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. The operation, which included 3 other CG cutters & a CG Tactical Law Enforcement Team aboard a U.S. Navy vessel, seized more than 19 tons of cocaine & 5 tons of marijuana in 8 separate drug seizures. "Successful operations like these make a tremendous difference," said John P. Walters, Director of National Drug Control Policy. "Effective interdiction efforts disrupt drug trafficker operations & protect our citizens. We are proud of the close interagency coordination between all the federal agencies involved. These operations have kept a huge amount of cocaine from reaching the streets of the United States." USCGC *MIDGETT* highlights of Operation New Frontier:

Jan 16 – Pursued & boarded a go-fast vessel; detained the 6-person crew; & seized 925 pounds of cocaine.

Jan 24 – Pursued & boarded a go-fast vessel; detained the 4-person crew; & seized 733 pounds of cocaine.

Feb 22 – Pursued the Mexican-flagged fishing vessel *Atun*, which was alleged to be trafficking contraband. As the *MIDGETT* approached, the 11-person crew scuttled the fishing vessel. They were detained on the *MIDGETT* & turned over to Mexican Naval authorities. In addition to Operation New Frontier, *MIDGETT* interdicted a fishing vessel that was transporting 167 illegal migrants; & medically evacuated the master of the Japanese Merchant vessel *Planet Ace*, who was suffering from acute appendicitis. The medical evacuation was completed with assistance from a helicopter detachment, based at CG Air Station Port Angeles, Wash.

CG & Marine Corp rescue units are searching for one person after a helicopter went down Friday evening in the ocean about 35 miles E of Brunswick, Ga. The Beaufort SeaTach notified the CG of a downed civilian helicopter with 2 people on board working for the Marine Corps. The CG immediately launched a rescue helicopter from Air Station Savannah, a rescue boat from CG Station Tybee Island & diverted the CGC *YELLOWFIN* to conduct searches of the known location of the accident. The Marine Corp also launched a rescue helicopter to assist in the search. The CG rescue crew located & rescued 1 survivor. While taking the victim to Savannah Memorial Hospital, the patient's condition deteriorated & CG crewmembers had to administer CPR until reaching the hospital. The survivor later passed away at the hospital. Marine Corps and CG rescue units remain on-scene searching for the second person. The combined rescue units are searching about a 40-50 square miles of open ocean.

A rigid hull inflatable boat from CG Station Maui picked up 2 people in the water after their 16-foot Hobie trifoiler sailboat was demasted and capsized a ¼ mile off Sugar Beach, Maui. The 2 people were reportedly uninjured. The station took the damaged trifoiler in tow & transferred the people to land at the Ma'alaea Harbor.

In a separate incident, the same crew of the rigid hull inflatable boat from Station Maui medically evacuated a 57-year-old man from a Maui charter vessel during a snorkeling trip to Molokini. The man was reportedly having difficulty breathing & was coughing up blood. The crew administered oxygen & transferred the man to an awaiting ambulance at Station Maui, which transported him to Maui Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

Statistics 27 March: Lives Saved: 895; Drugs Seized: Cocaine 73,267 lbs, Marijuana 22,413 lbs. Migrants Interdicted: 1628.

SPARS: While the Coast Guard SPARs reaches their 60th anniversary this year, the first Director of the SPARs, CAPT Dorothy Stratton reached her 103rd birthday on March 24th. Help us proudly celebrate by sending birthday greetings to her via her good

friend, CAPT Gleason, Ret. at: CAPT Dorothy Stratton, c/o CAPT Jeanne Gleason, USCGR Ret., 5405-C Connecticut Av NW, Washington, DC 20015-2705

FRIENDS OF LONG ISLAND WIRELESS HISTORY are preparing an exhibit for the Long Island Maritime Museum & would be interested in hearing from anyone who served on a land DF or HuffDuff station, or aboard a ship using HuffDuff. Contact Van R Field, W2OQI, at wreck_and_rescue@juno.com.

T-101-B built for the USCG. Van Field, W2OQI, would like a diagram of the equipment to display shipboard radio gear from the 30s & 40s for a local Long Island maritime museum. E-mail Van at: wreck_and_rescue@juno.com if you have any information.

RMS TITANIC SPECIAL EVENT: Look for a special event station from 1030Z Saturday 13 April through 0547Z Monday 15 April to commemorate the heroism of Jack Phillips, Chief Wireless Telegraphist. His SOS call saved more than 700 lives when the liner sank 90 years ago on 15 April. Special callsign GB90MGY, operating from Godalming, Surrey, UK the birthplace of Jack. CW only from 80-100 metres including the WARC bands. QSLs via RSGB. More info can be found at www.gdrs.net/titanic.

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.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS! 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, send a cheque for \$15.00, which includes postage, payable to **Don Gardner**. (Sold to CGC members **only**.) **JANAP-131** (1949 version) \$7.00. **ACP-131** (March 1997) \$7.00. Or you can download your own ACP-131 plus others at www.dtic.mil/jcs/j6/cceb/acps/, plus other unclassified ACPs are available there.

COAST GUARD STORIES: Check Out: **Jack's Joint**, 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 \$15.00 each. These volumes are on file at USCG Hq. in care of Dr Browning, the Coast Guard Historian. Dr Browning advised they are kept in a place of honour in the Public Affairs Office. I have begun Volume III & need of stories from Coasties to complete it. If you have something interesting to write regarding an incident or memory 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.

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.

COST OF STAMPS: I haven't decided yet but I may stop mailing the newsletter and birthday cards when the increased postal rate changes take effect later this year.

REUNIONS

CUTTERS: Reunion 27 to 31 October at Wilmington, NC for **DILIGENCE, McCULLOCH, MENDOTA, & NORTHWIND**. Further info: Joe Pickens, Lighthouse Road, Given, WV 25245, fone 304 372 5648, e-mail n8uxe@citynet.net.

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 ELIZABETH 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. More info packet from CPOA, POB 1362, Elizabeth City, NC 27906-1362, fone 252 335 5594, e-mail ecitycpoa@yahoo.com.

CGC CAMPBELL: Reunion 15-18 May 2002 Charleston, SC. Contact James Kelly, VP, USCGC Assn., fone 860 848 1160 or email 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. 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. For more information contact Chief Harris 602 274 8980, or Frank Carlsson e-mail: adselinc@aol.com.

LIGHTSHIP SAILORS: Reunion 1-4 August. For further info contact Marty Krzywicki, 940 Albermarle St., St Paul MN 55117, fone 651 588 0504, e-mail LightshipSailor@msn.com. Direct reservations at the Hampton Inn Westport, fone 508 675 8500 and mention 'LSA' for reduced rate.

255 FOOT CUTTERS: 4 to 8 May 2003 Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas. Contact Doak Walker fone: 907 789 2579, FAX 97 789 2780, e-mail: doak17@gci.net, web <http://255wpg.11net.com>, snail mail: P O Box 33523, Juneau, AK 99803. Registration forms will be mailed in June. 2002.

MEMBERSHIP: There are 520 members in our club as of 28 March. On 10 March last year there were 467 members. Our 2002 goal is 530. de AD4PT.