

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](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 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](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 on the web".

CGC MEMBERS, LET US SEE YOU. You may add your picture(s) to the club's call book by sending it (them) as an email attachment or by mail to me. A few of the guys have sent pictures of when they were in the Guard and a current picture. The book has become more interesting with the added pictures.

NEW 83-FOOTER WEB SITE: <http://uscg83footers.org/>

STATISTICS: DRUGS SEIZED: Cocaine, 111,970 lbs, Marijuana Products, 39,281 lbs, LIVES SAVED, 3,281, MIGRANTS INTERDICTED: 3,876.

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The skipper of the FV *Cookie Jar* contacted the CGAS in Kodiak reporting that he was unable to pick up 4 hunters because of heavy surf conditions at the point of Cape Fairfield. The men had fire & water for an overnight stay, so the CG opted to wait to see if the weather improved. The master contacted the CG in the a.m. & reported he was still unable to pick up the hunters. The skipper spoke with the hunters who reported they were out of food. A CG helicopter & crew from Cordova was launched to assist the stranded men. The men were hoisted aboard & flown to Seward. The men's hunting gear were picked up in a skiff from the *Cookie Jar* & returned to Seward. All 4 of the hunters, who are stationed at Fort Wainwright, near Fairbanks, were in good condition when delivered to Seward.

A rescue boat crew from CG Station Juneau aided an injured fisherman near Point Bridget in SE Alaska. Rob Becker, 30, aboard the FV *Lone Star*, severed a finger on his right hand when his hand became entangled while retrieving fishing nets. Becker called the CG for medical assistance. The station 47-ft boat crew responded. Once on scene, the CG crew learned that Becker's injury disallowed him from retrieving his nets that eventually fouled the 32-ft boat's screws. The CG rescuers took him aboard the 47-fer & transported him to the Echo Cove boat ramp after placing him in the 47-fer's small deployable boat. The Station Juneau crew took Becker ashore & transferred him to an awaiting EMS team. Becker received medical treatment at Juneau's Bartlett Regional Hospital. A Good Samaritan boater took the *Lone Star* to Mab Island & anchored the vessel.

The CG received a report of a vessel going in circles by the jetties close to the Monitor Merrimack Bridge Tunnel. A 27-ft rescue boat from Station Portsmouth launched to investigate. The vessel was found on the shore with no one onboard & the engine running. The rescue boat immediately began a search for a person in the water. An HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from CGAS Elizabeth City was diverted from training to assist in the search while Virginia Marine Resource Commission officers went to the home of the owner listed on the registration of the boat. The wife of the owner confirmed her husband left to go tuna fishing. Around midnight, the CGC *BELUGA*, based out of Little Creek, Va., joined in the search. A Jayhawk rejoined the search & shortly after a 27-ft rescue boat commenced searching as well. The search has been suspended pending any further information or developments.

The CGC *KEY LARGO* boarded a FV after observing it allegedly fishing inside the Tortugas Shrimp Sanctuary, a zone closed to shrimp trawling. The FV *Miss Linda Darlene*, homeport in Coden, AL, was located by a CG helicopter & intercepted by the *KEY LARGO*. The *KEY LARGO*'s boarding team reported an estimated 1,800 pounds of shrimp in the vessel's hold. The shrimp were transferred to agents from the National Marine Fisheries Service, who met the vessel at Bama Seafood on Stock Island in Key West. The evidence package for this seizure has been forwarded to NMFS, who will determine if a formal Notice of Violation will be issued. 'Fisheries stocks are a finite resource that are placed in jeopardy by illegal fishing,' said LCDR David Cinalli, chief of fisheries enforcement for the 7th CG District. 'The Tortugas shrimp sanctuary & other areas closed to fishing are essential to the prudent management of these fisheries. Vessels that breach these closed areas are cheating other fishermen & future generations out of the livelihood fishing & jeopardize this national resource for all of us,' he added. *KEY LARGO* is a 110-ft patrol boat home ported in Key West.

NEW CG BOAT: If the new 47-ft. motor lifeboat rolls over, its buoyancy chambers & ballasts will automatically right it in 7 to 9 seconds, with the engine still running. 30-ft. waves & 57 mph winds can't stop it—although a rollover will rip the antennas & wires off the mast. By comparison, 8-ft. waves & 34 mph winds are all that the existing 41-fters can handle. Those features are crucial for a boat that will average 1 SAR op. & spend 5-6 hours a day on harbour patrols for homeland security purposes. The boats cost \$800,000. It's the first of the CGs small boats to have air conditioning or auto pilot.

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 Huff-Duff station, or aboard a ship using Huff-Duff. Contact Van R Field, W2OQI, at <WRECK_AND_RESCUE@JUNO.COM>. **T-101-B built for the USCG.** Van 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 the above address if you have any information.

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 (Sold to CGC members only.) CALL BOOK is bound in a 1-1/2" spiral binder & will include a Certificate of Membership in the **Coast Guard Club** suitable for framing. If you want a copy, send a cheque for \$15.00, which includes postage, payable to Don Gardner. JANAP-131 (1949 version) \$7.00; ACP-131 (March 1997) \$7.00. Or you can download your own ACP-131 at WWW.DTIC.MIL/JCS/J6/CCEB/ACPS/.

COAST GUARD STORIES: Check out www.jacksjoint.com/, which has interesting CG short stories I selected short stories from this site for my version of Coast Guard Stories, Vol. I & 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 CG Historian. Dr Browning advised they are kept in a place of honour in the Public Affairs Office. I have begun Volume III & need 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, diskette, or a paper copy. Don't worry about spelling or punctuation.

CG NETS: The CG Radio Amateur SSB Net is on the air each Saturday from 12-1300 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.

REUNIONS

ALL COASTIE RANKS & RATINGS who served aboard buoy tenders, 210-ft. Cutters & Radio/CommStations: If you would like to help determine interest for a reunion, please e-mail me at <E.GARCIA@ADELPHIA.NET>, snail mail: Ernest Garcia, W4EG, 3734 Holloway St., Newbury Park, CA 91320-5339. I will gather the info & depending on the response, will keep you updated via the CGC Newsletter, e-mail or, if you like, by telephone.

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 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.

255 FOOT CUTTERS: 4 to 8 May **2003** Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas. Contact Doak Walker fone: 907 789 2579, FAX 907 789 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 525 members in our club as of 23 September 4 members became Silent Keys during September.

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