

Coast Guard Club Newsletter

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COAST GUARD CLUB 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.

BOOKS: Coast Guard Stories Vol. III is completed. Each of the three volumes costs \$15.00.

UNCLAS Communications publications: I have a number of UNCLAS communications documents on a CD. If anyone would like to have a copy of any publication listed below as a memento, I can print it out for you, enclose it in a binder and mail it to you at cost, depending on the number of pages. Send enquiries to me at DGARDNER@NORTHSTATE.NET.

ACP-113(AD) Call Signs, 1996

ACP-121(F) General, 1983

ACP-124(D) Radiotelegraph, 1987

ACP-125(F) Radiotelephone, 2001

ACP-126(C) Teletypewriter, 1994

ACP-127(G) Tape relay, 1988

ACP-131(E) OpSignals (Q & Z), 1997

ACP-135(E) Distress & Rescue, 1996

ACP-167(H) CE Terms, 1998

JANAP-131 pre-ACP-131, (Q & Z), 1949

Search and Rescue SitReps

OCEAN SHORES, WA The CG airlifted a 25 yo man from the fishing vessel *Milky Way*. CG Group/Air Station Astoria launched an HH-60 Jawhawk helo & a 47-ft motor lifeboat (MLB) from CG Station Grays Harbor in response to the emergency call received by Group Astoria from the 72-ft fishing vessel located 10 NM miles NW of Ocean Shores. The injured fisherman suffered a broken nose, broken jaw, & facial fractures. Once the rescue crews arrived on scene the fisherman was transferred to the MLB, where an emergency medical technician prepared him to be hoisted by the helicopter. The helo airlifted the man to Grays Harbor Community Hospital in Aberdeen, WA. Weather conditions on scene at the time of the rescue consisted of 6-ft seas with 10 knot winds.

MIAMI CGC *MANITOU* & an HH-65 Dolphin rescue helo from Air Station Borinquen are searching for 2 migrants possibly missing from a yola found 2 miles N of Rincon, PR. The migrants were reported missing from a group of 12 intercepted by *MANITOU* after their yola was spotted by a Good Samaritan N of Rincon. The CG has rescued more than 350 migrants from the DR since Jan. 8.

SAN JUAN, PR Dept of Homeland Security & local law enforcement agencies, along with the Dominican Republic Navy, continue to intercept & repatriate migrants attempting to illegally enter the US from the Dominican Republic, stopping another 23 migrants & turning back approx 15 more. This interagency, international effort has resulted in the rescue at sea & return to the DR of more than 550 migrants so far in 2004. These 3 most recent cases began when Forces United for Rapid Action (FURA) advised the CG of a 25-ft wooden yola about 30 miles N of Desecheo Island, PR. A CG HU-25 Falcon jet already patrolling the Mona Passage located the vessel, & the CGC *SAPELO* was vectored to its position. *SAPELO* arrived on scene & embarked 14 Dominican migrants, 11 male & 3 female, who were all repatriated.

CGC *DECISIVE* deployed a HH-65 Dolphin helo which detected a 20-ft yola with approx 15 migrants E of Cabo Engano, DR. Sighting the helo, the yola returned to shore; it's passengers scattered ashore.

Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) aircraft detected a 20-ft yola 5 miles SE of Mona Island, PR. The CG Integrated Command Centre was notified, & the *HARRIET LANE* was diverted. *HARRIET LANE* located the vessel & safely removed the 9 migrants who were repatriated to Bavarro, DR. The CG, ICE's Air & Marine Branch, U.S. Border Patrol, FURA & the DR Navy are conducting increased & coordinated operations in the Mona Passage & the W coast of PR to detect, intercept at sea or apprehend ashore, & repatriate migrants attempting to illegally enter the country. These efforts are in the interest of both the border security of the US & the safety of life at sea due to the inherent danger these voyages represent to

their passengers. Once on board CGC, all migrants receive food, water, lifejackets, & medical treatment, if necessary.

ATLANTIC BEACH, NC The search for an overdue fisherman off the NC coast was suspended. Robert Freeman, 62, of Goldsboro, NC, reportedly headed out from Swansboro, to Cape Lookout, in his 17-ft, off-white, *Thunderbird* vessel. When he didn't return, his son contacted the CG. Following the report, air & water assets were launched to search. A CG C-130 from CGAS Elizabeth City, rescue boats from CG stations Fort Macon, & Emerald Isle, a Marine helo from MCAS Cherry Point, & Cape Lookout National Seashore Park Rangers assisted in the search. The rescue units exhausted the area between Swansboro & Cape Lookout & up to 30 miles off shore before suspending their efforts. A small craft advisory had been in effect in the area with 45-knot winds & seas ranging from 6 to 12-ft.

CHETCO RIVER, OR Two men are safe tonight after their 36-ft pleasure craft went aground after being hit by several large waves on the Chetco River Bar. The crew of the *Shamrock*, Norman Relaford & Eugene Chickinell of Brookings, OR were advised by CG Station Chetco River that the river bar was restricted to recreational vessels & were advised to turn back. The *Shamrock* radioed the CG that they would, however the vessel was already on the bar at that time. The CG recognised the danger of the situation & immediately launched 2 47-ft motor lifeboats & a mobile unit by truck. Soon after the *Shamrock* turned back they were struck by several large waves, which forced the boat hard aground on the beach.

CHARLESTON, SC The CG has just learned Terry Labonte, 2-time Nextel Series Champion, will join his son Justin Labonte, driver of the 2004 Team CG Racing/Labonte Motorsports #44 NASCAR Busch Series car for a visit to CG units in Charleston, SC, Jan. 20-21. The visit is the Labonte's 1st opportunity to witness the mission capabilities of the CG since the service announced its partnership with Labonte Motorsports for a 15-race schedule in the 2004 NASCAR Busch Series in mid December. Both Terry & his son Justin will receive an orientation to the CG including a tour of the CGC *ANVIL*, rides aboard the 87-ft Cutter *TARPON*, a 47-ft motor lifeboat & a 25-ft Defender Class homeland security boat, & a search & rescue demonstration between an HH-65 Dolphin helo & the 25-ft Defender Class boat. Justin Labonte is excited to be representing the men & women of the USCG during the upcoming 2004 NASCAR Busch Series championship. 'It is an honour for me to be associated with such a great military service as the CG', Labonte said. 'I am privileged to have the opportunity to foster a better understanding of all the CG does & what it represents, & I am committed to using the vast array of outreach venues NASCAR affords to do just that', he said.

ALAMEDA, CA The crew of CGC *MUNRO* will return home to Coast Guard Island after completing a 2-month patrol in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. The 378-ft high endurance Cutter left a few weeks before the holidays to perform counter-drug & homeland security patrols. During the patrol the crew worked with the Colombian government seizing 4,300 lbs of cocaine & detaining 8 men from the FV *Candy 1* on Dec 22, 2003. *MUNRO* was on patrol approx 120-miles SSW of the Guatemalan & Honduran border when it sighted the 60-ft fishing vessel. A boarding team crew from *MUNRO* boarded the vessel & discovered a total of 108 bales, weighing 4,300 lbs with an estimated street value of \$40 million. The detainees were transferred to U.S. authorities for prosecution.

GOODBYE RM SPARKS: On 1 July 2003 CAMSPAC retired the historic 'sparks' from the rating badge as the CG restructures its work force, replacing that specialty with 2 others: Operations Specialist & the Information Technology Specialist, neither of which will carry the symbolic sparks in its insignia.

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

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.

COAST GUARD AIR REUNION: 17-18 May, Reno. For further info contact ADC Bob Haley, Ret., 317 Jesse Ave, Roseville, CA 95678-2035, fone 916 782 7509, email behaley@aol.com

AP TRANSPORT (CG-MANNED): 13-14 June 2004 at Newton, MA. Contact Chuck Ulrich, 35 Oak Lane, New Hyde Park, NY 11040, fone 516 747 7426.

MEMBERSHIP: There are 543 members in our club. DE AD4PT 73 & Semper Paratus.