

# Coast Guard Club Newsletter

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**COAST GUARD CLUB** members may **update** their mailing address, call sign change, & any other information about their CG service, station equipment or email address by going to [WWW.USCGRADIO.NET](http://WWW.USCGRADIO.NET), click on the Membership Form link & fill in the blanks. Please ensure that you clearly state whether you are adding, changing, or deleting information.

**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.

**SHIP(s) INFORMATION** regarding the vessel(s) you served on, for those who have access to the Internet, may often be found by using the GOOGLE search engine. With GOOGLE, you type the name of the ship, such as USCGC GRESHAM, or WAVP-387, or WHEC-387. Many Google sites have pictures of the ships or provide information on how you can obtain a print. Unit patches & ship models are often found for sale.

**STATISTICS** 6 February 2004: Drugs seized; Cocaine, 73323 lbs; Marijuana, 11577 lbs. Migrants interdicted: 3589. Lives saved: 1934.

## Search and Rescue SitReps

**BOSTON** During the 2003 Winter Harbor Lobster Boat Races, a CG boarding team from Station Southwest Harbor attempted to conduct a routine safety inspection of a 22-ft pleasure craft, which fled at a high rate of speed, & the CG boarding team pursued him in their 41-ft rescue boat. The CG later found Walls's vessel tied alongside several other fishing vessels that were observing the race. After an extensive search of all the vessels, the CG boarding team discovered him hiding in the forepeak of the FV *Day Dreamer*. He attempted to run & swung his closed fist & grabbed at the CG boarding team member. The boarding team member & the boarding officer were forced used physical means to subdue Walls, who resisted all efforts to be restrained & directed several verbal threats of physical violence & abuse toward the CG boarding team. He was eventually subdued & placed in handcuffs. A subsequent alcohol test revealed Walls' blood alcohol content to be .173. "The CG will not tolerate this type of behavior," said Capt. Hank Hayes, CO of Group Southwest Harbor, Maine. "It's against the law to operate a boat while intoxicated & it is completely unacceptable to run away from & assault a federal law enforcement officer." The maximum allowable fine under Subpart 1.07 of Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations for these actions is \$20500. "This amount of civil penalty assessed clearly indicates the severity of his actions. CG patrol personnel face a difficult, dangerous job in the best of circumstances. Assaults on our boarding officers will not be tolerated," said Lt. Paul Rooney of the First CG District's Office of Law Enforcement.

**BOSTON** A CG aircrew medevaced a 55-yo-man from a foreign-flagged tanker ship transiting 225 miles SE of Nantucket after the vessel's captain reported the man was suffering from cardiac complications. A Jayhawk rescue helicopter from CGAS Cape Cod hoisted 55-yo Flavio Simonini from the motor tanker *Venice*, a 768-ft petroleum oil tanker from Malta. The Jayhawk aircrew, including a CG flight surgeon, took Simonini, in stable condition, to Hyannis Airport for further transport to Cape Cod Hospital.

**SEATTLE** The Hoquim Police Dept & the CG are continuing the search for a 32- yo man near the mouth of the Hoquiam River, who is still missing after he failed to surface from a scuba dive. The diver was inspecting the hull of the salvage tug *Northern Retriever*. The CG was contacted after the man didn't resurface. A 47-ft motor lifeboat & a 23-ft utility boat were launched from CG Station Grays Harbor to search for the diver. The Hoquim Police Dept & the Hoquim Fire Dept assisted with the search. The Clatsop County & Grays Harbor County rescue dive teams were contacted to help with the search. A 23-foot utility boat from Station Grays Harbor is also assisting with the search. The Hoquim Police Dept is now leading the search. An investigator from CG Marine Safety Office Portland is investigating the case.

**SEATTLE** A CG helicopter flew 4 boaters who were stranded on an island on the Columbia River back to their 16-ft boat. Anthony Phillips, Nate Truelove, Nathan Zorich & Rob Weiss were stranded on an island on the Columbia River near Skamokaway, OR after their 16-ft boat broke free of its anchor & drifted away. An HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from CG Group/Air Station Astoria was on a routine flight when the crew noticed the 4 men waving a red flag. The Jayhawk helicopter was able to land on the island & pick up the men. The Jayhawk transported the men to another nearby island where their boat had grounded on shore. This is the 2nd case in a week where recreational boaters were stranded on an island in the Columbia River due to improperly securing their vessels. The first case resulted in the death of a 30-yo man. Winds, currents & tides can quickly sweep away a boat from shore. The CG would like to remind boaters not to attempt to swim to their vessel if it is swept away. Boaters are encouraged to take a hand held VHF radio & signalling devices with them if they plan to go ashore in case of an emergency.

**JACKSONVILLE** The CGC *CONFIDENCE* is scheduled to return to its homeport of Port Canaveral after a successful 65-day patrol which resulted in the capture of 2 suspected migrant smugglers, the repatriation of 109 Cuban migrants & 9 commercial fisheries violations while patrolling the Florida Straits & the Gulf of Mexico. The crew also spotted & pursued a

suspected migrant smuggling boat for more than 3 hours before it was stopped. The boat & 2 suspected smugglers were turned over to ICE agents for prosecution. The *CONFIDENCE* crew also represented the CG at the Ft Lauderdale Fleet Week & Air & Sea Show. During this time, the crew participated in community events & hosted tours aboard the ship. After leaving Ft Lauderdale, the *CONFIDENCE* crew sailed toward the Gulf of Mexico to enforce the Texas shrimp closure season. Upon arriving in the Gulf of Mexico, the crew conducted law enforcement boardings on 1Ø shrimp trawlers in that area. 9 of the vessels boarded were issued citations for using improper fishing gear & violations of fishing vessel safety regulations. Some of the other missions the *CONFIDENCE* crew conducted are maritime homeland security, counter-drug operations & SAR in the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico & the SE approaches to the US.

**PORTSMOUTH** A man was airlifted by the CG off the cruise ship *Queen Mary II* 125 NM SE of the North Carolina's Outer Banks after the onboard physician diagnosed the man with internal bleeding. Jason Parra, 36, was hoisted off the *Queen Mary II* by a rescue-helicopter crew from CGAS Elizabeth City & was also accompanied by a rescue airplane. Para was taken to Norfolk Sentara General Hospital in Norfolk & is listed in stable condition. The *Queen Mary II* was on its way to New York City.

**SEATTLE** A CG helicopter rescued a father & his son from the frigid waters in Willapa Bay, WA, Sunday. Dale Hill, 53, & his son Evin Laplantney, 11, from Ocean Park, Wash., were on a canoe trip in Willapa Bay when their 17-ft canoe capsized. The Pacific County Sheriffs Office received a call from George Hill stating that his brother & his nephew were overdue from a canoe trip they were on. An HH-6Ø Jayhawk helicopter was launched from CG Group/Air Station Astoria to search for Hill & Laplantney. In addition, CG Station Grays Harbor launched a 47-ft motor lifeboat & Station Cape Disappointment launched a mobile land unit to assist with the search. Nearly 2 hours after the search began the Jayhawk was able to locate Hill & Laplantney & hoisted them to safety. Hill & Laplantney were taken to CGAS Astoria where awaiting ambulances transported them to Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria.

**ST PETERSBURG** The CG responded to a call just from a Good Samaritan about a capsized vessel somewhere W of Clearwater pass. No coordinates were given. CG small boats from Station St. Petersburg & Station Sand Key, an HH-6Ø Jayhawk helicopter & CG Auxiliary aircraft responded. They were assisted by units from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office & the Florida Wildlife & Conservation Commission (FWCC). Once on scene, units learned 2 male survivors were safely onboard the vessel of a Good Samaritan, while 1 remained in the water. CG units were able to get him onboard a Station Sand Key vessel where they initiated CPR, assisted by a rescue swimmer from a helicopter from CGAS Clearwater. They performed CPR until arriving at Station S& Key, where EMS units determined efforts to revive the man had been unsuccessful. The cause of the accident is unknown. FWCC will be investigating the cause of the accident in which the vessel sank

**SEATTLE** Oregon CG units saved a 48-ft FV from sinking near Yaquina Head, OR. CG crews from Station Depoe Bay in Depoe Bay & Station Yaquina Bay, in Newport, dewatered the sinking FV *Aurora Maid* & then towed it to shore. Richard Bolton, the owner of the *Aurora Maid*, called the CG on VHF channel 16 to report his boat was taking on water. 2 47-ft motor lifeboats were launched to assist the sinking vessel. A 3rd 47-ft motor lifeboat from Station Yaquina Bay was diverted from patrol to assist. A 47-ft motor lifeboat from Station Depoe Bay arrived on scene first & passed a dewatering pump to the sinking vessel. A quick inspection by the crew of the FV found that water was coming into the vessel from the seawater intake used to cool the engine. The engine was secured & the vessel was dewatered. The boat was taken in tow by a 47-ft motor lifeboat from Station Yaquina Bay. The exact cause of the accident is under investigation. A safety inspection conducted by a Station Yaquina Bay boarding team found 4 safety violations.

**CG NETS** The CG Radio Amateur SSB Net is on the air each Saturday from 12-13ØØ ET on 143ØØ (14313 alternate). At 13ØØ ET the Net shifts to 14327 & continues, usually for about 3Ø minutes. Dick Anderson, KE7A, in the Dallas-Ft Worth area, is the NCS. A CW Net with Fred Goodwin, K7LF, as NCS, is on 14Ø52/7Ø52 & runs simultaneously.

## REUNIONS

**EM(Tel), TT, & IT** 25-28 June Red Cloud, NB. Contact Joe Shuck 4Ø2 756 2472, Bob Stephens 36Ø 457 Ø817 or Ray Snow 54Ø 729 1Ø45.

**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 MACKINAW** 8<sup>TH</sup> reunion & 6Øth anniversary at Cheboygan, MI. Contact USCGC MACKINAW Assoc, PO Box 69, Cheboygan, MI 49721 or e-mail [gpsnider@hotmail.com](mailto:gpsnider@hotmail.com).

**CGC MENDOTA** Shell Island Ocean Front Resort, Wrightsville Beach, NC. Contact USCGC MENDOTA Reunion, PO Box 822, Wrightsville Beach, NC 2848Ø.

**CGC WESTWIND** Wyndam Hotel, 1Ø1 W Fayett St, Baltimore, MD 212Ø1, fone 41Ø 385 67ØØ. Contact Alex Mavica at [amavica@optonline.net](mailto:amavica@optonline.net) or fone 845 352 7Ø4Ø.

**COAST GUARD CW OPERATORS** 27-31 October at Las Vegas, NV. Further info contact J J Huffman, email [bird63@ak.net](mailto:bird63@ak.net).

**83-FOOTERS** 14 August at Port Townsend, WA. Details at web site [www.uscg83footers.org](http://www.uscg83footers.org)

**255-FOOTERS** Plaza Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas 15-18 May. Contact 255 Sailors Reunion, PO Box 33523, Juneau, AK 99803.

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