

Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard



Machinery Technician Second Class Matthew Black

You have been selected as Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team (ANT) New York's Sailor of the Quarter for the period of 01 April 2009 thru 30 June 2009.

During this period you exemplified an extremely high level of initiative, integrity, and assertiveness while assigned to ANT New York's Engineering Department. This quarter your department was thrust into a situation where you found yourselves without an Engineering Petty Officer. Without hesitation, and working well above your pay grade, you stepped up to ensure the continued safe and successful operations of one of the largest and busiest aids to navigation teams in the Coast Guard. You were instrumental in the casualty control efforts of the starboard shaft saver on board CG49409, which required an immediate emergency response while underway, followed by an emergency haul out at an unfamiliar boat yard. After overseeing the safe haul out of the CG49409, working with support engineers well above your pay grade, you ensured the successful repairs of the starboard shaft saver boat and even identified another potential casualty to the port side shaft saver. All of this was completed in less than two days and the boat returned to a Bravo-6 recall status. In addition, you took a leadership role and identified necessary upcoming maintenance requirements for all boats in order to meet Commandant requirements and ensure all assets remained operational. This included safely and efficiently coordinating the annual haul-out of the CG 49405, a job which typically takes up to three working days, you ensured was complete in less than two. Most notably this quarter, you found yourself working directly with much senior personnel on almost a daily basis; whether it was making phone calls to a Master Chief in Boston, or coordinating work efforts with a Chief Warrant Officer in Sandy Hook, you did it without hesitation and with great professionalism. Your positive attitude, hard work and high standard of

work ethic has rubbed off on your shipmates and has been vital in sustaining a high degree of morale. You are a superb role model for all members of ANT New York.

Your professionalism, enthusiasm and expertise are highly commendable and reflect the Coast Guard's core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. On behalf of the crew at ANT New York, I extend to you my sincere appreciation for a job very well done. Bravo Zulu.

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