

STURGEON BAY News Letter

1st Quarter, FY 08

(October, November, December 2007)



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Welcome Aboard
STURGEON BAY (WTGB 109)



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Cutter News

On 13 November STURGEON BAY hosted 16 Non Commissioned Officers from the Foreign Joint Services Association. Seven different countries were represented aboard STURGEON BAY that day. They absolutely enjoyed the trip through the harbor-the weather was perfect and the crew of STURGEON BAY represented the Coast Guard with pride, enthusiasm and left our visitors with the highlight of their trip to New York.



L to R: Sea Cadets B. Giles, R. Kierce, G. Debelli and Chaperone Chief Bianco aboard STURGEON BAY. The floating classroom was a hit!

STURGEON BAY hosted 3 Sea Cadets from the IWO Jima Sea Cadet Division for a 5 day underway training cruise. While the 3 cadets were on Holiday break from school, STURGEON BAY was their classroom and homework assignment. The three young men were assigned different jobs aboard the cutter each day where they were immersed in nautical and professional knowledge!



On 15 December Mr. Sutherland and the crew of the Auxiliary vessel LADY B assisted STURGEON BAY with some towing exercises near the Verazanno Bridge. The original forecast was not so great, however as the day went on the weather improved dramatically and the exercise was a total success. Thanks to Mr. Sutherland and his crew! (LADY B is a retired CG 82 footer-POINT BROWN)

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On 15 October, STURGEON BAY had a wonderful cruise with the Northern NJ Council of the Navy League and the Capodanno Division of the Sea Cadet program. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful fall day in the harbor, not to mention the fantastic lunch served aboard!



Hebrew Academy from New City, New York



Navy League and Sea Cadet members

On 22 October, STURGEON BAY hosted the Hebrew Academy from New City New York. 23 students and 10 chaperones were aboard for a NYC Harbor cruise. Everyone had a great time, and the weather was perfect!

STURGEON BAY attended the Operational Training and Readiness Conference in Newport Rhode Island in November. STURGEON BAY, along with 17 other CG Cutters from District One attended the 3 day "Readiness" exercise that focused on increasing knowledge, skills and proficiency in the areas of Maritime Law Enforcement, Living Marine Resources, Aids to Navigation, Damage Control, overall Operational, Administration and Engineering readiness.



Left: STURGEON BAY and PENOBSCOT BAY at the conference.



Right: KATHERINE WALKER, WILLOW, 87's and 110's at the conference.

On 29 December STURGEON BAY hosted members from Auxiliary Division 10-2 for a post Holiday get together. Everyone enjoyed themselves while underway. We look forward to the next time we can have them underway, and I promise lunch!



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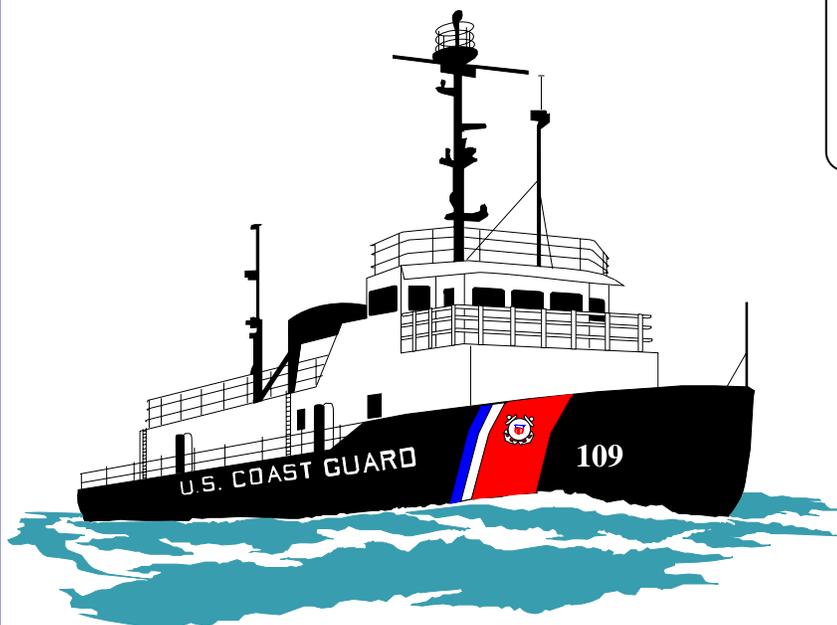
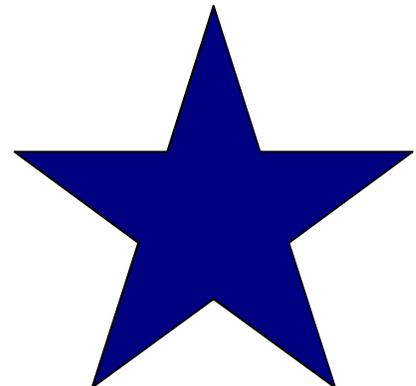
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Crew News

- **BMC Babcock qualified as Coxswain and underway Deck Watch Officer.**
- **BM3 Chaplin & EM2 Hayashida qualified as Small Boat Crewman.**
- **SN Willett and SA Barrett attended Small Cutter Damage Control Training in Yorktown VA.**
- **MK3 Melnychenko & BM3 Chaplin attended Advanced Fire Fighting School.**
- **SN Ciocca attended Boarding Team Member School.**
- **EM3 Hoyte and FN Dugan qualified as underway Oilers.**
- **SN Ciocca, SA Barrett qualified as Inport Watch Standers.**

**GREAT WORK
EVERYONE!!! YOUR
EFFORTS ARE
AWESOME AND**



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STURGEON BAY puts up a good fight at the first annual Bayonne Olympics.

On 10 October, 6 Coast Guard units participated in an 8 event competition. The first annual event was designed for the crews to have fun, but most of all for bragging rights! Alongside STURGEON BAY were the crews from PENOBSCOT BAY, KATHERINE WALKER, ANT NEW YORK, ANT SAUGERTIES and HAWSER. Despite putting up a good fight, STURGEON BAY finished last in the competition but walked away with their heads held high! PENOBSCOT BAY finished first....we will get them next year.



We need some bigger people!

Crew of STURGEON BAY gives it their all in the tug-o-war. We should have placed first for effort!

Crew of STURGEON BAY proudly displays the last place trophy. Edgrrr looks on in disbelief!



Crazy People!



STURGEON BAY gun crews hard at work. BMC and BM1 giving gun mount instruction.

RECENT GUNNERY EXERCISE OFF SHORE



SA Barrett ready to go!



FS2 at the helm for gunnex



SN Willett having way too much fun at this!

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From the Commanding Officer

Wow, what a fast paced 3 month period aboard STURGEON BAY! As you can see by this news letter, we have been very busy and 2008 will be just as busy. Life aboard a Coast Guard Cutter in New York City is much different than any other area in the Coast Guard. The activity, excitement, and fast pace keeps us all on our toes. Ice season officially started on 15 December. The crew and the cutter are ready to break ice and keep commerce moving up and down the Hudson River. Even though ice season is short, compared to our other missions, it is probably the most important when it comes to impact. Ice breaking is unique and we are a very small community when you compare the size of the ice breaking fleet to the rest of the Coast Guard fleet of cutters. I hope everyone had a great Holiday and I wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!



Edgrr, the EO's dog, and adopted cutter mascot was advanced to Petty Officer Third Class last summer. This past November he received his permanent Cutterman pin for 5 years of sea duty!

Great job Edgrrr.

Upcoming Events

- LT Rae will be guest speaker at the Navy League Dinner on 07 Jan 08
- STURGEON BAY dry dock period April—May 2008
- Ice Season in full swing; let's hope it freezes in NYC!
- MK3 Melnyczenko and his wife will be expecting a baby in January, good luck to both of them!

Upcoming Birthdays



FS2 Espinoza, 05 Feb
MK1 Gill, 13 Jan

International Relations-

STURGEON BAY welcomes the French Navy to NYC!



The French Naval Vessels JEANNE D' ARC (R97) and GEORGES LEYGUES (D640) came to NYC for a port call. STURGEON BAY provided the platform for several press agencies and was the lead escort cutter.