

STURGEON BAY News Letter
2nd Quarter, FY 08
(January, February, March 2008)



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Welcome Aboard
STURGEON BAY



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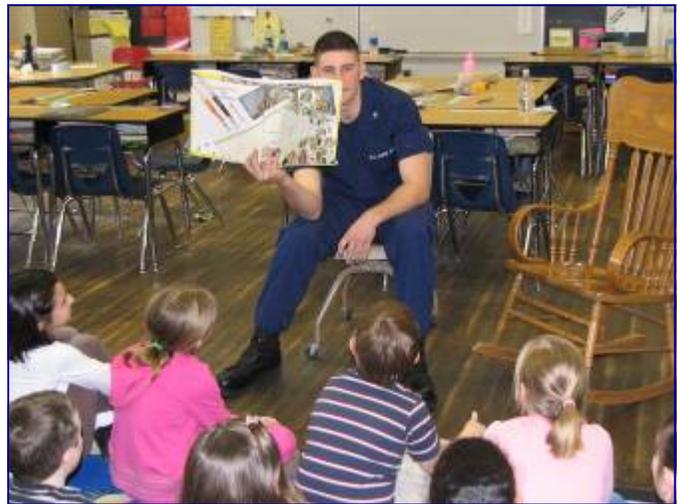
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STURGEON BAY continues to support local education through Partnership in Education.

The crew of STURGEON BAY volunteered 1376 crew hours in the past three months devoted to the education and mentoring of kids and adults in the NY/NJ area. The Coast Guard sponsors a program called "Partnership in Education" where the crew goes directly to the school and teaches or the school/program comes to the cutter for a day (or more) of education. Other groups STURGEON BAY sponsors through the program are the Navy League, Naval Sea Cadets, Sea Scouts, NJROTC, Liberty Science Center and local middle/high schools.



LT Rae (left) and BM3 Chaplin (below) read to a class of 4th graders from a local Middle School.



SN Ciocca (above) and FN Simpson (right) teach knot tying to 6th graders from a local Middle School.



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SA Barrett (left) and SN Ciocca (below) teach navigation to a class of 6th graders from a local Middle School.



BM3 Chaplin (above) assists with gym class while SA Barrett (right) assists in the computer lab at a local Middle School.



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Public Relations a large part of STURGEON BAY's mission.



(Left) Catholic War Veterans Post 1710, Fr. Washington visit STURGEON BAY for a memorable day underway in NYC and a fantastic lunch aboard!



(Above Right) Angelo Scalo, President of the Northern Council of the Navy League, poses with LT Rae and guests that were aboard the cutter for an Easter Weekend trip on the Hudson River. The Navy League is a huge supporter of the Coast Guard in the New York/New Jersey area.



(Above 2 photos) Sea Scouts Ship 609 visit STURGEON BAY Easter Weekend. Sea Scouts Group photo on the pier in Kingston NY. EMC Beery guides a tour aboard.



(Above) NJROTC High School Students from Pendleton High School, Kentucky were aboard STURGEON BAY for a Hudson River transit to West Point. STURGEON BAY hosted the kids and chaperones for the day, while providing an evening Hudson River cruise from West Point back to NYC. ALL had a great time!



*Students board STURGEON BAY
Photo by: PA3 Berlin*

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Cutter News



Dredge NEW YORK NEW YORK (above) after being struck by the ORANGE SUN. The M/V ORANGE SUN (below) at anchor after striking the NEW YORK NEW YORK.

STURGEON BAY was the on scene commander during the highly publicized collision between the M/V ORANGE SUN and the dredge NEW YORK NEW YORK. The collision occurred in Newark Bay. The cutter and crew received the Meritorious Team Commendation award for their efforts in assisting with the response and prevention of 50,000 gallons of fuel oil from spilling into the water.



Members from Auxiliary Flotilla 10-02 aboard STURGEON BAY enjoying the 3 Queens event!

The 3 Queens Came to NYC!

The three ships of the Cunard Line-Queen Mary II, Queen Elizabeth II, and the new Queen Victoria visited NYC and for the first time ever all three queens were united! The evening was a bit dreary, but the view and fireworks display over shadowed any bad weather encountered. STURGEON BAY was designated Patrol Commander for the event.



Spectacular view, great showing of the 3 magnificent cruise ships.



Fireworks celebrate the 3 Queens

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(Right) STURGEON BAY hosted 3 Sea Cadets and one Midshipman from the Cappodano Sea Cadet Division for a 5 day underway training cruise. STURGEON BAY was their classroom and homework assignment. The four young men were assigned different jobs aboard the cutter each day. They were a huge help in the galley while also assisting with two public relations events. Great job!



(Above) LT Rae and BMC Babcock with the cadets after receiving recognition for a job well done. BMC Babcock was the cadets sponsor. (Below) SN Smith teaches PO2 Abdelkhalek the art of steering the ship. BMI Megahey has the deck and conn.



(Above left) Small boat crew practices approaches alongside the cutter. (Left) SN Smith takes time out to give a thumbs up. The crew re-conditioned the entire Bosun hole during a maintenance period.

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- SA Steward reported aboard, he is from Houston Texas
WELCOME ABOARD!



- Do you know this crew member.....?

- FS2 Espinoza attended baking school.

- SN Willett and FA Strieby attended Boarding Team Member School.

- SN Ciocca and SA Barrett qualified as Quartermaster of the watch, Helmsman and Anchor Watch.

- MK1 Gill attended Fairbanks Technical School.

- BMC Babcock attended Command Chief School and finished his studies to earn his Bachelors Degree!



LT Rae presents BMC Babcock his Bachelor of Science Degree at quarters. Great job Chief!

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- **EMC Beery & MK1 Gill qualified as Engineer of the Watch.**
- **SN Valencia transferred to AMT School . Good Luck!**



(Left) SN Willett and BM3 Chaplin stand watch . Fridays underway the crew wears a hat of their choice, better known as "Any Hat Friday"



(Left) LTJG Patterson, STURGEON BAY's Executive Officer, presents SN Valencia with a departing award and a hardy send off at quarters.

- **BM3 Chaplin extended for 18 months.**
(Far Right)



LT Rae swears in BM3 Chaplin.

- (Above)* **BM1 Megahey and MK3 Melnyczenko awarded "Sailor of the Quarter" honors by LT Rae. Congratulations!**



**GREAT WORK EVERYONE!!!
YOUR EFFORTS ARE AWESOME
AND GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

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From the Commanding Officer

Wow again! Three months goes by so fast. I feel like I just finished writing my first message and here I go for a second time already. These past three winter months did not provide the excitement I had hoped for. Mother nature did not cooperate and provide bone chilling temperatures long enough to deep freeze the Hudson River. STURGEON BAY did not break a single piece of ice this year! Oh well, maybe next year. I hope you enjoy this quarters news though. It was a slower operational period, but the crew kept busy in many other ways as you read and see here. STURGEON BAY's next adventure is a dry dock availability. We will be there for about 50 days. The ship goes through a dry dock once every 4 years. Thanks and take care! LT Scott A. Rae

This quarter's salute goes to FS2 Espinoza! He entered the Sector New York Chili cook off and WON! He beat out 14 recipes submitted by various CG members and dependents throughout the Sector NY area.

LT Rae congratulates FS2 Espinoza



Sector NY judges tasting the chili



Upcoming Events

- LT Rae will guest speak at the Naval Order of the U.S. on 5 May
- STURGEON BAY dry dock period April—May 2008



The crew of STURGEON BAY had a morale pool tournament recently while on liberty and FN Dugan took home the honors as pool champion. The XO presents the winning plaque.

Upcoming Birthdays



- SN Willett, 2 May
- SA Barrett, 12 May
- FN Dugan, 17 June
- EMC Beery 27 June
- FA Strieby, 19 June



CWO4 Sale (EO) watches the bubbler offload. No ice this year for STURGEON BAY to break. The bubbler was not used this year. Maybe 2009!