

STURGEON BAY News Letter
3rd Quarter, FY 08
(April, May, June 2008)



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Welcome Aboard
STURGEON BAY



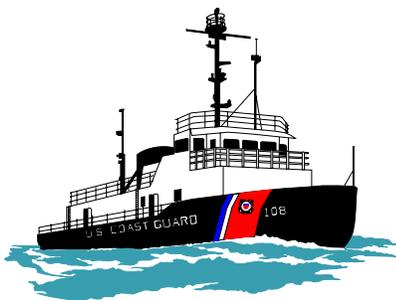
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Crew News

- **LTJG Patterson promoted to LT and SA Barrett advanced to Seaman. Congratulations!**
- **MK1 Gill and EM2 Hayashida re-enlisted and both received a re-enlistment bonus. Guess who is buying dinner tonight!**
- **Welcome aboard to Coast Guard Academy First Class Cadets Allen and Ozimek. They are completing their summer training aboard STURGEON BAY-We are glad to have them!**
- *SN Smith was selected as Sailor of the Quarter for 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2008. CONGRATULATIONS!*
- **SN Barrett received a citizen award from the local Chief of Police. He identified a robbery suspect which led to an arrest. BZ!!!!!!**

New website, check it out!

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

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- **SA Reyes reported aboard, he is from Massachusetts.
WELCOME ABOARD!**
- **Fair Winds and Following Seas to three departing STURGEON BAY crew members.**
 - LT Patterson (XO): He is attending Grad School**
 - CWO4 Sale (EO): He will be the EO on Penobscot Bay**
 - EM2 Hayashida: He transferred to ANT Honolulu**
- **We will welcome a new XO and EO in July. LTJG Sauerbrunn will be our new XO and CWO Brady will be our new EO.**
- **STURGEON BAY will celebrate 20 Years of service to the port of NY/NJ on the 20th of August this summer. STURGEON BAY was commissioned at Governors Island on the 20th of August 1988.**



The Bayonne Chief of Police presents SN Barrett with an award for assisting the police in arresting a robbery suspect. Great job SN Barrett!

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Crew/Cutter News

(Right and below) LCDR Peterson from CG Sector New York visited STURGEON BAY at the dry dock facility to promote SA Barrett to SN and advance LTJG Patterson (cutter XO) to LT Patterson. Great job! Making the big bucks now.



(Middle left) STURGEON BAY crew don their survival suits and perform the required survival float.



(Above) STURGEON BAY and KATHERINE WALKER conducting joint drills and exercises recently.



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SBAY BMC watches KATHERINE WALKER approach. KATHERINE WALKER OPS and CO look on as they take STURGEON BAY in tow.

SA Reyes receives unit ball cap from LT Rae after reporting aboard.

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

The crew of STURGEON BAY again supported local schools through the Partnership in Education Program. The cutter has developed a phenomenal relationship with one local middle and elementary school. Combined, the schools have over 600 students hosting K-6th grade. This period of volunteerism culminated with “Coast Guard Day” at the two schools. Volunteers from CG Station New York, CGC KATHERINE WALKER, CGC PENOBSCOT BAY, CG ANT New York, CG Sector New York, CG Reserves, and local CG Auxiliary Flotillas worked as Team Coast Guard to give the kids a day of fun, education, and a lasting impression of our great service!

(Below) CG Auxiliary member demonstrates how to don a PFD. STURGEON BAY and PENOBSCOT BAY crew demonstrate Fire Fighting gear.

(Below) CG Station NY crew members assist kids in and out of the small boat. Pilot from AIR STA Atlantic City gives tours on the HH-65.

(Below) “Coastie” came to the school to help teach the kids safe boating.



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STURGEON BAY gets a face lift! Every four years the cutter is due for a dry dock availability. On April 6th, STURGEON BAY was dry docked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard for nearly 65 days. The graving dock was built in 1850-pre Civil War! The crew worked nearly everyday alongside the civilian contractors completing projects that were long over due and upgrading several pieces of equipment and machinery aboard.



Pictures of STURGEON BAY in the dry dock at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.



BMC and BM1 inspect the hull bottom after all the water was finally pumped out of the graving dock.



(Above) MK1 Mike Gill and EM2 Marcus Hayashida raise their right hand and re-enlist UNDER the cutter while dry docked in Brooklyn. Each member received a re-enlistment bonus.

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(Left) An instructor from the Liberty Science Center is aboard STURGEON BAY conducting water test experiments with kids from the local YMCA.

(Lower left) Students from the local YMCA aboard bird watching from a distance near Hoffman Island, the lower Bay of NY south of the Verrazano Bridge.



STURGEON BAY was the host cutter for this years Blessing of the Port for NY/NJ. The 13th annual event drew several VIP's from the port including state politicians. Father Mario Balbi (he started the event) presided over the ceremony blessing several container ship ports in NY and NJ. It was an honor to have him aboard. He is almost 89 years old.

(Above) Father Balbi is the pastor at the Stella Morris Chapel in Port Newark. (Top) Howland Hook Terminal on the Kill Van Kull, one of the ports blessed by Father Balbi.

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KATHERINE WALKER deploying the VOSS equipment in a recent exercise in the Upper Bay of New York. STURGEON BAY hosted guests and media aboard for viewing the exercise, picture taking, and had an equipment/exercise expert aboard giving the students and guests a blow by blow explanation.

KATHERINE WALKER exercised their pollution response capabilities by deploying a Vessel of Opportunity Skimming System (VOSS). KATHERINE WALKER, is a 175-foot Keeper class buoy tender home ported in Bayonne, NJ along with STURGEON BAY, PENOBSCOT BAY, LINE, HAWSER, and CG ANT New York.

STURGEON BAY hosted 30 high school students from the Science and Technology Preview summer camp, an environmental education program based in Edison, NJ, for the event. The students observed the exercise from STURGEON BAY.

VOSS is a modular oil recovery system that can be secured to and operated from a vessel at a spill site. It is one of 19 systems pre-staged throughout the country and one of two systems used by the Coast Guard's Atlantic Strike Team based at Fort Dix, NJ. The system can be immediately deployed anywhere across the country. With this system, a vessel can quickly transform into an oil recovery platform with a maximum skimming capability of 190 gallons per minute. VOSS can be split between two vessels or used as a two-sided sweeping system on a single vessel. The First Coast Guard District Response Advisory Team evaluated the VOSS exercise.



STURGEON BAY was the Patrol Commander for the "Red Arrows" Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team flight show recently. They flew for over 30 minutes south of the Verrazano Bridge and put on a spectacular show. STURGEON BAY was tasked with keeping the water below the fly zone clear of vessels in the event of an emergency. The crew and spectators were privileged to see such a awesome show.

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(Above) Students from the West Orange County Junior Police Academy were aboard STURGEON BAY learning about CG Law Enforcement and Homeland Security.

(Right) LT Rae sends his racer down the ramp to ultimate disaster! 6th grade students look on.

STURGEON BAY's Commanding Officer is not smarter than a 6th grader! He built a down hill racer as part of a local middle school science project. He was asked by the students to compete his racer with the rest of the 6th grade. The racers were made of household items (cardboard, paper clips, pennies etc...) The object was to roll the car down a ramp and the longest distance traveled won. The CO's car barely made 5 feet! The winner went 66 feet. STUEGEON BAY sponsored the project and awarded the student who won a plaque and a day aboard the cutter with his family.



(Right and above) SN Willett and SN Ciocca help students with science projects. They built boats out of tin foil and filled them with pennies. The one carrying the most before sinking won.



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From the Commanding Officer

Where did the last three months go! STURGEON BAY spent the majority of the period in Dry Dock at the Brooklyn Navy Yard to get a much needed face lift. The crew worked harder during the dry dock than we normally do underway. Many people asked me what the crew does during a dry dock. Most think we drop the ship off and walk away. Not the case. We worked on long over due projects and were the primary inspectors for the jobs being completed by the contractors. The paperwork involved, don't even get me started. The EO almost went blind on the paperwork required! Nonetheless, we are fixed and back in the water patrolling the waters of NYC. The crew worked very hard in getting the ship ready for our first patrol. I am proud of the entire crew. Thanks. LT Scott A. Rae

This quarter's salute goes to SN Smith. He was our Sailor of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter of FY 08. He was nominated by his shipmates, so the award goes deep knowing your shipmates see you that way.

LT Rae congratulates SN Smith LT Rae awards local student for being science project winner



Upcoming Events

- LT Rae will guest speak at the Lake Hurst Historical Society 9 July
- STURGEON BAY Open House August 20th celebrating 20 Years serving the port of New York.



LT Rae was the guest speaker at the Naval Order of the United States Luncheon in Manhattan. In July he will be guest speaking at the Lake Hurst Historical Society.

Upcoming Birthdays



- SN Smith, 17 Aug
- MK3 Melnychenko, 14 September
- LT Patterson, 10 Jul

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Recently, the crew aboard the cutter exercised the cutter served weapons during a gun shoot off the coast of NY. The crew trains with weapons several times per year.