

**STURGEON BAY News Letter**  
**4th Quarter, FY 08**  
(July, August, September 2008)



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**Welcome Aboard**  
**STURGEON BAY**



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### Look who stopped by for lunch aboard STURGEON BAY!

**MCPO “Skip” Bowen was aboard STURGEON BAY during a visit he was making to Coast Guard Sector NY and an all hands meeting for the CG Bayonne units. He is currently the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard. It was a pleasure to have him aboard!**



*Top left: MCPO Bowen presents the Sailor of the Quarter award to MK1 Gill. Top: MCPO Bowen enjoying lunch with the crew of STURGEON BAY. Bottom left: MCPO Bowen opened up the floor to the crew for questions and answers. D1 Command Master Chief MCPO Amatrudo looks on. He accompanied MCPO Bowen aboard STURGEON BAY. It was a pleasure to have them both aboard!*

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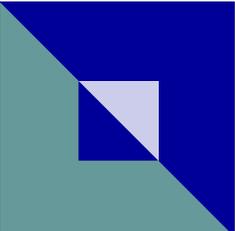
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### **STURGEON BAY and Bayonne CG units continue to support local education through Partnership in Education.**

The crew of STURGEON BAY again supported local schools through the Partnership In Education Program. STURGEON BAY, along with ANT NY, cutter LINE, and CG Auxiliary members brought over 400 students to Bayonne in the month of August for a day in the life of a Coast Guard member. The hot August days were challenging, but all the Coast Guard volunteers rose to the occasion to teach and mentor the children from over one dozen schools. The Good Hue Summer Camp and the Englewood Summer Camp were both very appreciative of our efforts in entertaining and teaching the children. The crews had fun doing it!



*Children from the Good Hue Summer Camp and the Englewood Summer Day camp (sponsored by the Fire Department) enjoyed several days aboard the CG Base in Bayonne learning and enjoying all the CG activities. Top left: Crewmember from cutter LINE demonstrates fire fighting techniques and gives the kids a chance to participate. Top: CG Auxiliary members were aboard demonstrating proper PFD wear and water safety. Bottom left: crew members from CG ANT NY conduct a pre brief prior to pyrotechnic demonstrations that were held in the water while the children watched. The ages of the children were from 5 to 13.*



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### **STURGEON BAY turns 20 years old!**

**On August 20th, STURGEON BAY celebrated its 20th Birthday and 20 years of service to the port of NY and NJ. STURGEON BAY was commissioned on Governors Island 20 August 1988 where the cutter's service began. Then Mayor Koch of NYC signed a proclamation making that day STURGEON BAY day in NYC. Mayor Bloomberg signed a similar proclamation 20 years later making this 20th Birthday STURGEON BAY day in NYC. STURGEON BAY held an open house in honor of the special day. Several other events were also held at the open house. CG Sector NY was aboard to help make the presentations. STURGEON BAY adopted the IWO Jima and Capodanno Naval Sea Cadet units. STURGEON BAY already had a strong working relationship with the Sea Cadet units, but now officially has adopted them into the unit. STURGEON BAY was adopted by two different organizations. The Central Jersey Council of the Navy League and the Navy Lakehurst Historical Society made presentations bringing STURGEON BAY and the crew into their organizations. We are looking forward to the partnership and camaraderie this union will bring. In addition, CG Sector NY presented the CG Meritorious Team Award to over 40 CG and Auxiliary members for their job well done with CG Day back in June. (CG Day was featured in the last issue of the newsletter.) And the final presentation of the day was the proclamation from Mayor Bloomberg. He could not attend the open house but Captain Robert O'Brien Jr. was present to deliver the honors. Other guests aboard were North Jersey Council Navy League members, family / friends, members of the Bayonne Catholic War Vets, CG Auxiliary members from several flotillas in the area. Over all the open house and the birthday celebration was a HUGE success. The cutter was open for tours, food and refreshments were available and we had the BEST cake ever! Thank you to the Central Jersey Council of the Navy League for donating the cake to the celebration.**

**\*Please enjoy the photos on the next few pages from the open house!!!!**

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### Memories of STURGEON BAY's 20th Birthday and Open House



*The Cappodano Sea Cadet Division is presented an adoption certificate by LT Rae*



*The Capodanno and IWO Jima Divisions of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet programs together for a group photo. Both divisions were adopted by STURGEON BAY.*



*Navy Lakehurst Historical Society President presents STURGEON BAY with an adoption certificate.*



*Above: IWO Jima Sea Cadet corps in formation during presentations. The Commanding Officer, OPS Officer and Chief of the Boat were also present. Left: Auxiliary Flotilla 04/04 aboard presenting STURGEON BAY with a plaque of appreciation.*



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*Top left: Birthday cake presented to STURGEON BAY by the Central Jersey Navy League Council. Left: Dick Ehlert, President of the Central Jersey Council presents adoption certificate to STURGEON BAY.*



*Top right: Dan Dermer, past President of the Central Jersey Council and CG liaison, assists with the presentation.*



*Right Center: Catholic War Veterans from the Bayonne Chapter aboard enjoying the day. Bottom Right: Captain Robert O'Brien Jr. presents the Partnership in Education CG Meritorious Team Award to over 40 CG and Auxiliary members.*



*The STURGEON BAY Open House was a huge success and I want to personally thank everyone that attended to help make it a special day. The crew of STURGEON BAY was involved in several work projects that day which had deadlines that needed to be met. They prepped the ship and accomplished the work, this couldn't have happened without them!!!*

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## Look what the crew is up to!

*STURGEON BAY crew participated in a week long damage control and fire fighting training week. Teamwork was an integral part of the training. They worked hard and learned a lot!!*



*Left two photos:  
SN Willet and  
EM3 Hoyte were  
awarded the CG  
Sea Service  
Ribbon.  
Congratulations!*



*Above: SN Steward advanced to SN.  
Below: BMI Megahey received his 4th  
Good Conduct award. Congratulations!*



**Above: FS2 Espinoza advanced to FS1.  
Congratulations!!**



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### Look what the **ENGINEERS** are up to!

**STURGEON BAY** engineers were involved in a seven week Main Diesel Engine overhaul. This was the first major rebuild of an engine aboard the cutter since it was commissioned in 1988. The engineers worked tirelessly for seven weeks straight, only having days off here and there. The entire rebuild from top to bottom, inside and out was completed by the hands of **STURGEON BAY** engineers. This was a huge undertaking and the end result was perfect. The second Main Diesel Engine will be rebuilt in similar fashion in the spring. The engineers are taking a much needed break for now, well maybe just a small break! Congratulations on such a **GREAT** feat!!



*Engineers hard at work breaking down, rebuilding and re-assembling the Number One Main Diesel Engine. Also aboard for the 7 week overhaul was a Fairbanks Tech Rep and two MK's from the maintenance assist team Kittery.*



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### Crew/Cutter News

- FA Wilburn reported aboard, he is from Georgia. **WELCOME!**
- Fair Winds and Following Seas to SN Ciocca, he departed for Damage Control “A” School.
- We welcomed LTJG Ken Sauerbrunn as our new XO and CWO4 Chris Brady as our new EO.
- MK1 Gill was awarded Sailor of Quarter for 3rd quarter Fiscal Year 2008-Congratulations!
- SN Ciocca was voted “Student of the Week” during damage control training. Congratulations!

*The IWO Jima Division Naval Sea Cadets were aboard STURGEON BAY several times during the 3 month period. STURGEON BAY is an open “floating classroom” and has always welcomed any and all youth programs aboard to train, learn and be part of the CG team and crew. Right photos: Two members (brothers) from the IWO Jima division aboard STURGEON BAY recently.*



IWO Jima Division Naval Sea Cadets Will and Sean Cagney aboard STURGEON BAY.



*First Class Cadets Ozimek and Allen were aboard STURGEON BAY for six weeks completing their summer training for the Coast Guard Academy.*

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### **STURGEON BAY participates in 50th Anniversary of a train derailment that happened in Newark Bay in 1958.**

**Forty Eight people died on 15 Sept 1958 when a commuter train from Long Branch plunged off the tracks and ended up in the waters of Newark Bay. STURGEON BAY was on station in the vicinity of the derailment on 15 Sept 2008 (the bridge no longer exists) while a shore side ceremony took place. 48 flowers were thrown from STURGEON BAY, one for each person who died.**



*STURGEON BAY crew and guests throw flowers in the water. Gentleman shown on far right is the man in the picture to the right. (On the back of the CG boat.)*



*Photo taken in 1958, the day of the derailment. Vessel shown is a Coast Guard 40 foot vessel. The CG member on the stern was aboard STURGEON BAY to assist with the ceremony.*



*It remains a mystery why the train sped up to 42 mph and ran through a red stop signal. This still remains the third worse railway accident in NJ history.*

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## From the Commanding Officer

The fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2008 was busier than ever! STURGEON BAY and the crew had their hands full with numerous events, projects and cutter upkeep. Big news of the quarter was STURGEON BAY's 20th Birthday and the Engine Overhaul completed by STURGEON BAY's engineering department. The overhaul was a HUGE undertaking by the engineers. For seven weeks they worked long days, devoted many hours of extra duty, and took the utmost pride in doing the very best job they could. The cutter will now get 20 more years out of the engine! This spring they will overhaul the second main diesel engine. No rest for the weary, the cutter and crew continue to amaze me and the things they can accomplish! Until next time, Thank you. LT Scott A. Rae

*In 1988 Mayor Koch signed a proclamation when STURGEON BAY was commissioned on Governors Island. 20 years later Mayor Bloomberg signed another proclamation making 20 August 2008 STURGEON BAY Day in NYC!*

*Captain Robert O'Brien Jr. reads Mayor Bloomberg's proclamation at the open house.*



## Upcoming Events

- Partnership in Education award presentation, details to follow!!
- Ice Season, 15 Dec 08 to 15 Mar 09
- Navy League Turkey disbursements to cutter crews.
- Navy League Christmas party for the kids.



*Two students from the College Student Pre-Commissioning Initiative (CSPI) spent several days aboard STURGEON BAY to learn about CG life on a cutter.*

## Upcoming Birthdays



- LT Rae, 23 Oct
- BM3 Chaplin, 26 Nov
- EM3 Hoyte, 26 Nov
- BM1 Megahey, 7 Dec



*LTJG Sauerbrunn, STURGEON BAY XO, welcomed FA Wilburn aboard recently. FA Wilburn reported from boot camp.*