

STURGEON BAY Newsletter
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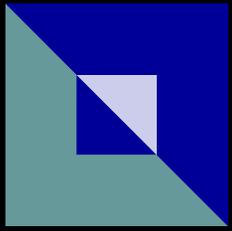
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STURGEON BAY





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Winter of 2009 brought ice to the Hudson River! STURGEON BAY full employed.



Enjoy the photos from STURGEON BAY's 2009 ice breaking season. It has been a few years since the Hudson River froze enough for the need of the 140's to be working the river. This year presented plenty of ice and many challenges for the cutter and the crew. Bald Eagles were very prevalent on the ice. We witnessed at least two dozen throughout the ice season. Spectacular opportunity!



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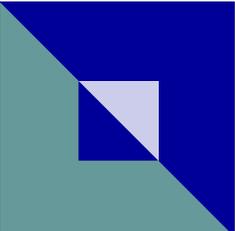
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STURGEON BAY continues to support local education through Partnership in Education.

The crew of STURGEON BAY again supported local schools through the Partnership In Education Program (PIE). STURGEON BAY devoted over 500 hours to the PIE program. One new school was added to STURGEON BAY's program, the Clarendon Middle School, Secaucus NJ. The Highland Ave School in Midland Park NJ, and the Helen I Smith School in Saddle Brook NJ also received a visit from STURGEON BAY crewmembers. Many hours are spent in the school working with the teachers and the children. In addition, the Steven's Engineering Institute was aboard for a day of "live" classroom learning.



Top left: SN Barrett teaches knot tying at the Clarendon School. Top right: LT Rae teaches Latitude/Longitude class at the Clarendon School. Bottom left: Engineering students from the Stevens Engineering Institute aboard.



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Rippowam Cisqua School Applied Physics Students Train with STURGEON BAY

With two toots of her whistle, the Coast Guard Cutter, STURGEON BAY, pulled out of her Hudson River slip at the Kingston piers on Wednesday, February 18, 2009. On board were fifty-four eighth graders on a mission to experience the physics of a vessel maneuvering on the Hudson River. Thanks to LT. Scott Rae, Commanding Officer, and the crew of STURGEON BAY, it was all hands-on learning, as only the Coast Guard can provide.

The Rippowam students were grouped into 8 teams manning eight different stations while underway. Those groups included: Bridge/Bridge management, Galley/Food prep, Engineering Control Center (electrical distribution switchboard), Sound Powered Phone, Engine Room, Motor Room/Aft Steering, Auxiliary equipment spaces, and Main Deck. Every twenty minutes the teams rotated to a new station so that each student got to see the entire ship, bridge to engine room, foc's'le to fantail.

This field trip was an important part of the physics curriculum, where these young engineers looked at applications of physics principles learned in the classroom. This year, each of the four eighth grade classes designed a nuclear research submarine. To gain the necessary knowledge of shipboard systems, the students studied information from the internet as well as from STURGEON BAY's website. The engineering officer, CWO4 Chris Brady also helped students prepare for the trip by sending technical information about the ships propulsion and electrical distribution system to the school.

Charlie Duveen, who runs the physics course at the Rippowam Cisqua School in Bedford, New York, said the field trip fulfilled all of his expectations and more. "By the time my physics students went on board, they were familiar with ship terminology and the power plant systems that make this ice breaker open up the frozen Hudson for commercial traffic. But nothing we learn in the classroom can replace the experience of going on board this Coast Guard vessel underway."

Just as important as the lessons in physics are the explanations by crewmen about life on board the ship. "My students learned first hand about the training, the sacrifices and the mission of this crew," Mr. Duveen said. "It's not just about equipment. It's about how people in an organization work together as a team to accomplish that mission. And I believe, young people need to see that up close."

The Rippowam Cisqua School is a co-educational PreKindergarten through Grade Nine independent country day school, located in Bedford and Mt. Kisco, New York. For more than ninety years, it has offered an academically challenging and nurturing environment that focuses on critical thinking, individual development, and personal excellence. For more information about the course, email Charlie Duveen at charlie_duveen@rcsny.org or visit www.rcsny.org.

ENJOY THE PHOTOS FROM THE STUDENTS DAY ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

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Photos from Rippowam School Field Trip, huge Partnership in Education success story!!



Above photo: Teachers from Rippowam School take a moment to pose. Charlie Duveen (center) spearheaded the school project.



Above photo: LTjg Sauerbrunn teaches a sound powered phone class. The students enjoyed this part of the training the most. Every student was able to send and receive a message using the sound powered phones.



Top photo: CWO4 Brady teaches the students about the engineering aspects of STURGEON BAY. Right photo: All the students pose for a final picture after a great day aboard.



Top photo: SN Connor teaches students about steering the cutter at the helm. Right photo: The students arrive in style to begin their voyage on STURGEON BAY.



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STURGEON BAY's Public Relations Program



Top left photo: Members from the North Jersey Navy League aboard for a day underway. Top right photo: SN Steward teaches a student from Sea Scout Ship 609 about being a helmsman. Left center photo: Members from six different CG Auxiliary Flotillas, local news reporters and photographers, and CG Veterans aboard for a historical day of ice breaking. Right center photo: Members from the Mahan Naval Sea Cadet Division came aboard STURGEON BAY for a day of training. Bottom left photo: Cub Scouts from Pack 95 aboard for a day of fun. BM3 Chaplain teaching the kids about the helm.

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Look what the crew is up to!

Congratulations to ALL of the STURGEON BAY crewmembers!! They have been so very busy with ships work, operations, qualifications, transfers and promotions. GREAT JOB!!!!!!



Top left photo: SN Smith's going away quarters. Top right photo: FN Wilburn SOQ 1st qtr FY09. Right center photo: XO receives DWO qual. Left photo: SN Reyes advances to SN. Left photo: FN Wilburn receives olier qual.



Below: Chief Babcock poses with SN Reyes at his last quarters before heading out to BM "A" School. Good luck SN Reyes!!



Bottom left photo: SN Connor receives the QMOW qual from the Executive Officer, LTjg Sauerbrunn.



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Top left photo: SN Barrett congratulated for SOQ 2nd quarter FY09 and received the boat crewman qual. Top right photo: SN Willett's last quarters, he departed for MST "A" School. Left center photo: LT Rae congratulates MK2 Melnyczenko on his advancement to Petty Officer 2nd Class. Bottom left photo: SN Steward receives cutterman pin and QMOW qual. Right center photo: LT Rae congratulates FN Wilburn on his advancement to FN.

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Crew/Cutter News

- SA Cory and SA Moralez reported aboard from recruit training, WELOCME ABOARD!!!
- SN Barrett was selected Sailor of the Quarter, 2nd Qtr FY09 and also received the boat crewman qualification.
- MK1 Gill was selected as STURGEON BAY's Sailor of the Year for 2008 and was also selected as CG Sector New York's Sailor of the Year!!!! AWESOME JOB, BZ!!!!
- FA Wilburn was advanced to FN, qualified as Oiler, SEOPS, and received his temporary cutterman's pin.
- SA Connor received the QMOW qualification and the inport watch stander qualification.
- MK3 Melnyczenko was advanced to MK2, great job!!
- SN Steward received the temporary cutterman's pin, the sea service ribbon and the QMOW qualification.
- SN Reyes received the QMOW qualification and the temporary cutterman's pin.
- LTjg Sauerbrunn received the UW OOD qualification.
- SN Smith departed on orders to HS "A" School
- SN Reyes departed on orders to BM "A" School
- SN Willett departed on orders to MST "A" School

Congratulations to everyone and for ALL the hard work this past 3 months. It is very clear that the cutter and the crew are working very hard and continue to be the very best crew in the fleet! Fair winds and following seas to the crew members that departed for school. Good luck!!



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STURGEON BAY hosts two very special guests!!



Harold Tartell served aboard CGC MANITOU in the late 1960's.

*Top left photo: Harold Tartell
Middle left photo: Allan Verschoor
Both gentlemen were aboard STURGEON BAY after a 40 year absence from the CG where they both served in the 1960's aboard the 110 ft class of CG ice breaking tug. It was a TRUE honor to have them both aboard sharing sea stories!!*



Allan Verschoor served aboard CGC SAUK in the early 1960's, here chatting with LTjg Sauerbrunn.

When the Coast Guard came into being in 1915, through the consolidation of the Revenue Cutter Service and the Life Saving Service, tugs made up a small but significant portion of the new service's fleet. The Acushnet and Snohomish were the two ocean going tugs of the Coast Guard. The former served in the Atlantic and the latter in the Pacific. There were also 17 vessels classified as Harbor Cutters and Launches and these vessels, with a few exceptions, were the first US Coast Guard Tugs.

<http://www.cg-tugs.org/>



CGC SAUK pictured above (1944-1985)



CGC MANITOU pictured above (1943-1980)

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From the Commanding Officer

Hello to all of the STURGEON BAY family and friends! Another very quick three months have elapsed, I cant believe I am sitting here writing another CO message. We finally had some very good ice this season to break. STURGEON BAY and a very well prepared crew spent many days, weeks and hours up the Hudson River breaking ice, clearing a path for commerce. We all really enjoyed it and industry was very pleased with our efforts. A HUGE congratulations go to MK1 Gill who was STURGEON BAY's sailor of the year and also CG Sector NY's sailor of the year for 2008!! What an awesome achievement, we are very lucky to have him aboard and his engineering expertise's are invaluable. Have a wonderful spring, and even better summer!! Thank you. LT Scott A. Rae

A new League Cadet Division was added to the Capodanno Division of Sea-Cadets recently. The official name of the new division will be called "Training Ship STURGEON BAY." What an honor for the CG and STURGEON BAY's crew.

Below left: MK1 Gill was presented the Sailor of the Year plaque at a recent North Jersey Navy League Dinner by RADM Gabel, CG District One Commander. Below middle: MK1 Gill is presented the CG Sector NY plaque for Sailor of the Year by Master Chief Gentile and LT Moore. Bottom right: Carl Jablonski of the Lakehurst Historical Society presents MK1 Gill a Sailor of the Year plaque. Thank you to Dianne Greff of the North Jersey Council of the Navy League for honoring MK1 Gill at the dinner.



Look what we found!! After weighing anchor recently, STURGEON BAY found several hundred feet of tangled phone cable wrapped around the anchor. The Army Corp of Engineers vessel HAYWARD arrived on scene to take the tangled mess off our hands.



FN Dugan on liberty during an ice patrol on the Hudson River. He was part of open mic night and sang a Hootie and the Blow Fish tune.

Upcoming Birthdays



*SN Barrett: 12 May
LTjg Sauerbrunn: 21 May
FN Dugan: 17 June
FN Wilburn: 23 June
Chief Beery: 27 June*



Capt Hitchen was aboard for a visit and participated in awarding FN Wilburn his temporary cutterman's pin.