

STURGEON BAY Newsletter
3rd Quarter, FY 09
(April, May, June 2009)



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STURGEON BAY



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STURGEON BAY and crew participate in pollution exercise using VOSS



STURGEON BAY and the crew participated in a pollution exercise using portable pollution response equipment. The system is called VOSS or Vessel of Opportunity Skimming System. Pictured above is the crew being briefed on the operations and the equipment being deployed from the cutter. The crew also participated in classroom training prior to the hands on exercise.



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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 300 hours to the PIE program. One new school was added to STURGEON BAY's program, the Huber Street Elementary School, Secaucus NJ. In addition, STURGEON BAY sponsored the YMCA, Tiger Scouts and was the sponsor of the Science Fair at Highland Ave Middle School, Midland Park NJ. Many hours were spent in the schools and aboard the cutter working with the teachers and the children.



Top Left: CG members from Bayonne help show Tiger Scouts a fun day with the Coast Guard. Top Right: Sean Cagney from the Naval Sea Cadets assists in the classroom at Huber Elementary School with a knot tying class. Below Left: William Cagney, also of the Naval Sea Cadets assists in the classroom of Huber Elementary School with a knot tying class. The Sea Cadets were a huge help in partnering with the STURGEON BAY and its very successful PIE Program.

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Top left: Local YMCA summer camp groups were aboard STURGEON BAY for a summer cruise in the NYC Harbor. Bottom Left: LT Rae poses with the 10 finalists of the Science Fair at Highland Ave School.



Top: LT Rae poses with the winner of the Science Fair. The winner was awarded a plaque and a ride aboard the cutter for her and family members.



Fleet Week 2009 proved to be a fun day aboard STURGEON BAY. STURGEON BAY was the command vessel for the fleet of military vessels that came to visit NYC. STURGEON BAY hosted the Capodanno Division of the Naval Sea Cadets and other family and friends. The weather was perfect, and the sites were amazing. Below are a few pictures from the day aboard.



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Peck Ledge Lighthouse gets a face lift!!



STURGEON BAY crew members had the golden opportunity to give Peck Ledge Lighthouse a face lift recently. Peck Ledge Lighthouse is located in Long Island Sound, on the western half, northern shore near Norwalk. The crew really enjoyed spending the time on the Lighthouse bringing it back to life, being part of history.

STURGEON BAY crew members stop working to pose for a picture while painting Peck Ledge Lighthouse. Picture below shows crew members climbing to the very top of the Lighthouse to ensure every inch was painted, as there is no time frame as to when it will be painted again. This is *STURGEON BAY*'s 3rd Lighthouse project in the last 18 months.



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Training Ship STURGEON BAY dedication ceremony held on May 31st



Above photo: No ceremony is complete without the official cutting of the cake. A reception aboard the cutter was held after the dedication ceremony.



Above photo: The crew of STURGEON BAY poses with the Cappodano Division of Naval Sea Cadets after the dedication ceremony was held pier side on a beautiful spring day in May. Everyone was very sharp in their informs!!



Above photo: LT Rae is presented the official plaque commemorating the ceremony and officially naming the new league cadet division "Training Ship STURGEON BAY."



The CO of the division along with LT Rae presents a league cadet with a plank owner certificate.



Above photo: STURGEON BAY crew and the League Cadets from Training Ship Sturgeon Bay stand at attention during the ceremony.



The cake was donated for post ceremony enjoyment. A reception was held aboard STURGEON BAY.

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STURGEON BAY's engineers hard at it again!



STURGEON BAY engineers rose to the occasion once again to complete a 7 week Main Engine Overhaul. They again went above and beyond the call of duty. The time and hours devoted to such a project is incredible. This is the second Main Engine Overhaul completed by the engineers. AWESOME work, a job well done. BRAVO ZULU. During the overhaul the entire superstructure was also painted, thank you to the deck department.

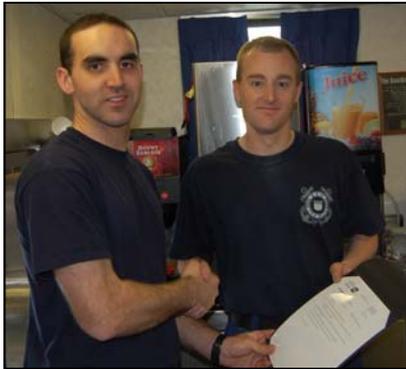
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Look what the crew is up to!

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 Cory receives his Inport watch stander and Helm qualification from LTJG Sauerbrunn. 2nd

Left: BM3 Chaplin says his farewells as he departs the CG to pursue college fulltime. LT Rae presents him a departing plaque and command coin. 3rd Left: SN Moralez receives his Inport watch stander and Helm qualification from LT Rae.



Left Photo: LT Rae congratulates SN Steward on his FS "A" School orders and presents him the "Order of the Sturgeon" plaque.



Top Right: LT Moore and MCPO Gentile present MK1 Gill with Sector NY's Sailor of the Year Plaque. Above: LTJG Sauerbrunn and LCDR Batchelder congratulate SN Connor for advancing to SN. Below: LCDR Batchelder pins the CG Achievement Medal on MK2 Melnyzenko.



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Top left photo: CWO4 Brady re-enlists MK2 Melnychenko at the point in Bayonne. 2nd Left: LT Rae presents SN Barrett the "Order of the Sturgeon" plaque. 3rd Left: LT Rae presents FS1 Espinoza with the CG Achievement Medal. 4th Left: LT Rae presents BMI Megahey with the CG Achievement Medal. Top Right: SN Asire receives his Inport watch stander and Helm qualification from LTJG Sauerbrunn. 2nd Right: EMC Beery presents FN Simpson with departing plaques.

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Crew/Cutter News

- SN Steward departed for FS “A” School.
- BM3 Chaplin departed the CG to attend college.
- FS1 Espinoza transferred to CG Station Manasquan Inlet and received the CG Achievement Medal.
- MK2 Melnychenko transferred to CGC RUSH and received the CG Achievement Medal.
- FN Simpson transferred to CG Sector NY, received the Good Conduct Award & the COMDT Letter of Commendation.
- MK1 Gill was selected Sailor of the Quarter, 3rd Qtr FY09.
- STURGEON BAY welcomed aboard BM1 Marston, FS2 Runn, MK3 Walden, and BM3 Flannelly.
- SN Asire received the Inport and Helm watch qualification.
- SN Morales received the Inport and Helm watch qualification.
- SN Cory received the Inport and Helm watch qualification.
- SN Connor advanced to SN, congratulations!!
- MK2 Melnychenko re-enlisted and received a bonus.
- LTJG Sauerbrunn certified as acting CO underway.
- BM1 Megahey received the CG Achievement Medal and transferred to ANT NY to assume the duties as XPO.
- 3/c Greendyk and 3/c Monacelli were aboard from the CG Academy for their 6 week summer training program.

**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, and welcome aboard to all the new crew members!.
Good luck!!**



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STURGEON BAY participates in Henry Hudson 400th anniversary events!



Visitors climb aboard the cutter during the celebration.

STURGEON BAY was the host military vessel for the “Blending of the Waters” in Newburgh NY. The ceremony was part of the Henry Hudson 400th Anniversary and it was in celebration of the multicultural heritage of Newburgh Beacon Bay. STURGEON BAY was open for tours and the event took place on her decks.



Students “blend” the waters off the bow of STURGEON BAY during the ceremony held in June.



Above: The Mystic Whaler used STURGEON BAY as a docking platform for tours. Below: The Fire Boat John J. Harvey was alongside STURGEON BAY for tours also. Bottom left: Local Civil Air Patrol color guard performed on the pier prior to the ceremony.



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From the Commanding Officer

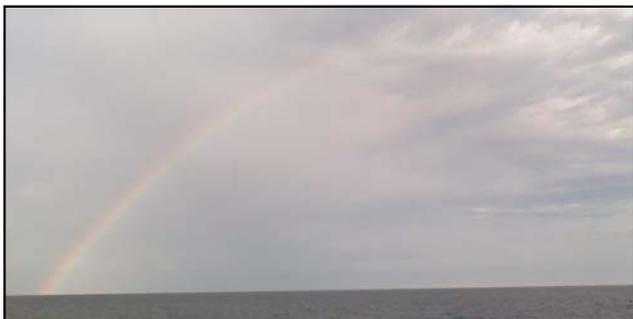
Hello to all of the STURGEON BAY family and friends! Another very quick three months have elapsed, I can't believe I am sitting here writing another CO message. Summer has come, and believe it or not has almost gone! Where does the time go? We have been EXTREMELY busy as we always are. Never a shortage of CG business to attend to. This period our engineers completed the second of two Main Engine overhauls. A HUGE task to say the least. It's not often where the ship's force undertakes such a monumental job and completes it ahead of schedule. They are the very best in the fleet!! The cutter also received a major face lift!! The deck department painted the cutter from top to bottom. We received so many comments, the cutter looked brand new. Thank you. LT Rae

This summer we had two Coast Guard Academy Cadets aboard STURGEON BAY. They were 3/c Greendyk and 3/c Monacelli. They spent 6 weeks with us and I want to personally thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to the cutter! Bravo Zulu

Below left: 3/c Monacelli receives congratulations from LTJG Sauerbrunn for a job well done aboard the cutter during his 6 weeks aboard. Center: 3/c Greendyk receives congratulations from LTJG Sauerbrunn for a job well done during his six weeks aboard. Both cadets received a letter of appreciation, command coin and a lifetime membership in the "Order of the STURGEON." Below right: MK1 Gill receives recognition for being selected as Sailor of the Quarter for the third quarter of FY 2009. Congratulations!!!!



Three left photos: Its not all work, the crew needs some fun time also. Swim Call still proves to be one of their favorites!!



Far Left: Afternoon rainbow taken while underway. BMC Babcock and SN Barrett taking time for a photo.