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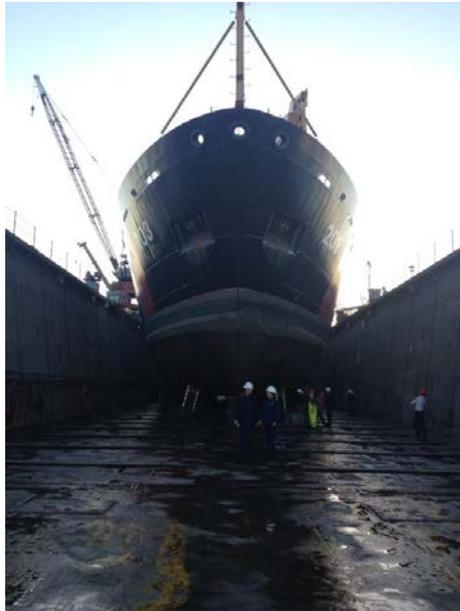
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Dry Dock 2014



KUKUI enters the dry dock.



KUKUI up on blocks.

Since our arrival in California on March 4th, the crew has worked tirelessly to renew and preserve KUKUI, both inside and out. In order to complete all of the maintenance, KUKUI had to come up out of the water. On March 12th, Bay Ship & Yacht sunk their dry dock, a World War II era concrete dock. KUKUI went “dead ship”, securing all equipment, and allowed tug boats to push her into the dry dock. Then Bay Ship & Yacht began pumping the water out of the dock. As the dock slowly rose, KUKUI settled onto precisely placed wooden blocks and came up out of the water for the first time in five years.

While at Bay Ship & Yacht, the crew supervised contracted work on 83 major work items. Contractors took out the propeller, rudder, and shaft; sand blasted and repainted the entire hull; replaced large sections of the ventilation system; repaired and repainted multiple

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Welcome aboard to our newest crewmembers:

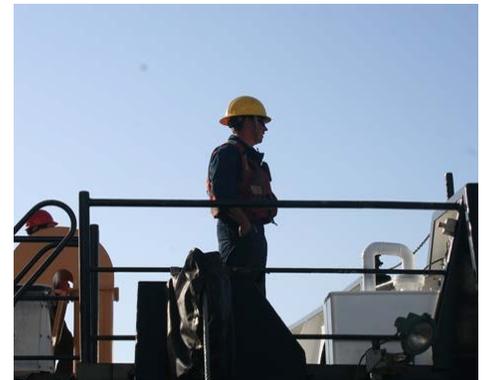
**LTJG Kristen Holloway
ENS Dahnyoung McGarry
DC1 Kevin Kalen
FS3 Jenna Gros
BM3 Angel Carballo
SN Jake Thomas**

Fair winds and following seas to:

**LT Kayla Abruzzese
BMC Morgan Adkins
DC1 Phil Soto
MK1 Daniel Fetzer
SK1 Amanda Dishman
BM2 Parker Dawson
BM3 Matt Puglia
MK3 “Breezy” McBride
EM3 “Reggie” Reigosa
DC3 Josh Marks**

Sailor of the Quarter:

BM1 Chris Summers



Congratulations to BM1 Chris Summers for being named CGC KUKUI's Sailor of the Quarter for Winter 2014. Keep up the awesome work!

DRY DOCK 2014

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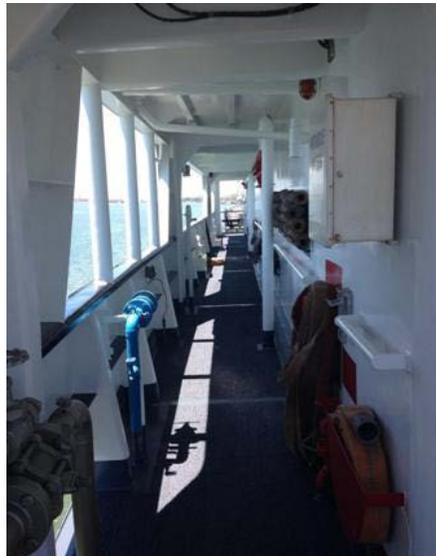


EMC Padilla, MKC Specht, and EO during the hull inspection.

tanks; and much more. In addition to supervising and assisting with all of the contracted work, the KUKUI crew took on many other projects such as replacing ladders, installing new life raft brackets, and painting. Once all of the work was complete, KUKUI's crew had to test all of the equipment that had been worked on. After completing all of the testing, including Sea Trials, KUKUI moored at Coast Guard Island in Alameda, CA to have the decks on our fantail and aircastles renewed. Thanks to everyone's hard work, KUKUI is looking fantastic and running great! We're all excited to return to Hawaii and ready to get back to our primary missions.



The aircastles before...



and after.



EO under the ship.



Inspecting the Controllable Pitch Propeller.



Captain and EO inspect the hull.



EO and Port Engineer inspect the Sea Bay.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

BY FN KELI'OKALANI RAMOS



CGC KUKUI'S Engineering Department

Hello from your friends down in the hole – that’s right, the engineers of KUKUI! We engineers have been busy this last quarter pushing through our Dry Dock. In the beginning of this Dry Dock, we had to secure everything and make sure that mighty old KUKUI would be okay to pull out of the water. While we were out of the water, KUKUI’s engineers took the shaft out, renewed the steering rams, replaced ventilation ducts, and installed new damage control equipment, among many other projects. After these tasks were completed, mighty KUKUI had to prepare to return back to the water. Two of the key personnel that helped this preparation go smoothly were MK1 Landry and MK1 Fisher. This dynamic duo was the reason KUKUI got her potable water system back up quickly so the galley could be reopened. Another important group that helped was the DC Shop. The DC Shop made sure that the sewage system was operating properly and fixed any discrepancies that were found. The KUKUI engineers are always on point and always get the job done!



DC3 Josh Marks



MK3 Mark Rivas

Command Chief

Pyrrhic victory: a victory that is offset by staggering losses.

As we approach the conclusion of this yard period and begin to assess what we have gained with the tremendous amount of work that has been completed, we also need to evaluate the impact that this time has had on us. It has impacted us not just as a crew, but as individual members of that crew, and there has also been a significant impact on our families and friends. Just as the KUKUI gets put back together, we need to put our lives back together - most likely in reverse order of what I have just listed. We need to put the same amount of effort that we gave the KUKUI these past months into ourselves. Reestablish our relationships, reestablish our cohesion as a crew, and attempt to undo any damage that has been done. We still have many more challenges ahead of us, so if we don't put the time into reestablishing ourselves, any victory that we may feel at the end of this period could be a Pyrrhic victory.

Do good things and be good people, as you always are.

DECK DEPARTMENT

BY SN MIKEY RAMOS



CGC KUKUI's Deck Force.

For Deck Force, our long work days have consisted primarily of "The Three P's": Prepping, Priming, and Painting. With Deck Force hard at work and with the help of the Bay Ship and Yacht contractors, KUKUI is finally starting to turn heads with the fresh new look we were in desperate need of. Along with the daily tasks that we accomplish on KUKUI, Deck Force has also taken the time to assist our shipmates by going TDY to Bay Area units such as USCGC ASPEN, Station Golden Gate, Sector San Francisco, and the Coast Guard Island ITs.



BMI Laughlin, SA Weems, BMI Summers, SA Wiczorek, SN Thompson, and SN Ramos at a San Francisco Giants game.

For most of Deck Force, this was their first time here in the Bay Area. We made sure to take full advantage of our time here by exploring, sight-seeing, and partaking in fun activities that the area had to offer. Some of Deck Force's favorite activities were attending sporting events, bike rides in the city, and long walks on the beach at sunset.



SN Ramos (far left) while TDY with CGC ASPEN.



Fair Winds and Following Seas to BMC Adkins!



SN Kelly and SN Ramos on the transit inbound San Francisco Bay.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

BY ENS JULIE KANE

SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

BY SK2 TECHIEL LABORCE



BM1 Partin during Sea Trials.

Repainting the flag locker, laying down track lines, scraping caked-on grease off the griddle... it's all part of a normal day's work in the Operations Department! This quarter the Operations Department said goodbye to LT Abruzzese, BM2 Dawson, and BM3 Puglia, but we also welcomed LTJG Holloway and BM3 Carballo. After a busy Dry Dock supervising contracted work, completing work projects, and preparing for inspections, we're definitely excited to return to Hawaii and get back to completing KUKUI's primary missions.



FS1 de la Cruz and FS3 Warner while deepcleaning the galley before reopening.

This quarter the SK's have a new record for purchasing the most engineering parts for a single quarter. In total, we have spent \$57,918.65 in parts for Dry Dock. Personnel in the Support Department also managed weigh-ins, which went very smoothly. Fair winds and following seas to YN1 Matt Kamalo and SK1 Amanda Dishman!



SNBM Eric Wood helps SK2 Techiel Laborce learn how to ride a bike outside of Bay Ship & Yacht Facility.

CGC KUKUI in San Francisco



CGC KUKUI conducted Sea Trials in San Francisco Bay to test all of the work completed during Dry Dock.

THE DIVE LOCKER

BY BMI DAVID PARTIN

Greetings from the Denizens of the Deep. Firstly, we would like to wish YN1 (DVI) Matt Kamalo the deepest of seas and say “HOOYAH” as he makes his PCS transfer to become a Plank Owner of Regional Dive Locker Pacific. Congratulations, Brother, you will be missed!



KUKUI's Dive Team (left to right: BMI Partin, MK2 Zapara, MK3 Robb, LTJG Devine, YN1 Kamalo, and BM2 Miller) with MKC Sowers (far right) during DORA.

It has been a very interesting past three months for the KUKUI Divers. As mentioned in the previous edition of our newsletter, we shifted our focus to training and preparing for our Dive Operational Readiness Assessment (DORA), which was administered by the Naval Safety Center in the much colder waters of the greater San Francisco Bay. The evaluation team consisted of MKC Chuck Sowers, Master Diver Schoephoerster, and NDCS Cole. The DORA evaluation was a week-long Dive Team exercise. The first day consisted of written examinations, administration review, and a gear review. The second and third day consisted of a comprehensive evaluation of the entire dive evolution from brief to splash to recovery of divers. Additionally, it contained an evaluation of the dive supervisor's ability to diagnose a diving related illness and perform the proper treatment. The fourth day could have went two ways, either a repeat of dives if we had not met the standards in any area or training from the evaluators on a subject of the team's choosing, followed up by an oral board and test review. As it happened we received training from the evaluators on how to conduct a neurological examination. Friday was our out brief with the Dive Team, evaluators, and our senior dive

leadership, which consisted of CO, CWO4 Anderson, LT Hunter, Captain Crabbs, and Captain Timmons. The end result of the inspection was that we passed each requirement with no discrepancies. The out brief went well. Captain Crabbs gave some motivating words in regard to our new dive rate, but he also issued a challenge that we are just at the beginning and have a lot of work to do. For the next quarter we can expect to transition back to some warmer waters and get into the swing of our primary mission of working buoys. Until next time, “Hooyah and Deep Sea.”



KUKUI's Dive Team conducts dive operations from the pier on Coast Guard Island as part of DORA.



Left: BMI David Partin acts as diver supervisor as KUKUI's divers splash. Right: KUKUI Dive Officer LTJG Nick Devine presents YN1 (DVI) Matt Kamalo with an engraved Mark 5 dive knife from the dive team.

KUKUI MORALE



Starting line of the Bay to Breakers road race.



Oakland A's game!



Finish line of Bay to Breakers (7.5 miles).



USS HORNET on Memorial Day.

XO's Corner

The completion of the 2014 Drydock Availability marks the end of another amazing chapter of KUKUI history. As I write this, we have recently departed San Francisco Bay on our way back to Honolulu after 120 days away from our friends and families. During that timeframe, our shipmates have achieved countless milestones and accomplishments. Whether it was recognizing crewmembers that earned new qualifications during our eastward journey across a tumultuous Pacific Ocean, to participating in the disassembly and reassembly of every major system aboard the ship, to putting in the long hours to prepare for several operational, financial, administrative, and health and sanitation compliance inspections, the fantastic KUKUI crew continued to prove to be one of the most resilient and hardworking groups of Coasties anywhere. A heartfelt Thank You is in order to all of our friends and family! Thank you for your support and understanding during the past few months. Your sacrifices and efforts to support our crew played a crucial role in restoring KUKUI to full mission capability. See you all soon!

LUCKY BAG



CO at the PACAREA Change of Command.



Chiefs and Thirds Morale Pizza Night.



Servin' up some mean wings!



FNMK Hopper at Six Flags Morale Trip.



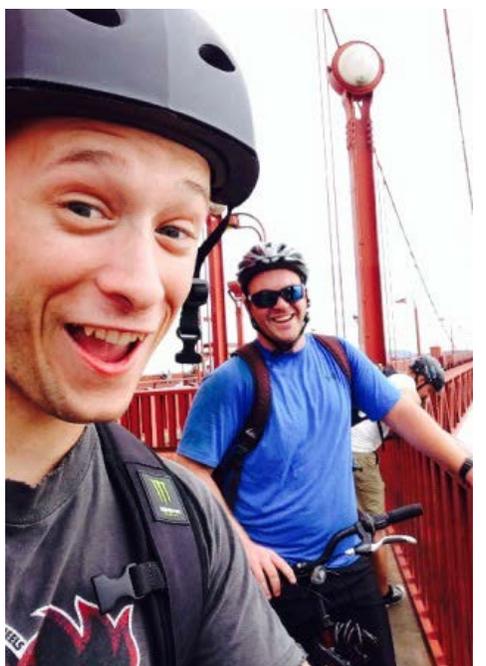
SN Kelly with the Golden Gate Bridge.



SA Wieczorek qualified basic/practical pistol.



SN Thompson going under the Golden Gate.



FNMK Hopper and SNBM Wood on bikes.



CGC KUKUI's Engineering Department.

Tweets from Dry Dock

BM2 Ryan Miller

"I learned how to take chloride readings and profile surfaces before painting."

EM1 Kenny Worrell

"It was fun going to Six Flags!"

MK1 J. T. Landry

"I loved seeing the sun coming up every morning at 5 AM! #noSarcasm"

SN Mikey Ramos

"It was good to be home.
#BayAreeeeeaaa"

CWO2 Ben Smith

"I really enjoyed going to the ball games."

MK3 Mark Rivas

"I got to see what a First Class shower was like. Because our shower was broken. #MovinUp"

LTJG Kenny Miltenberger

"Getting to be XO was a unique and formative experience. #neverAgain #helpMe #DryDock14"

SN Armond Thompson

"It was awesome getting to watch the Great KUKUI come out of the water and go up onto the blocks."

FS3 Brittany Warner

"It was nice to have the opportunity to make the galley look brand new."

Captain's Cabin

KUKUI's crew performed with distinction during this marathon drydock. 120 days of focused, dedicated energy meeting the implicit demands set forth in three simple words: Integrity, Reliability and Habitability - KUKUI's 2014 drydock watchwords. KUKUI's crew served the nation by investing their time, energy and expertise to return KUKUI to full-mission-capability; we cultivated professional development opportunities through partnerships with Bay Area Coast Guard units to continue to enhance our proficiency and support Coast Guard mission execution, and; yes, we had some fun along the way. A special "shout out" to ENS Julia Kane and LTJG Kenneth Miltenberger for their contributions to KUKUI earning the 2013 CDR Jim Simpson Award for Outstanding Unit Achievement in Coast Guard Public Affairs! Congratulations go out to LT Jonathan Harris and Dr. Ginger Denton on tying the knot May 1st...may you never forget that date XO! All of KUKUI's successes would not be possible without the continued support and sacrifice of our families and friends. Thank you family and friends for being there for us even when we may not have been in the best of moods or brightest of spirits. I am humbled and honored to have the privilege to continue to serve with such a professional and hard working group of Coast Guardsmen onboard, what has proven to truly be, "The Workhorse of the Pacific!"

KUKUI KEIKI



David Partin Jr., 7 years



Reef Mertz, 7 months



Marcelo Soto, 19 months



Kinsey Miller, 5 months



Claire, Jessica, & Emily de la Cruz, 5, 8, 10 yrs



Welcome aboard Jack Sheesley!
Born to MK1 Duke and Danelle
Sheesley on March 1, 2014, weighing
6 lbs 14 oz. Congratulations!



Hannah and Madison Mills, 6 & 5 years



Pierce Dawson, 2 years



Gavin and Audrey Ruff, 10 months