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THE SENECA SAILOR

“The Official 411 on the 906”

SENECA ASSISTS VESSEL ON FIRE



On March 17th, SENECA was diverted to assist in a Search and Rescue case for the Motor Vessel GREY SHARK, approximately 175 nautical miles off the coast of Cape May, NJ. The large ‘Roll on Roll Off’ car carrier was reported adrift and on fire. During an offshore transit, M/V GREY SHARK had experienced engine troubles in addition to a fire in their cargo hold. Furthermore, they were having trouble combating the fire. Upon report, SENECA immediately made best speed to render assistance. Throughout the transit, the cutter endured 15-20 foot seas as well as wind gusts upwards of 35 knots. Once on scene, watch teams quickly assessed that M/V GREY SHARK was in need of aide. The fire smoldered throughout the day and night, as GREY SHARK expended almost all of their firefighting resources. SENECA remained on scene and monitored as tug EILEEN MCALLISTER took the vessel in tow. SENECA escorted the tow back to New Jersey where the GREY SHARK was safely anchored until the local fire departments could come onboard to help extinguish the fire. Bravo Zulu to the SENECA crew for providing command and control and enduring arduous conditions to assist a vessel in distress!

The SENECA Crew wishes a Happy Anniversary to our shipmates and their spouses.

SK1 Robert and Diana
Alongi- 5 years
CDR Jason and Elizabeth
Brennell- 16 years
SN Jordan and Maria
Canion- 1 year
GM2 Jason and Jacqueline
Fisher- 1 year
ET1 Michael and Denise
Gessner- 3 years
DCC Adam and Kathy
Hartry- 10 years
MK3 Andrew and Bridget
Heard- 4 years
BM3 Sean and Stephanie
Liston- 3 years
MK2 Richard and Yamileth
Molina- 7 years
ETC Joshua and Jennie
Price- 7 years
LTJG Christopher and Jane
Reimer- 2 years
ET1 Timothy and
Meghanna Sargent- 10 years
EM3 Daniel and Tara Scott-
8 years
BM3 William and Alyssa
Southard- 3 years
OSC Gerald and Amy
Welton- 14 years
FN Zachary and Stephanie
Woodhull- 1 year

SENECA appreciates the sacrifices you make so your loved ones can be underway. We are proud to have you as a part of the SENECA family!



SENECA Completes Challenging East River Transit

On 18 March, SENECA made a transit into New York Harbor for a much deserved port call in New York City. The inbound transit was windy and cold as we passed beneath the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge that links Staten Island with Brooklyn. SENECA's OTH small boat was deployed to snap pictures of the cutter as it passed by the Statue of Liberty. Pier 88 in Midtown Manhattan awaited SENECA at the end of this inbound transit. The location was perfect for quick access to some of the best attractions in NYC.

On the outbound transit, SENECA was challenged by leaving through the narrow and scenic transit out of NYC via the East River. The preparations leading up to this transit started with SENECA'S Navigation Division a month before with hours of meticulous chart work, cautious navigational planning, a meeting with Vessel Traffic Service and multiple transits of Cape Cod Canal. The first part of the East River transit included passing the newly-completed Freedom Tower (One World Trade Center) and several bridges on Manhattan's Lower and Upper East Side. The crew stayed on point the whole 2.5 hour detail and made a seamless exit into Long Island Sound.

SENECA hosted several guests for the eventful transit; among these guests were US Coast Guard Commander Dwyer, U.S. Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Messer, and U.S. Army Special Forces Lieutenant Colonel Bacilici. The crew thoroughly enjoyed their presence and were proud to demonstrate the capabilities of a Coast Guard cutter. Following the transit, SENECA conducted helicopter operations with an MH60 Jayhawk in Long Island Sound.





Departing Words From MKC Myers



I was approached the other day to write a brief paragraph about my time onboard CGC SENECA. First of all I was extremely flattered that I was approached about writing something for the crew to express my gratitude to each and every one of you. Second...WOW where do I start! My time onboard has gone by very fast at times and at other times it has seemed to slow down to a snails pace. Being away from my wife, Veronica and step son Isaac has always been hard, but being away from home is nothing new to me. I have almost 11 years sea time which means at least 5 ½ years away from my family. When you sit down and count patrol days, work days and duty days we are onboard SENECA over 75% of the time. My calculations might be off a little, but I am sure it is close. I am doing nothing that the rest of you have not done yourselves.... I know throughout my USCG career many people have said what I am about to say, but I truly mean it.

The crew onboard SENECA has made time away from my family a lot easier and there is not a crew out there I would rather have spent my time with over the past 3 years than you. Every Department/Division has helped SENECA get from point A to point B and I want to Thank you ALL for the work you do to make sure each and every one of us arrive safely back home to our families after each patrol. From the Operations Department that have Intel on our missions and where we are heading Thank You! The Support Department that makes sure we are fed, paid, and fully supplied with parts needed to complete our daily missions Thank You! The Deck Department with the work you do preserving SENECA and all the boat operations you lead to make sure we are keeping fishing vessels within regulation and allowing us to chase and catch the bad guys Thank You!

I have not interacted with the other Departments like I have the Engineering Department. Of course, I can write about the Engineering Department all day and about all the work we do. I can write more about the Engineers than any other Department, only because I work with them. Each division in the Engineering Department has been instrumental in making my time onboard successful and enjoyable, Thank You! The Main Propulsion division, including MK1 Rodriguez, have been working with me over the past 3 years and I could not have asked for a better bunch of Coasties! The maintenance, casualties, and repairs we have all worked on has made my 3 years onboard SENECA unique and definitely worthwhile. SENECA is now (almost) 28 years young and will have many more years of life left because of the SENECA crew! I retire on the 31st of May, 2015 which will put me over 22 years active duty. I am very glad that I finished my career with this crew and onboard CGC SENECA.

Thank you again for being part of my crew and my life over the last 3 years; it has been an Honor serving with each and every one of you!!



MKC Mark A. Myers



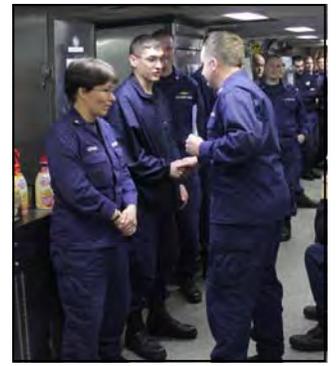


Shout Out to the Snoopy Team!



The Snoopy Team is a voluntary group of crewmembers who serve as our shipboard photographers to capture all aspects of cutter life, ranging from operations and transits to award ceremonies and morale events. SENECA's Snoopy Team consists of IT2 Li, IT3 Lockhart, and ET3 Clay. Almost all the pictures of the cutter engaged in operations are captured by these three talented crewmembers. Most recently, the team captured some incredible pictures of SENECA and the crew manning the rails in front of the Statue of Liberty and the Freedom Tower. One picture from a towing operation with CGC RELIANCE made it to the Defense Imagery and Video Distribution System website. SENECA would like to give a big shout out and thank you to all of the members of Snoopy Team who have provided us with amazing pictures to send home to our families and share in our newsletter.

Snoopy Team: IT3 Lockhart, IT2 Li, and ET3 Clay



Tug approaching SENECA, entering NYC



Bridge team transiting into NYC



SN Canion receiving a Letter of Commendation



Small boat crew conducting operations



Preparations for helicopter in-flight refueling

TAX ADVICE

Just a friendly reminder to all that taxes are due by April 15th, 2015! If you have any questions or issues with filing your taxes, or if you would like FREE assistance in completing them the Coast Guard is sponsoring those services. Visit cgsuprt.com and click on the TAX link to gain access to H+R Blocks tax filing tools, or call 1-855-CGSUPRT with any concerns.

DEPENDENT'S CRUISE

SAVE THE DATE!

We are in the early planning stages of hosting a SENECA...

DEPENDENT'S CRUISE!

On the morning of June 20th, we plan to pick up families from the pier in Boston to get underway in the Harbor for a day of fun activities sponsored by our Morale Committee and SENECA's crew. More information will be released upon our return to homeport.



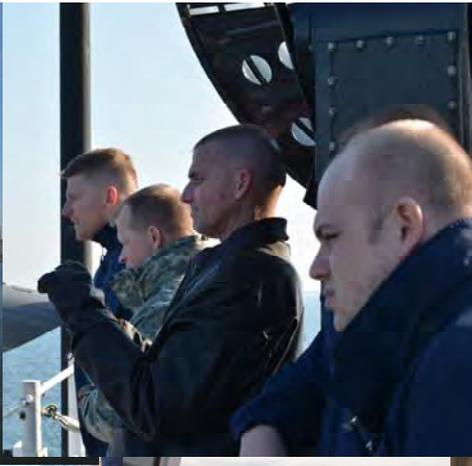
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



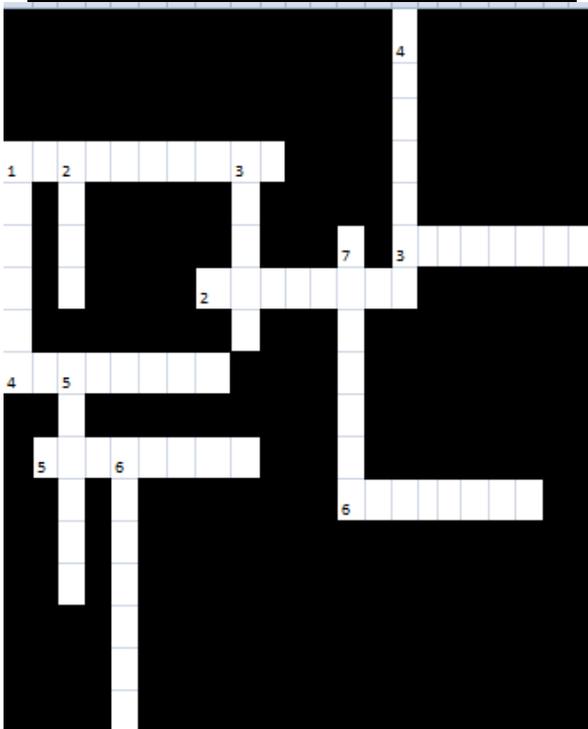
SENECA wishes our shipmates a Happy Birthday!

IT3 Lockhart (3/14)
MK3 Sardinha (3/21)
SN O'Regan (3/31)
SN Agius (4/9)

FS2 Black (3/21)
GM3 Perks (3/24)
MK2 Dupont (4/7)



NCAA Tournament Mascot Crossword



Down

1. Most NCAA Championships
2. Utah
3. New Mexico
4. Kansas
5. Team name is a color
6. Defending Champions
7. Big Ten Champions

Across

1. Coached by the winningest coach of all time
2. NC State
3. 3 Teams seeded 2 or higher in this years tournament
4. Final 4 appearance in 2013, and undefeated regular season in 2014
5. Michael Jordan's alma mater
6. Coached by the legendary Tom Izzo

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YN1 Nava, BM1 Gercon, BM2 Segura, ENS Fredericksen, OS2 DeSalvo, SN Russell, ENS Grills, LTJG Perez



CGPAAS | Coast Guard Personnel Accountability & Assessment System

Coast Guard Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (CGPAAS) standardizes a method for the Coast Guard to account, manage, and monitor the recovery process for personnel and their families affected and/or scattered by a wide-spread catastrophic event. CGPAAS provides valuable information to all levels of the Coast Guard chain of command, allowing commanders to make strategic decisions which facilitate a return to stability.

When CGPAAS is activated, members could receive the message via phone, email, or text message. Members must reply to account for themselves and their dependents. To account for your dependents, you must log on to <https://cgpaas.uscg.mil/>. From this site you may account for all your dependents and yourself.

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