

THE PRINSENDAM RESCUE REUNION  
35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
"GREATEST HIGH SEAS RESCUE IN COAST GUARD HISTORY"  
2 - 4 OCTOBER 2015  
USCG BASE SEATTLE GYMNASIUM, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



Rescue of the Dutch Cruise Ship Prinsendam October 1980

By Tony Falcone

In October 1980, The Dutch Cruise Ship Prinsendam caught fire 130 miles off the coast of Yakutat, Alaska with 519 passengers and crew on board. Subsequently all passengers and crew were rescued after abandoning the vessel without any fatalities or serious injuries and the cruise ship eventually sank after attempts to save her failed.

The Prinsendam Rescue has been recognized by Coast Guard Historians as second in the ten all-time great rescues conducted by the Service since 1790.



## 2015 PRINSENDAM RESCUE REUNION ATTENDEES



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ANNE KIENITZ  
MK1 PIETER KINDBERG  
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ENS CAROL YIN



2015 PRINSENDAM RESCUE REUNION ACTIVITIES/PROGRAM



1530 - USCGC BOUTWELL Arrives Pier 36 - All Hands Encouraged To Welcome Her Back To Seattle.

0900-1500 - Coast Guard Museum Northwest At Pier 36 Open for Visitation.

1100-1230 - Lunch is available at Base Seattle's Cutterman's Dining Facility.

\*\* Saturday, 3 October 2015 \*\*

0900-1600 - Coast Guard Exchange Open.

1000-1200 - Coast Guard Museum Northwest Open For Visitation.

1000-1130 - Sign in and get your nametags in the Base Gymnasium.

1100-1230 - Lunch is available at Base Seattle's Cutterman's Dining Facility.

1300-1400 - Tour of USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC-719) moored at Pier 36 - Arrive ten minutes before the tour begins and wear comfortable clothing/shoes.

1400-1500 - Tour of USCGC MELLON (WHEC-717) moored at Pier 36 - Arrive ten minutes before the tour begins and wear comfortable clothing/shoes.

1730-1900 - Dinner Catered by Jim & Thuy Friberg in the Base Gymnasium.

Presentation of Colors  
Thirteenth Coast Guard District Honor Guard

Invocation  
Commander Michael Greenwalt  
Thirteenth Coast Guard District Chaplain

1930 - Evening Program begins in the Base Gymnasium.

\*\*\* Reception Program \*\*\*

Welcome Aboard  
Senior Chief Stan Jaceks, USCG (Retired)

Presentation of Speakers  
Captain Jeff Belmondo, USCG (Retired)

Coast Guard 2015  
Captain Donna Cottrell, USCG  
Thirteenth Coast Guard District Chief of Staff

CAPT Edward Westfall - Commanding Officer, USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC-719)

CAPT Darran McLenen - Commanding Officer, USCGC MELLON (WHEC-717)

Prinsendam Rescue Operations 1980

John Graham - Prinsendam Survivor  
Director, The Giraffe Heroes Project

Closing Remarks  
Captain Lee Krumm, USCG, (Retired)

Door Prizes  
Pictures - Cake - Refreshments - Sea Stories

Group Photograph

2130 - Conclusion of Reunion Program

\*\* Sunday, 4 October 2015 \*\*

0730-0830 - Breakfast available at Base Seattle Cutterman's Dining Facility.

1100-1230 - Lunch available at Base Seattle Cutterman's Dining Facility.

Special Thanks To The Following For Their Support Of This Year's Reunion:

Captain Stanley Romanowicz, USCG  
Commanding Officer, USCG Base Seattle  
Commander Keith Jernigan, USCG  
Executive Officer, USCG Base Seattle  
USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC-719)  
USCGC MELLON (WHEC-717)  
Captain Gene Davis, USCG (Ret.) Director CG Museum NW  
Commander Carl Burkhart, USCG (Ret.)  
Commander Len Pichini, USCG (Ret.)  
Academy Class of 1962 Endowment Fund  
Captain Jay Creech, USCG (Ret.)

Coast Guard Aviation Association - Ancient Order of Pterodactyl