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WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS! IF YOU LIVE ON CAPE COD AND CAN SPARE A FEW HOURS, WE NEED YOU! PLEASE CONTACT US BY PHONE OR EMAIL. YOU CAN ALSO JUST STOP IN. WE ARE AT THE MUSEUM TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 10 TO 3. AFTER MAY 1, WE ARE OPEN TUESDAY - SATURDAY FROM 10 TO 3. STOP IN AND BECOME A VOLUNTEER!!

We are a nonprofit organization and rely on donations to keep our ship afloat. [Check out the donation page 7.](#)



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT *Bill Collette*

The museum has closed now after the December 10th Christmas stroll in Barnstable. The stroll turned out to be a wet rainy evening BUT it was the busiest year to date. The Coast Guard Heritage Museum, Blacksmith shop and the Old Jail were busy with people stopping by to look in. Dereck Bartlett did an outstanding job on lighting the Old Jail area up and people were very impressed with his presentation on the history of the Old Jail. Jim Ellis had many people stop by to see what a real Blacksmith does in this trade now and in past history. The Museum was very busy with a lot of local people from the Barnstable area visiting and everyone had a great time. Cookies and cider were all free and appreciated by all.

The museum will be busy the next couple of months doing inventory, insurance updates, weather tightening of the old building and cleaning the cellar area. Once that is completed the second deck displays will be changed around to make it easier for the museum guides to tell the Coast Guard's history to our visitors. We have added a few new exhibits like "Coast Guard at War", and hope to add a CGC Escanaba display with the history of the many CG Cutters that had that name, and more uniform displays will be added to show the many ranks and uniform styles throughout the Coast Guard years.

2008 was a good year and all the changes that came along with it. The Lightship Sailors room was a great success in 2008 and now has to be topped with more fundraisers as well as efforts to keep our rising cost for utilities for the 2009 season in check. Hopefully a program for membership will be put in place by the Board of Directors to help in that effort. We will be asking big business to help support the Trayser Museum Group in passing the word about what our Coast Guard family has to do today with Homeland Security, Search And Rescue, Aids to Navigation teams and the many mutable missions required of them to keep us safe.

It may seem like a staggering task to do, but nothing more than what many of us had to do in the Coast Guard to make everything work throughout those years of little money. With the support of our Board of Directors and Trayser Museum friends this will happen. I'm proud to be part of that crew to help tell the history and story.

Bravo Zulu "Job Well Done" to all.



Members of the Board of Directors of The coast Guard Heritage Museum

Back row, left to right: Jim Ellis, Ralph Jones, Jim Walker, Dr. James L Baird Jr. and John Manning.

Front row, left to right: John McGrath, Francis I. Broadhurst, Mary M. Manning, William Collette. NOT PRESENT AT MEETING: Stuart Bornstein, CAPT Roland Renault, Louis Cataldo, CAPT Robert O' Brien, Harris Weston and Ed Skoler.

Dan Davidson, our Chaplain and voting member of the Board of Directors, has resigned to spend more time with ministerial duties. Dan, along with his Chaplain duties, was one of the first members of the board and was instrumental in rehabbing some of our exhibits and setting up our displays.

The Museum was open for the Barnstable Village Christmas Stroll December 10, 2008 for the evening hours. The Blacksmith shop, Old Jail and Museum were open to the public. Cookies and cider were offered to our visitors. Thanks to all members who came early to help set up, especially Al Manning, Jim Ellis, Dick d' Entremont and Jim Walker.

Contributions to the Museum were up from last year. Thank you letters for donations are being sent out. Contributions are still coming in with good results from the appeal letter. A significant amount of donations came from the Lightship Sailors Association.

Secretary Francis Broadhurst reported we had a My View column on the Lightship Sailors Wing and dedication ceremony published on the editorial page of the November 20, 2008 Cape Cod Times. Notices have been published in local daily and weeklies that we are on Winter Hours and will be open to visitors by appointment only. To arrange a visit please call the Museum at [508-362-8521](tel:508-362-8521). The Museum will open for the 2009 season Friday, May 1, 2009 at 10:00 AM to coincide with Cape Cod Maritime Month.

Bill Collette, Jack McGrath and John Manning have started cleaning up the basement meeting, business and storage areas. Other on-going projects for the winter include: Energy audits, winterization, reorganizing the main gallery of the second floor to feature the Coast Guard at War, security system work and working with the town of Barnstable concerning utilities.

The Board of Directors approved the new admission rate for the Museum. The new admission charge will be five dollars for adults, children under 10 free, active Coast Guard Free, the Admission fee will include entrance and tour of the Museum Trayser building, the Blacksmith shop and a tour of the Old Jail.

LECTURE SERIES

January 13, 2009 at 6:45 a lecture was held at the Sturgis Library 6A. Barnstable MA.

Mark Wilkins Marine Historian

Presented

USS MONITOR & CSS VIRGINIA

Battle of Hampton Roads

Check our Web page for up coming lectures.

PIXY 103 FM radio station had an interview with three of our Board of Directors about the Museum and its mission on Feb. 5, 2009. Bill Collette our President, Jack McGrath our Web Master and John Manning our past president and Assistant Treasurer.

The Museum had its Annual Meeting Monday February 2, 2009 at 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM followed by the regular meeting 7:00 PM -8:00 PM.

The Museum may be changing its Internet services and e-mail address soon. Further information will be given as facts become available. Stay tuned.

The winter snow photos on our front page were taken by Joan Ellis. The photos of the Old jail and Blacksmith shop on the donation page were taken by Bill Collette.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR NEWS

February 2, 2009 The Board Of Directors held their annual meeting and also their monthly meeting.

Voting on new Board members.

Plans for up-coming events.

Mission statement.

Goals for coming 2009 season.

Congratulations to our Board of Directors member Bud Breault for being appointed as the top administrator at the Barnstable Airport.

New officers and voting Directors: Jack McGrath Vice President,
Robert Dwyer Voting member

This is a brief biography of one of our founding members and directors. Commander Maurice E. Gibbs US Navy (Retired).

MAURICE E. GIBBS

Maurice E. Gibbs, one of the founders of the Coast guard Heritage Museum is a 12th generation Nantucketer, who was named for his Surfman grandfather. His grandfather had served from 1892 onwards on all four of Nantucket's Lifesaving stations in the original U.S. Life-saving Service when it was renamed U.S. Coast Guard in 1915. The Family lore of this early period motivated Maurice greatly to learn more of his grandfather and these remarkable men.

Maurice graduated from Nantucket High in 1951, and is a U.S. Navy veteran of 34 years. He enlisted in 1952, and retired at the end of 1986. He served first from Seaman through enlisted ratings to Master Chief Petty Officer. In 1960 he was commissioned as an Ensign and served in grades up to Commander.

Among his tours were six expeditions to Antarctica, the first at *Little America V* in 1955-56. His last expedition was as Navy Antarctic Action Officer for the Fleet Commander in 1984. His shipboard tours include USS ARNEB, USS WYANDOT, USS GLACIER, and USS JOHN F KENNEDY. He also served brief duty periods on a number of other U.S. Navy ships, and a tour on HMS HERMES, a Royal Navy aircraft carrier. His shore tours include two at the U.S. Navy headquarters in London, plus tours in the Philippines, New Zealand, NAS Lakehurst (two tours), the CPO Leadership Academy, Pensacola, where he taught geopolitics & Counter-Insurgency, a tour in Washington DC in charge of weather communications for the Naval Weather Service, a tour at the Naval Postgraduate School, CA, and, after attending the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI in the mid 70s, an extended tour in its Naval Operations Dept faculty teaching naval tactics. CDR Gibbs also served as Fleet Meteorologist & Oceanographer on the staff of the Commander, THIRD Fleet in Pearl Harbor (1981-85) and after that tour and a final tour (1985-86) back in Washington DC as director, Plans & Programs for the Oceanographers of the Navy, with a brief stint as Acting Director of Operations.

Following his naval service Maurice lived briefly on Maui before returning to Nantucket. There he was Executive Director of the Nantucket Historical Association (1993-2004). He was also a founding Director of the National U.S. Life-Saving Service Heritage Association in 1995, and served as its President from 1997 to 2004. He continues on that board as a Director.

Maurice has also been a Coast Guard Auxiliarist since 2000 in Nantucket. He stands radio watches at the Station Brant Point and teaches the boating safety courses. He also lectures on maritime history and Lifesaving extensively.

Maurice is married to the former Millicent M. Norcross. They have two children and share 14 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren between them.

NEWS OF THE CG 36500 AND CREW



Bernie Webber, Ervin Maske, Richard Livesey, and Andrew Fitzgerald. After the Pendleton rescue February 18, 1952 rescue. And at the 50th anniversary of the rescue.

The Crew



Currently the 36500 is being restored by Marine Restoration of Orleans, MA. Repair and replace of rotted decks and turtlebacks. Donations to help assist in the resoration can be sent to The Orleans Historical Society, 36500 Fund, P.O Box 353, Orleans MA 02653.

For those who may be interested in the full story of the Pendelton rescue and the history of CG 36500 can go to the web page www.cg36500.org.



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We are a nonprofit organization and rely on donations to keep our ship afloat.

Please join us to help preserve and publicize the heroic heritage of the Life-Savers and Cost Guard men and women who risked their lives to save shipwreck victims over the centuries. Your donations will ensure that the heritage is never forgotten.

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If you are an Organization, Institution or Corporation that would like to help your donations would be greatly appreciated. The Coast Guard Heritage Museum at the Trayser is a nonprofit organization within the definition of 501 (C 3)





This past year we at the Museum and the Coast Guard have lost several friends and supporters of the Museum. We honor their service to the country and the Coast Guard. President Collette and the BOD are planning a memorial service to honor those who have crossed the bar recently. Please check our web site for further details to confirm date and time.

BMC Richard Livesey Crossed the bar December 27, 2007. Richard was a crew member of the 36500 during the Pendleton Rescue Feb. 18th, 1952 and was awarded the Gold medal for saving 32 of the crew.

BMC Jack Stacy Crossed the Bar January 8, 2009. Jack had a distinguished military career, US Navy 1950-1954 during the Korean War. He was a US Coast Guard reservist for more than 23 years. The acting Chief at the Coast Guard stations in Chatham and Provincetown. Chief Stacy was awarded the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for superior performance of duty in 1986. In 1990, he was named USCG Reservist of the year by the navy league of the United States, Massachusetts Bay Council. He served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Chief Stacy retired in 1991.

Tom Branco Crossed the bar January 17, 2009. BMC Thomas Branco was Officer in Charge at the Chatham Coast Guard Station from August 1978 to August 1981.

Bernie Webber Crossed the bar January 26, 2008. Bernie was the Coxswain of the 36500 of the Pendleton Rescue and recipient of the Coast Guard Gold medal for saving 32 of the crew.

Coast Guard crews helped the Boston based tug *Southern Cross* that went aground near Barney Joy Point, off Dartmouth, Mass. Nov 10, 2008.

A Jayhawk rescue copter from Air Station Cape Cod and a 47' rescue boat from Coast Guard Station Menemsha assisted the 82' vessel.



Photo taken of the tug from the Jayhawk helicopter.

A Coast Guard Jayhawk helicopter delivered Santa Claus to Air Station Cape Cod. Where about 500 military children and parents waited. The CG Chief Petty Officers Association and the Cape Cod Spouses Organization held a breakfast to raise proceeds to benefit the Angel Tree Foundation. Also volunteers from local Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla's volunteered their time.



Santa and his helpers greet the crowd.

A HU-25 Falcon Jet made an emergency landing at Martha's Vineyard Air Port Feb. 2, 2009. The jet experience electrical problems and Hydraulic problem. The plane landed safely with five people on board. The repairs were made and the plane departed later in the same day.



A memorial service was held at Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod for the crew of the CG helicopter 1432 on February 18, 2009. 1432 is shown here next to burning oil rig off of New Orleans.

