

NSCS Grayfox TWR 825 Accomplishments 2016

The following is a summary of some of the accomplishments for the NSCS Grayfox TWR 825, The Grayfox Association in 2016.

Significant events included:

- Official certificate from US Coast Guard National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC) signifying the Grayfox is registered and in compliance with ship ownership documents.
- Official registration with the State of Michigan.
- Replaced and upgraded fresh water filter system.
- Supported the underway of the CGC Bramble.
- Supported the commission of the USS Detroit LCS 7 in Detroit.

Administration and Organization

- Maintained NSCC Grayfox Division in the NSCC Magellan system.
- Recruited additional crew and supporters.
- Registered with GSA to obtain government excess equipment.
- Conducted bi-weekly planning meetings.
- Obtained formal recognition as a documented vessel by the US Coast Guard.
- Registered the Grayfox with the State of Michigan.
- Updated the website with enhancements and regular news.
- Prepared Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

Finance

- Board of Directors approved the 2016 budget.
- Griffin Accounting provided record keeping and filing of 2015 Tax IRS 990 long form.
- Resolved outstanding debt issues and operated with a positive cash flow.
- Migrated from Talmer bank to Chemical bank (merger).
- Maintained a ledger of all expenses.
- Registered with Paypass and Skybank for online donations through the website.
- Maintain liability insurance with USLI, NSCC, and Hold Harmless Agreements.

Ship

Maintained work project plans and maintenance logs for ship work repair.

- Replaced the Potable Water filtration system with a Culligan water filter system.
- Updated software and hardware for the Dyck Security alarm system.
- Obtained materials and made preparations to construct a pier retaining wall.

- Tested all fresh water systems; sinks, toilets (heads) and showers.
- Power washed Pump Room, HVAC Blower Room, and cleaned air filters.
- Painted the 01 Deck and ship aprons.
- Obtained a 6 ft Dingy for search and rescue.
- Updated smoke alarms.
- Maintained engineering maintenance logs.
- Obtained many new ship tools, power washer, portable air compressor.
- Service and repaired the welding system.
- Created and installed Navy Blue mattress covers in the berthing areas.
- Installed enhancements to the ship brow to improve safety.
- Replaced canopy poles damaged during a storm.
- Inventoried and inspected all shipboard hoses.
- Continued labelling all Grayfox assets.

Training and Events

- Open ship each weekend during the spring, summer and fall season.
- Supported the commission of the USS Detroit LCS 7 in Detroit.
- Supported two (2) underway evolutions on the CGC Bramble in Lake Huron.
- Met with St Clair Community College (SC4) on joint education projects.
- Conducted Navy Reserve Chief Select orientation.
- Conducted Future Sailor orientation.
- Participated in Port Huron Tourist in Your Own Town with more than 300 visitors.
- Provided ceremony and tours for Art in the City,
- Prepared numerous Standard Operating Procedures.
- Some training evolutions.
 - Hazardous material handling.
 - Onboarding fresh water.
 - Refueling and fuel transfer operations.
 - Firefighting pumps and hoses.
 - PQS training as outlined in the Grayfox training program.
- Conducted a ship Bar-B-Que for the Port Huron Powerboat races