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SUBJ: THE GRAYFOX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

The Grayfox Association Board of Directors, NSCC Grayfox Division, crew, and supporters wish you a prosperous 2023. 2023 will be a transition year.

The big news in 2022 was the sale of the NSCS Grayfox TWR 825, 120 ft US Navy boat, in September to MCM Marine in Sault Ste Marie, MI. The good news is the facility has a floating drydock. The justification for this sale was: (1) unable to raise \$500k for the shipyard period and USCG Certificate of Inspection (COI), (2) no homeport, (3) no 440v power for the winter heat. We had to find a deep enough port (11 feet) and 440V power for the Grayfox for the winter. We had to evacuate the terminal at Buckeye Terminal on the Rouge River. A big Thank You to USG Gypsum, Buckeye Terminal, and City of Detroit (Board of Water).

Some good news. Sea Cadets are training again after a devastating period during COVID. The border to Canada is fully open. We had a few significant events with Sea Cadets. We completed the transition to Huntington Bank and The Grayfox Association (TGA) and Grayfox Division (NSCC Sea Cadet adult unit) will remain viable. A lot of maintenance was completed in the Grayfox engine room including the rewind and test of the Port Generator. The engines and generators were refurbished. TGA still operates three smaller boats: ADM Sherman (38ft Marine Trader, Seafarer (26ft Thompson Trawler), and Grayfox II (24 ft Searay). All have been prepped for the winter. Many of the adult crew have joined the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and train with the US Coast Guard. The organization is financially solvent. We are optimistic about 2023.

Some additional activities in 2022: Presented awards to the NSCC FC Sherman Division of the Sea Cadets, trained Sea Cadets on the ADM Sherman boat in Lake Huron, presented at the Commanders Club in Lansing., participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Detroit, participated in Boats For Vets in Port Huron, participated in Wreaths Across America, Honored Veterans by participating in several Veteran events. We are seeing a significant emergence of the Sea Cadet program.

The next year 2023 will build upon this base. We have explored training opportunities on the USS Edson DD 946, a museum destroyer in Bay City and the USS Silversides, a WW II submarine in Muskegon. We continue to cement relations with the Great Lakes Maritime Academy and Culinary Institute in Traverse City, Great Lakes Maritime Museum in Toledo, International Shipmasters, US Naval Sea Cadets, and the Maritime community. Relations with our Canadian counterparts has improved. Relations with the US Coast Guard remain strong. Maritime restrictions due to COVID have been abated.



We are optimistic that 2023 will be a white board for new and emerging activity. We invite you to join in the service to our Sea Cadets by joining our adult Sea Cadet unit. The benefit is service to our Sea Cadet, Sea Service, and Veteran community and awarding a Sea Cadet membership card. Insurance is provided by USLI, NSCC for Cadets and crew, and Hold Harmless Agreements.

Since 1997, the Grayfox has been committed to providing American youth with a drug and alcohol-free environment to foster their leadership abilities, broaden their horizons through hands-on training and guide them to becoming mature adults. Grayfox crew complete Darkness to Light, for responsible youth training.

We encourage you to visit the Grayfox website at www.nscsgrayfox.org or contact us at nscsgrayfox@gmail.com or 586-825-3706. We sincerely thank you for your continued support.

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