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From the Desk of the Executive Director

WE ARE OPEN!



Executive Director
Lisa Pallagi

Our opening date was delayed a bit due to the Covid-19 virus. Finally, on June 8th we were able to open to the public! The rising lake level had made the walk up to the ship rather challenging for some. In anticipation of the upcoming summer season we decided to make adjustments to the brow. After much planning, we launched the project which would decrease the incline/decline of the brow. Schwartz Boiler Shop, of Cheboygan, took the brow to their shop where the modifications were made. Local carpenter and member, Lee Sova, donated his talents to build the new platform. The final product has shown to be a safer and more comfortable way to access the ship.

In light of the Covid-19 virus, we have taken steps to help ensure that we provide an atmosphere that is as sanitary as is possible for us. Our staff is monitored, each morning, for any signs of feeling ill. We require both staff and guests to wear a face mask unless not medically possible to do so. We frequently disinfect touchable, flat surfaces. Hand sanitizer is also available at various locations throughout the ship.

We look forward to an increase in visitors as the summer progresses. Here's hoping that you are one of those visitors!

Semper Paratus! —Lisa Pallagi



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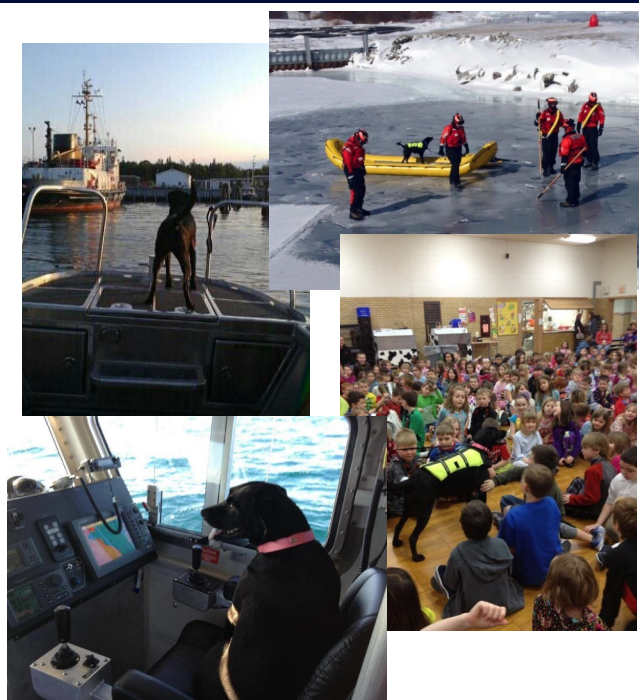
"Senior Chief Petty Paw-fficer" Onyx Dies

In our last quarterly newsletter, we wrote about Coast Guard Station St. Ignace's Morale Dog, Onyx's, recent promotion to "Senior Chief Petty Paw-fficer." We were therefore so sorry to hear that Onyx (age 13) had recently passed away. The following report is from US Coast Guard Sector Sault Ste. Marie.

It is with great sadness we announce that Senior Chief Morale Dog Onyx, 13 1/2 years old (95 dog years), of United States Coast Guard Station St. Ignace, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, June 16th, 2020 surrounded by members of her crew and loved ones.

Onyx was born in Fremont, Ohio on February 1st, 2007 and on July 13th, 2008 was adopted by Senior Chief Paul Decker, Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Station St. Ignace to be a comfort dog for his crew. Onyx served her crews with superior performance from July 2008 to June 2020. Demonstrating exceptional technical expertise and professionalism, Senior Chief Morale Dog Onyx supported multiple underway missions to include aids to navigation, search and rescue, ports waterway coastal security, ice rescue and recreational boating safety patrols.

Over her first 10 years at Station St. Ignace she always achieved her 40 underway boat hours every 6 months. She took a lead role in educating the public about water safety. Through her attendance at multiple safety demonstrations at area schools or National Boating Safety Week open houses, she educated thousands on the importance of wearing a life jacket. Demonstrating steadfast devotion to the security of Station St. Ignace, Onyx patrolled the grounds keeping watch for intruding geese and mink. Displaying unsurpassed dedication to her shipmates, Onyx diligently stood 4,356 days of consecutive duty, without relief or complaint, to ensure the morale of the crew remained high.



Being ever mindful of the recruiting mission and the need to share the story of the United States Coast Guard, Onyx took the lead role in a book series showcasing her dedication and heroism. The series captured the attention of over 100,000 readers and will serve as a teaching tool for children and adults for many years to come. Onyx's diligence, perseverance and devotion to duty are most heartily commended and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

As the sun sets on Onyx and her many adventures, her legacy will continue to inspire all because she was a Hero, a Watchful Protector, a Guardian of the Straits of Mackinac.....Onyx was a Coast Guard Morale Dog and the Lord of the Lakes.

Fair Winds and Following Seas, Onyx!



Join Us!

Over the past 14 years we have proven that the museum is an exciting and viable attraction for Mackinaw City and the area. Annually, we host over 20,000 tour guests. Our interactive Educational Tour Program has taught over 800 children knot-tying, safety aboard, communications and the history of the ship. And our Overnight Encampment Program allows the unique experience of sleeping aboard an actual USCG Icebreaker.

We need the support of those of you who, as do we, love the *Mackinaw*, to enable us to continue moving “full speed ahead” with these and other programs. Our membership program gives you an easy way to contribute to the museum and also enjoy some great perks. The levels of support and their associated benefits are listed below.

Our Business Sponsorship program gives you an easy way to contribute to the museum and also promote your business. For your \$100 tax-deductible donation, you will receive listing on our website’s “Sponsor” page, in our quarterly newsletters and aboard the ship. We will provide you with passes for 4 people to watch the 4th of July Fireworks aboard the ship, and your employees are always welcome to tour, free of charge.

“Friends of the Mackinaw” Support Program Application

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IMMM Levels of Support and Benefits for “Friends of the Mackinaw”

Level	Amount	Inaugural Gift*	Admission Benefits
Petty Officer	\$ 50.00		Unlimited for member + 1 guest, per visit
Chief Petty Officer	\$ 100.00	Lapel Pin or Key Chain	Unlimited for member + 2 guests, per visit
Chief Warrant Officer	\$ 250.00	Icebreaker Mackinaw DVD	Unlimited for member + 3 guests, per visit
Ensign	\$ 500.00	Icebreaker Mackinaw Book	Unlimited for member + 4 guests, per visit

- Inaugural Gift will be presented for first-year membership ONLY unless level of support is increased.
- Cardholders will receive, in addition to the above listed benefits: a 10% discount on Ship’s Store retail items, e-mail receipt of our newsletter and notices of special events and invitation to watch 4th of July fireworks aboard the ship.

*An equal value Inaugural Gift may be substituted due to availability.

Of Course, Donations Are Always Welcome!

We have an endowment fund through the Straits Area Community Foundation! www.cfnem.org/sacf/
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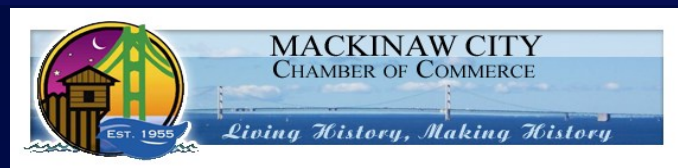
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Great Lakes Maritime Social Media News Brief



As their office is relocating, the Petoskey News Review donated a picture to the museum ship that has been hanging in their lobby for many years. At 2' x 4' it is very impressive.

The photo was taken in Harbor Springs (with Harbor Point and Petoskey in the background) in the fall of 2005.

OPERATION DRY WATER

Operation Dry Water (ODW), a nationwide campaign addressing boating under the influence (BUI), will take place July 3 – 5, over the July fourth holiday. The U.S. Coast Guard, local and state law enforcement agencies, recreational boating safety advocates and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) are gearing up to help raise awareness and prevent tragedies related to boating under the influence.



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