



"In Tow"

Quarterly Newsletter of the Coast Guard Tug Association



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SPECIAL EDITION -- 2010 Reunion #5 Review and Report

REUNION 5, 2010

30 Sept – 3 October 2010

Our Gathering in the newest Coast Guard City – Rockland, ME.

Dates: **Thursday, 30 September – Sunday, 3 October 2010**

Location: **Trade Winds Motor Inn, 2 Park Drive, Rockland, ME and USCG Base, Rockland, USCGC *Thunder Bay* WTGB 108, USCGC *Tackle*, WYTL 65604 (additional vessels may be present and available for tours).**

Agenda and Events:

Thursday, 30 September 2010 – Arrival, registration; local packages of materials, brochures, etc for the area, and “sea stories” at Trade Winds Inn. Various optional tours (TBD).

Friday, 1 October Tours of CG Base Rockland (CG Exchange fully open to Active Duty & Retirees; limited for others), CGC *Thunder Bay*, CGC *Tackle*, CGC *Abbie Burgess*.
Joining us at our Friday banquet/meeting was a Representative of the Mayor of Rockland, the Honorable Deb McNeil. Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar); Banquet/Business Meeting.

Saturday, 2 October – Tour of Maine Lighthouse Museum; Harbor Tour, Lighthouse Tours
Transportation Museum, Farnsworth Art Museum, Rockland Breakwater Light.
CGTA Auction. Dinner: Lobster Boil at Trade Winds

Sunday, 3 October - Final goodbyes and departure.

Coast Guard Station Rockland

The U. S. Coast Guard has a long and rich heritage of service in the Penobscot Bay area. Earlier in this century, several lighthouses and lifeboat stations served local mariners. The Coast Guard Station Pier, formerly known as the Coast Guard Moorings, is located on two parcels of land at the end of Tillson Avenue in downtown Rockland. Prior to World War II the Coast Guard used the pier facility to moor vessels that worked in the area.

The pier was acquired by the U.S. Navy during World War II as a base for its coastal patrol boats and turned over to the Coast Guard in January 1944. After the war the Coast Guard established a Group Command in Rockland to oversee operations. The Coast Guard purchased the 106 year old “Bird Block” building, extensively renovated it, and it became the home of the station offices, unaccompanied personnel housing, galley and exchange in 1982. Coast Guard Moorings has been used by many Coast Guard Cutters over the years and now serves the ABBIE BURGESS, THUNDER BAY, TACKLE and Station small boats.



BEAUTIFUL ROCKLAND MAINE



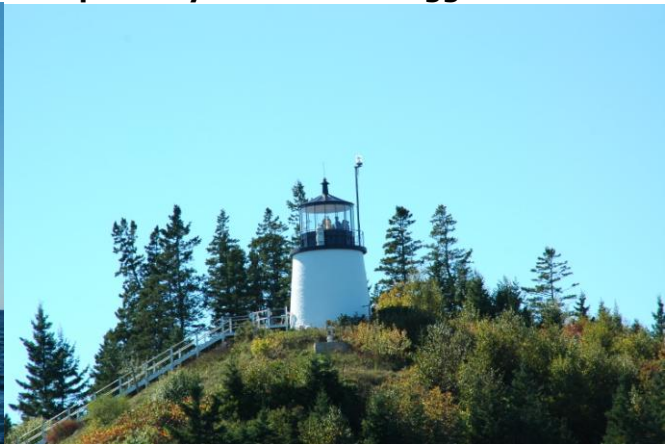
The Trade Winds -- Our Hotel



Reportedly the World's Biggest Lobster



Local Windjammer



Owl's Head Lighthouse



Foggy Morning Harbor View



Ah, that's much better.



Hi Guys -- See you over there



At the Lighthouse Museum

SEA STORIES



Clyde Norstrand, Dave Vaughn, Sandy & George



Sandy, George and Ed

Mr. President

Bob's Radio Controlled Model Tugs



The Real Deal at the Coast Guard Base; 25-foot RB-S & 47-foot MLB



The Business Meeting and Auction



George & The Honorable Councilman Tom Malloy -- Men from Maine: Bert Metcalf, Frank Bakeman & John Wellington



Dave & Janan Vaughn with George & Linda Staples



Roger Jones and Sandy



Vinny and Germaine Frittita



Shirley and Diane

Award Presentations



Crew Promotion Ceremony

Sandy Receives Plaques, first from City of Rockland and then from George

CGTA - All Hands Gathered with their Ladies before the Clam Bake



Crew of CGC Swivel; Bert Metcalf, Walt Abo, Steve Maxiner, George Staples -- Crew of CGC Snohomish: Garry Domnise, George, Roger Jones, Colburn Jackson & Dave Vaughn



Crew of CGC Apalachee: Ed Anderson & Joe Nayden -- Other Tug Crews: Doug O'Dell, Kaw; Ken Frische, Arundel; Sandy S., Ojibwa, Clyde Norstrand, Chinook.

CGTA - All Hands Gathered before the Clam Bake



Vinny Frittita & Joe Keglovits -- Joe Nayden in back -- Dave Vaughn during the auction while Bob Gesking looks on on



All Set for the Silent Auction.

What's New in the World of CG Tugs

Work Continues in Cleveland on the Restoration of the **Apalachee**. Fund raising is still a challenge and your dues are important to the Association.

Below we see George Staples on the bridge of the **Apalachee** in June 2010.



What's Old



CG-4 an early Harbor Cutter (Small Tug), later classified as **AB-4** and finally **CG-56003**. Photos from 1930's. Scanned from Files of the CG Historians Office, May 2010.