

The Ship's Whistle



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An e-mail bulletin of newsworthy information for Members of the **Massachusetts Bay Council, Navy League of the United States** and other friends of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine.

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Ship whistles: ships use their whistles (horns) as directional signals when passing another vessel, sounded in port when leaving the dock, moving astern and in emergency situations.

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ATTENTION! Snail mail recipients: As you may be aware, we sometimes get short notice of events and must rely on email to send invitations. Also, it is a means to communicate, saving the cost of printing and postage, better used for our awards to servicemen and women and youth programs.

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PLANNED EVENTS:

Nov 1. Navy Birthday Dinner and Annual Meeting with a Vice Admiral Rick Breckenridge, USN, as guest speaker. Boston Marriott, Burlington. **Invitations will be sent soon.**

Sunday, December 4. Annual **Marine Toys for Tots Brunch**, Commandant's House, Charlestown.

Saturday, early January (TBD) The annual Military Ball is being planned. All services invited.

RECENT EVENTS:

Tri-Centennial Celebration of Boston Light



Navy Leaguers with Commandant of the Coast Guard, ADM Paul F. Zukunft and Mrs. Zukunft, at Boston Light, Little Brewster Island, to celebrate its Tri-Centennial. (l to r) are Krystyna Maksymowicz, Stephen Schnitzer, Iris Schnitzer, ADM Zukunft, Mrs. Zukunft, Ivan Samuels, Tom Hennessey, Reid Oslin, Al Prudhomme. [Story follows]

On September 14th The Massachusetts Bay Council assisted the Tri-Centennial Celebration of Boston Light. Ceremonies on Long Wharf, Boston, were immediately followed by a performance by the Coast Guard Honor Guard and Drill Team. Invited guests then boarded a harbor cruise boat for the nine mile

ride to Little Brewster Island, home of the only Coast Guard staffed lighthouse in the U.S. Boston Light was the very first lighthouse in the U.S., constructed in 1716 and later rebuilt after the British destroyed it during the Revolution. It continues to serve as a major aid to navigation as both a light and a fog signal station. ADM Zukunft, Commandant of the Coast Guard particularly thanked Navy League for its support.

SECNAV names two new fleet oilers

Navy Leaguers were invited to attend the naming by Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, of two new fleet oilers in honor of **Sojourner Truth** and **Lucy Stone** on 19 September on the median, Commonwealth Ave., Boston but rain forced a change to the Boston Public Library.. Sojourner Truth, c. 1797–1883 was an African-American [abolitionist](#) and [women's rights](#) activist. Born into [slavery](#), she escaped with her infant daughter in 1826. Going to court in 1828 to recover her son, she became the first black woman to win such a case against a white man. During the [Civil War](#), she helped recruit black troops for the [Union Army](#). In 2014, Truth was included in [Smithsonian](#) magazine's list of the "100 Most Significant Americans of All Time". Lucy Stone, 1818-1893, was born in Brookfield, Mass., and was one of the first women in Massachusetts to graduate college. She's known as an abolitionist and a respected orator. She started the Woman's Journal, the most important women's suffrage publication of its era. (During WWII, there was also a Liberty Ship, SS Lucy Stone, which participated in the invasion of Normandy.)



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th. REVOLT OF THE ADMIRALS

Navy Leaguers were invited to the **Shea Naval Aviation Museum, former Naval Air Station, South Weymouth, now called Union Point**. Aviation author Tommy Thomason presented a lecture on the famous "revolt of the admirals" that happened in 1949 after the Truman administration cancelled the USS United States class aircraft carriers in favor of the Air Force B-36 bomber

SEA CADETS

The David G. Oullet Div., NSCC,, participated in the 9/11 memorial ceremonies at the Fire Station and in Gloucester City Hall.



SWORD PRESENTATION AT MASS MARITIME



Representing the Mass. Bay Council, Past National Navy League President **Bill Kelley** presented a Navy sword to **Ensign James R. Foy** USN on 18 June 2016 at the graduation ceremony where Governor Charlie Baker was the principal speaker.

The Massachusetts Maritime Academy is the biggest Maritime Academy in the country. In addition to their USCG Merchant Marine licenses, eight graduates received USN commissions, two received USCG commissions, and one received a US Army commission.

In his address, Governor Baker said, "As you know, you're graduating from the biggest and best maritime college in the country." He noted that the Academy "has been requiring 100 percent of its cadets to participate in experimental learning for over 100 years; and what a return on investment." (Pay scale Magazine ranked the Academy third out of 1,400 colleges in the country for return on investment because graduates find jobs and build careers.) Baker Said, " You, more than any of your peers attending liberal arts colleges, understand the gigantic impact containerization and ocean travel have on commerce, economic development, and global trade."

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NEW CPOs On Friday September 16, Six new CPO'S were pinned aboard USS CONSTITUTION. Attending were Admiral Scott H. Swift, USN, CINCPACFLT, CAPT Tom Kelley Medal of Honor recipient, and CDR Bob Gillen participated. They are pictured above after the new Chiefs received a Tom Hudner coin presented by CDR Gillen on behalf of CAPT Hudner, MOH. CAPT Kelley, CAPT Hudner and CDR Gillen, a former C.O., USS Constitution, are all members of the Massachusetts Bay Council.

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On Sept. 24, crew of USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116) visited CAPT Hudner at his home and were given his coins. At far right is pictured Council President Tom Hennessey and the ship's PCO, CDR Nathan Scherry, USN. The USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116) is scheduled for commissioning in Boston in 2018.