

The Ship's Whistle



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An occasional 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. The Navy League is unique among military-oriented associations in that it is a civilian organization dedicated to the education of our citizens, including elected officials; and the support of the men and women of the sea services and their families.



Please observe the ordered and recommended actions for avoiding contact and spread of Covid-19. Wear a mask!

COUNCIL PLANS- All events pending

Oct	Navy Birthday event TBD
Dec	Toys for Tots event TBD



NOTE: Council Board meetings will be held by tele-conference until further notice. If interested in attending, contact this editor for details.

Happy Birthday Sea Cadets!

September 10th was the 62nd birthday of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.



Since 1958, the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps 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 young adults.

Recognizing the value of these organizations in educating youth in maritime matters, the Department of the Navy requested the Navy League of the United States to establish a program for American youth. The Navy League agreed to do so and formally established the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) and Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) in 1958. Recognizing its importance and benefits, Congress on September 10, 1962, federally incorporated the Naval Sea Cadet Corps under Public Law 87-655 (36 USC 1541).

Awards

Despite Covid-19 restrictions, we have striven to make awards to outstanding servicemen. Included was:



Machinery Technician 1st Class Gagnon, named Enlisted Person of the Year at Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England. He is on the Aids to Navigation team. Council V.P. Jim McLoughlin made the presentation of a Certificate and cash award 19 August on the pier with all hands present.

Sector Southeastern New England's area of responsibility covers over 3,000 square miles of offshore waters & 1,200 miles of coastline of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts, including Cape Cod and the Islands.



Episode 1 of the IBM Mayflower Docuseries

In partnership with the Navy League, IBM is putting together a docuseries about their Mayflower Autonomous Ship as it makes the journey across the Atlantic, with Episode 1 streaming on Sept. 16 No captain. No crew. No problem. Discover how IBM and ProMare are enabling a new era of autonomous innovation and marine exploration with AI. Register for Episode 1 today and learn about the origin of the **Mayflower Autonomous Ship**. Get an inside look into how the ship was developed, and discover what autonomous exploration means for marine research and national security missions.

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COAST GUARD NEWS



USCGC SENECA (WMEC 906) departed Coast Guard Base Boston to a new homeport. After 33 years homeported in Boston, Seneca will continue service with six other 270-foot, medium endurance cutters, from Portsmouth, A. This will allow the Coast Guard to better leverage efficiencies gained by clustering vessels of the same class.

Seneca was formally commissioned in Boston on May 9, 1987. *The Massachusetts Bay Council provided assistance for the ceremonial events. In appreciation, members were invited and rode the ship from Boston through the Cape Cod Canal to New Bedford from which they bussed (at their own expense) back to Boston.*

Seneca served throughout New England, the Caribbean Sea, and the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, all while calling Boston home. In the late 1990s, she was part of a counter-narcotics operation that tested the use of high-speed pursuit boats and armed helicopter which led to the creation of the Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron in Jacksonville, Florida. More recently, Seneca's crew assisted in the rescue of 187 Haitian migrants approximately 17 miles southwest of Turks and Caicos Islands on December 22, 2019.

Remaining in Boston are cutters **USCGC ESCANABA** (WMEC 907) and **USCGC SPENCER** (WMEC 905) among a host of other vessels.



Planned for 2022, coming to Boston will be six new Fast Response Cutters, similar to the one above. These Sentinel Class cutters are 154 ft and have speed of over 28 kts. with a complement of 4 officers and 20 crew.

Important things to do while you are quarantined at home. Contact your senators and Representatives on the Navy League supported issues.

Current Navy League Campaigns

go to: <https://navyleague.quorum.us/campaign/27411/>

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