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# Acacia Newsletter

For those who have been watching the boards, only one person has come up with names for this newsletter. I mentioned in my postings that all names would be approved by the board of AAI. As another option, rather than e-mail, is to have this blog style at the website http://www.uscgcacacia.org DJ Miller (on Acacia '66-'67)suggests: "A-Boat Bulletin" "Acacia News" "Acacia Bulletin" "Buoy Tender Bulletin" As an ongoing report, tear sheet style rather than full newsletter to keep volunteers updated week to week or so 'Ace Report" was also suggested. Send me your suggestions.

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# **Primary Source Materials**



We now have photos from Stuart Oliver (95-97), Bill Plumb (61-62), Jay Heggerness (59-61), Bob Harko (90's) & Robert McKay (67-71). On the website, we have photos from the 90's showing buoy tending. Those buoy tending photos were found on

board the Acacia. If you can identify people, or you have photos to share, please speak up.

Any writing that will be done in the future regarding 180's in general and the Acacia in particular will need primary source materials. These are your stories, your photos, your old copies of onboard newsletters that chronicle the times. The time to collect these things is now, when they are still in your attic or office.

If you do not have this information in digital form, and would

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allow me to borrow your materials, scan them, and send them back this is the option most have utilized. All that I scan is then also sent back to you on CD ROM so that you may more easily share with your friends as well. Many of the documents I have collected so far are available on the uscgcacacia.org website. Information on WAGL 200 (the previous Acacia) is also welcome.

Notable new photos include the instillation of new engines on the Acacia, courtesy of Stuart Oliver. These will be posted on the website soon. If anyone has additional photos of this procedure, we'd appreciate them.

# **Ongoing Work**

If you have not visited lately, the red tile flooring at the landings outside the Captain's quarters have been chipped up in part because it was loose in spots. Portside, the landing is painted blue pending new tile. Starboard side is still raw steel and will be receiving paint soon.

On the bridge, the rubber matting was removed showing the lovely blue original flooring. The floor has been cleaned and waxed, and the baseboard has been painted a blue to match. This has made the space look much brighter and cleaner. More work will be done, and a photo of the Bridge as it is right now will be posted to the website soon.

Many local politicians have visited the Acacia this summer. Notable are (in order of visit, more or less) Alderman John Pope (10th ward), Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Horton, Illinois Representative Anazette Collins, States Attorney Peraica. Also visiting were members of the Cook County Board, Al Kindle, and many notable business people from Chicago. We have given presentations to Jesse Jackson Jr's office, Alderman Sandi Jackson (7th ward), Alderman Ed Smith, Metropolitan Water Reclamation Board President Terrence O'Brien, MWRD Commissioner Avila, and other members of that organization.

Officer Peete of the 11th Police District has brought Explorer Scout unit 9911 to the Acacia to do some volunteer hours, and he is also seeking the donation of a generator for the Acacia.

Captain Mark Stevenson and I have had two meetings with Michael Degnan and Michael Fountain of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority (Navy Pier and McCormick Place) in order to secure long term mooring at Navy Pier. These meetings were facilitated by Illinois Representative Anazette Collins of the West side of Chicago. We have presented the Marketing and Program plans. The next step is when an opening appears at the Pier, we will present to the Pier Board. This is likely to take six months. In the meantime, we will be seeking to meet the board members. So, if any are your friends, do say nice things about the Acacia!

The International Stevenson Foundation featured the Acacia on its TV programming which aired four times in September. Visitors to the Acacia after the program aired recognized our Board President Dan Hecker from the program. Considering that only a small portion of the community has been able to visit the Acacia to date, this just goes to show how valuable TV coverage is. THANK YOU to the International Stevenson Foundation.

Commissioner Avila of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District also has his own TV program here in Chicago. He, too, featured the Acacia and that show also aired four times in September. The title off this program was Acacia: An Opportunity for Chicago. We thank the MWRD and its board for its continuing interest. Avila wishes to have us on another of his programs soon. THANK YOU to Commissioner Avila

We have talked to Bobby Rush's office, and Danny Davis' office as well but have not yet had an opportunity to bring them a presentation. We will continue our outreach to the political community.

Stephanie Armstrong and I have begun working on programming that can be used in the Chicago Public Schools. It is important that we do outreach such as this to generate a grass roots movement to help support the Acacia and AAI.

If you are active in veteran organizations, and would like to help begin a similar outreach to the veteran community, please contact us.

On Board Efforts:

Winterization has begun. The cardboard and foam vent covers have come out of storage and will be placed beginning this coming Sunday, as will the tarp the covers the stack.

We have been discussing the addition of another heater to keep the mess deck warmer.

Volunteers are always needed. We are on the Acacia from about 11 AM to about 3 PM (or later depending on the work for the day) on Sundays. The Acacia is at 86th and the Lake, in the North Slip within the USX property.

## Memberships Needed

Because we have been focusing on obtaining the donation of long term mooring for the Acacia, the membership drive has not been kept up. Donations at any level are appreciated. Please make your pledges at

#### Ships Store

Monies are needed for ongoing expenses such as insurance, fuel for the generator, and generator rental plus material needs such as: Paint for the buoy deck and elsewhere Painting supplies (brushes, etc) Cleaning supplies: Rags, brushes, etc. Extra fuel tank for the generator Duct tape for winterization Tile (3+ cases, Armstrong tiles, Caribbean Blue) New rubber tile for the Crews mess Repair of the gangplank Mooring lines (2 spools needed, 2" diameter) Water pumps 2 New pumps (LEM 40) from Sterling Pumps for the Sanitation System 2 Electrical panels and all associated miscl electrical supplies to move the electric heaters from the existing panels and onto their own panel(s) Pipe and Piping supplies Bubbler system for winterization Fans (for summer).

And other supplies too numerous to mention now. More next issue!

WITH OUR CURRENT ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTIES FEWER PEOPLE ARE DONATING TO TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS. IN ORDER TO KEEP THIS LOVELY BOAT AFLOAT AND AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE YOUTH GROUPS, AND THE VETERAN COMMUNITY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

Please donate, and please ask others to help as well.

Many organizations ask for donations during the holiday season. The holiday season is the winter season, the difficult and expensive season for the Acacia where the generator running or not can mean her sinking or not.

A cup of coffee at Starbucks or McDonalds is about \$2. If one adds a piece of cake or a sandwich the price is a little higher than that.

How many times a week does each of us eat out or enjoy this affordable luxury of morning coffee without having to clean the kitchen afterwards? Consider this question and how much good trading a few days or weeks of such affordable luxuries can do for the Acacia. We want her to be available to serve the public for many years to come, and you can help. We count on the help of our friends and appreciate all that you do for us. We thank you for all your help so far and look forward to meeting more of you in the coming years.

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