



OFFICERS

Commanding Officer:
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INTRODUCTION

The NSCS Grayfox, is a training ship used to offer cadets training in all aspects of ship and maritime operations. She is currently the largest Sea Cadet training ship in the United States and is cared for and maintained by cadets in Michigan, the United States, and occasionally our ambassadors from the North, the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets. The Grayfox receives no financial support from the government. All money needed to operate the vessel comes from donations, grants, and fund raising activities conducted by the crew. The ship is run by the cadets with the officers serving in a supervisory role. We also have regular Navy, Coast Guard, and certified mariner personnel along with several civilians who volunteer their off duty time to assist us in our endeavors.

A BRIEF HISTORY

Built by Marinette Marine in Marinette, WI in 1985 and, she was one of ten 120-foot type Torpedo Weapons Retrievers. Originally designated USS Swampfox TWR 825, she was originally used to launch and retrieve test torpedoes and targets. It was assigned to the U.S. Navy Atlantic Undersea Testing and evaluation Center (AUTEK), Andros Island, Bahamas. After it was no longer needed, a request was made to the Secretary of the Navy to have her transferred to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, which occurred on August 15, 1997. A group of 15 dedicated volunteers brought the vessel up from Florida. She arrived in Port Huron, Michigan on August 26, 1997 to a group of excited and anxious onlookers. She was commissioned the United States Naval Sea Cadet Ship (USNSCS) Grayfox on 26 APR 98, at Mariners Church, Hart Plaza in Detroit, MI, by the Rev. Richard Ingalls.

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The Grayfox receives some funding from the training of cadets; however, this is not sufficient for the maintenance of the ship. The ship is in very good condition and the ship requires Coast Guard certification. Pending challenges include ship surveys, hull preservation, safety equipment certification, insurance, and miscellaneous repairs. We welcome you to sponsor one of these.

Corporate Donor: Special recognition as determined by the fund development committee.

Platinum: \$1000 Special recognition as determined by the donor which may include special Grayfox items, plaque, invitation to special events.

Gold: \$500 Special recognition as determined by the donor which may include special Grayfox items.

Silver: \$250 Recognition to include special Grayfox items.

Bronze: \$25, \$50, \$100 Special recognition.



Your contribution will help build the Port Huron community.

Contribute: **P.O. Box 610613, Port Huron, MI 48061** or www.nscsgrayfox.org 586-825-3706

We have a fabulous group that contributes their time and energy to the future success of our youth, and you can be part of this.