

NSCS Grayfox TWR 825 Accomplishments 2020

The following is a summary of some of the accomplishments for the NSCS Grayfox TWR 825, The Grayfox Association in 2020.

Significant events included:

- COVID-19 Pandemic suspended Sea Cadet training on the Grayfox.
- Implemented COVID-19 policy and guidance.
- Incident on the Grayfox in February, many shipboard items confiscated.
- Blessing of the Grayfox by Mariners Church, Seamans Church, Grace Episcopal Church.
- Homeport relocation order from the St Clair Community Foundation.
- Acquisition of the 26 ft Thompson Trawler.
- Maintenance and rename of the 38 ft Marine Trader, now ADM Frederick C Sherman.

Administration and Organization

- Jerry Van de Vyver elected as Commanding Officer, NSCC Grayfox Div (adult crew).
- Produced monthly Plan of the Month.
- Maintained existing documentation with the IRS, State of Michigan, and US Coast Guard.
- Maintained NSCC Grayfox Division in the NSCC Magellan system.
- Recruited additional Grayfox crew; Capt John O'Loughlin, Scott Liebold, Mark Watson.
- Updated the website with enhancements and regular news.
- Member of the Bluewater Chamber of Commerce.
- Bluewater Area YMCA shutdown for COVID-19 pandemic.

Finance

- Board of Directors approved the 2020 budget.
- Griffin Accounting provided record keeping and filing of 2019 Tax IRS 990 long form.
- Operated with a positive cash flow.
- Maintained a ledger of all expenses.
- Talmer Bank merged and renamed TCF Bank.
- Registered with TCF Bank Autobooks for electronic donations.
- Maintain liability insurance with USLI, NSCC, and Hold Harmless Agreements.

Ship and Boats

Maintained work project plans and maintenance logs for ship work repair.

- Replaced the main 440v transformer.
- Replaced hot water heater transformer.

- Replaced Potable Water pump (5,000 gallons of potable water).
- Tested all freshwater systems; sinks, toilets (heads) and showers.
- Replaced air valves on port and starboard engines; can now auto-start engines.
- Rebuilt Starboard engine starter.
- Paneled Aft Berthing Fire Fighting gear locker.
- Power washed entire interior living spaces, twice.
- Cleaned and sanitized interior due to Grayfox incident and COVID-19.
- Power washed Engine room bilges.
- Significant maintenance to the 38 ft Marine Trader, renamed ADM Frederick C Sherman.
- Acquisition of the 26 ft Thompson Trawler and weekly cruises.
- Updated, tested smoke alarms and security systems.
- Maintained engineering maintenance logs.

Training and Events

- Despite COVID-19, open ship each weekend during the spring, summer and fall season.
- Led Port Huron Tourist in Your Own Town, during pandemic.
- Sea Cadet training cancelled.
- Navy Reserve Chief Select orientation cancelled.