

NSCS Grayfox TWR 825 Accomplishments 2021

The following is a summary of some of the accomplishments for the NSCS Grayfox TWR 825, The Grayfox Association in 2021.

Significant events included:

- COVID-19 Pandemic restricted Sea Cadet training on the Grayfox.
- Relocated Grayfox to the Black River, Port Huron.
- Relocated Grayfox to historic Ft Wayne and the US Army Corps of Engineers dock.
- Relocated Grayfox to the US Gypsum plant on the Rouge River.
- Acquisition of the 24 ft Sea Ray boat.
- Registration of all boats with the Secretary of State office.
- Welcome reception for ancestors of ADM Frederick C Sherman.

Administration and Organization

- Jerry Van de Vyver served 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; Ed Lulko and Derek Steinoff.
- Updated the website with enhancements and regular news.
- Member of the Bluewater Chamber of Commerce.

Finance

- Board of Directors approved the 2021 budget.
- Griffin Accounting provided record keeping and filing of 2020 Tax IRS 990 long form.
- Maintained a ledger of all expenses.
- TCF Bank merged and renamed to Huntington Bank.
- Transitioned finance to Huntington Bank.
- Maintain liability insurance with USLI, NSCC, and Hold Harmless Agreements.

Ship and Boats

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

- Significant engine maintenance; serviced engines, clutches, and emergency shutoff.
- Replaced impellers on the two generators.
- Serviced engine room 440v heaters with King Electric (Brad Wilson).
- Connected to US Gypsum 440v shore power.

- Tested all freshwater systems; sinks, toilets (heads) and showers.
- Inspected and updated Fire Extinguishers and fire suppression systems.
- Acquired a new submersible pump.
- Inspected and tested smoke alarms and security systems.
- Maintained engineering maintenance logs.
- Significant maintenance to the ADM Sherman 38 ft Marine Trader, repaired impeller, winterized at Desmond Marine, Port Huron.
- Initial USCG vessel inspection of the Seafarer 26ft Thompson Trawler, winterized.
- Acquired the 24ft Sea Ray boat, winterized at Bayview Yacht Club.

Training and Events

- Despite COVID-19, open ship each weekend during the spring, summer and fall season.
- Sea Cadet training conducted in August and November.
- Navy Reserve Chief Select orientation cancelled.
- Supported events in Port Huron: USCG Northwest Passage reunion, Tuskegee Airman memorial in Port Huron, St Clair River Classic, ADM Sherman ancestor visit.