

Snipe Tracks

Force Notes for MKs – August 2008



Over 5,236 STRONG – Ready to Answer all Bells!

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"Pride" Take Pride, in everything you do. Pride in your Family, Your Coast Guard, Your Unit, Yourself and in your Workmanship



From your MK Rating Force MCPO

Who Loves you MK's! Your RFMC does! Greetings Shipmates and thank you for keeping the Cogs and Props of the Coast Guard at full steam ahead. I am MKCM G. Della Rocco "Roc", your new Rating Force Master Chief. I am extremely honored to be your Master Chief. I arrived at CG-481 in mid July. MKCM Kevin Winter retired in April. I'd like thank MKCM Winter for the outstanding work that he accomplished and for helping me by phone to get situated in this position. I wish him and his Family Fair Winds and Following Seas.

I am very grateful for EMCM Lance Abernethy, DCCM Al Alicea and LT Neal Hinkel for taking care of you in the absence of a MK RFMC. Also my fellow RFMC's in CG-481 for assisting me in my new position. Their continued advice and guidance will be deeply appreciated. I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to the force notes.

I have only been in this job a short period of time and still learning the process and procedures of this position. As your principal promoter for rate related issues, my goal is to keep the field informed concerning issues that are affecting the Machinery Technician rating. I've have always been impressed by the dedication of those of you doing the job. In the coming months I hope to get out and meet as many of you as I can. In the meantime, if there is anything I can do for you, please feel free to e-mail me or give me a call.

I am diligently putting the final touches on our new EPQ's, for the MK of the Future!

Points of Contact

Rating Training Master Chief:
MKCM Scot Wilder (757) 856-2207

MK "A" School Chief
MKCS Jennifer Lowden (757) 856-2196

MLCLANT ASSIST:
MKCM Joseph Dobbins (757) 628-4545

MLCPAC ASSIST:
MKCM Brad McMinn (510) 637-5887

MLCLANT – CMPLUS
ENG3 John Carter (757) 628-4252

Advancements

Personnel Service Center, Advancement and Evaluation

Individual advancements will not be published in the MK FORCE NOTES. The below link provides a one stop shop for all Advancement Announcements, List , SWE Statistics and associated quick links to Advancement related issues or you can find them on CG Central.

<http://cgweb.psc.uscg.mil/adv.htm>



MCPO-CG - <http://www.uscg.mil/comdt/mcpocg/notes/>

Selective Reenlistment Bonus-

As per ALCOAST 304/07, on 16 JUL 07 the following SRB applies:

Zone A MK2 and above – multiple of 2.0

Zone B MK2 and above – multiple of 1.5

Time In Service (TIS) & Time In Grade (TIG), 2007 Averages

Pay Grade	TIS (AVG is 8.90)	TIG (AVG is 2.52)
MKCM	25.20	3.30
MKCS	22.54	2.24
MKC	17.72	2.73
MK1	11.72	2.97
MK2	7.34	2.73
MK3	3.87	2.03



Sea to Shore Ratio (does include P.O. Billets) as of 10 Jun 08

This list is based on the Personnel Allowance List (PAL) of 9/12/2007. The goal is to keep the ratio at or below 0.75; MKC is in the *RED*.

	MK3	MK2	MK1	MKC	MKCS	MKCM	Total
Billets Afloat	347	286	244	252	19	2	1150
Billets Ashore	917	889	573	211	61	25	2676
PO Billets	6	17	30	16	8	7	84
Sea/Shore Ratio	0.38	0.32	0.40	1.11	0.28	0.06	.42

Active Duty & Reserve Force Strength –

Reserve MK Force Strength			
30 JUN 2008	Authorized Billets	On Board	Strength %
MKCM	11	19	173
MKCS	23	26	113
MKC	117	114	97
MK1	324	118	36
MK2	441	196	44
MK3	275	483	176
Totals	1191	956	80

Active Duty MK Force Strength				
JUL 2008	Authorized Billets	On Board	Out of Rate	Strength/%
MKCM	30	37	7	100
MKCS	90	98	8	100
MKC	531	527	16	99
MK1	909	909	30	100
MK2	1291	1195	13	93
MK3	1385	1514	6	109
Totals	4182	4280	82	101

Enlisted Separations Forecast Report of AUG 2008

Mon/Yr	MKCM	MKCS	MKC	MK1	MK2	MK3	Total
Aug-08	2		5	3	5	10	25
Sep-08		3	5	6	4	9	27
Oct-08		5	5	2	4	3	19
Nov-08	2	2	7	5	1		17
Dec-08		2	3	1			6
Jan-09			1				1
Feb-09	1						1
Mar-09							
Apr-09			1				1
May-09			1				1
Jun-09							
Jul-09							
Aug-09			1	1			2
Sep-09		2	1				3
Oct-09	1						1
Nov-09	1						1
Dec-09							
Total	7	14	30	18	10	22	101

Remember that a retirement or separation is not a guarantee of advancement. Changes in the Personnel Allowance List (PAL), new billets, deleted billets, and out of rate personnel may affect actual advancements requirements.

Engine Room Notes



From the MK Assignments Engine Room,

This assignment season, the Engine Room has lost two of the best AO's at CGC EPM-2 with the recent transfer of CWO Chiaino and CWO McQueen, as they have transferred on to their new assignments. We would like to thank both of them for the incredible work that they have accomplished with the field and the rating during their tenure as MK Assignment Officers. With the loss of the two, we have also gained two. CWO Garofalo has reported on board from ELC to take over the MK West account, and CWO Hollins has reported on board from Sta Grand Isle to take over the MK North account. We welcome them on board and they are both looking forward to their new tour and in working with the numerous units within their account.

EPM has been extremely busy with numerous road shows throughout the summer and we are slowly winding down to work on building our slates for the upcoming assignment year. It is highly recommended that enlisted and officers both attend these road shows, especially for those that are due to rotate, or advance, in the upcoming assignment season. This also remains a good time for members to contact their Assignment Officer, before we gear up for AY09, to discuss career intentions, career counseling, and what a REALISTIC E-Resume entails. Members can contact their Assignment Officers for career counseling until 31Aug, when we being finalizing the shopping list.

AY2009 Shopping list



The AY2009 Shopping list will be released on 26 Sept 2008. Anything you see in Direct Access up until that point is not considered accurate. Please keep in mind that detailers use this time of year to clean up our various accounts. While in the process of building our slate, some positions will inadvertently open and close and is not a direct reflection of the vacancies throughout the field. When the Shopping List is published, please remember that it is not a race to submit your E-Resume, as there still may be changes after 26 Sept 2008. Commands have until 10 Oct 2008 to validate the shopping list. Just make sure you get your e-resume submitted prior to the 07 Nov 2008 deadline. If your e-resume is late or you decide not to submit one, you will lose your assignment priority.

Good Luck to you in AY09 from the Engine Room

Our websites can be viewed by the following link:

<http://www.uscg.mil/cgpc/epm/CAC2.asp>

CWO2 John Roberts, Assignment Officer
[Machinery Technician Central \(Dist 5, MK "A" School, & PATFORSWA\)](#)

CWO2 John Hollins, Assignment Officer
[Machinery Technician North \(D1 and D9\)](#)

CWO3 Keith Bopp
[Machinery Technician Gulf \(D8\)](#)

CWO3 Dave Iwanicki, Assignment Officer
[Machinery Technician South \(D7\)](#)

CWO4 Alberto Garofalo, Assignment Officer
[Machinery Technician West \(D11, D13, D14, & D17\)](#)



MCPO BAKER, MCPO-CG SKIP BOWEN, & MKCM DAN WONG W/ NEW RBM

FROM MKCM DAN WONG – RBM PROJECT

The Project has delivered two RB-M's, Sta Little Creek and Sta Cape Disappointment and has received outstanding feedback from each unit. We also just completed a Maintenance and Repair Evaluation (M&RE) up at the Coast Guard Yard and went through all the maintenance procedures to ensure our folks can maintain these boats. The results were outstanding and this boat appears to be extremely easy to maintain by our workforce. Everything is easy to access with plenty of room to work with.

View RBM attachments below, these are great!



RB-M
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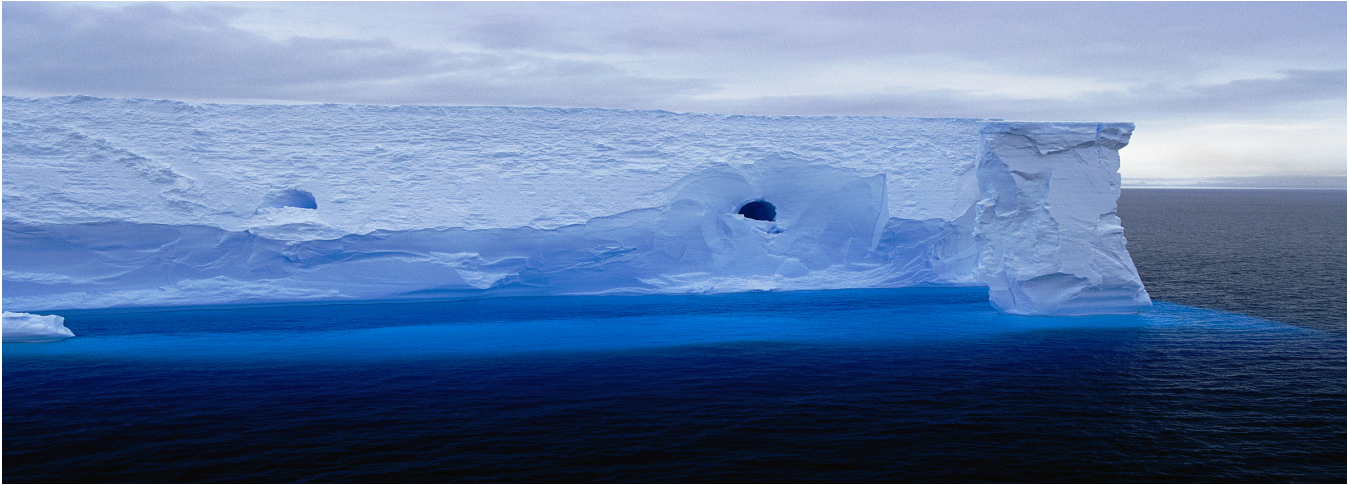
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RB-M Short
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FROM MKCS BOB 'THE ICE MAN' DELGADO



We are in the middle of our Air Conditioning Season and your equipment may be struggling to keep up with demand. The age and complexity of some of our equipment, demands greater attention. The importance of regularly scheduled maintenance and maintaining the fluid levels will go a long way in proper system operations. Proper refrigerant charges and oil levels must be maintained. Be especially careful when charging your system with the correct refrigerant and the correct oil as our cutters sometimes have multiple refrigerants onboard. Refrigerants don't mix and some oils do not mix. Blended refrigerants must be charged into the system in a liquid state (R507, R404a). Maintain clean filters and clean condensers for maximum cooling capabilities. If in doubt, it's better to call for assistance than tweaking controls.

Remember, in order to service / repair HVAC/R equipment, you must be certified. For certification classes you can contact MKCS Delgado, via MLCLANT, ASSIST Team, Attn: LCDR T. Trexler.

FROM ENG3 John Carter, CMPLUS Guru!



CMPlus Info and Training:

1. CG Central's CMPlus info:

<http://cgcentral.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/channelView.do?pageTypeld=1610622407&channelld=-1610649120>

In CG Central it is under: Resources> Applications> VLS> CMPlus> User Guides

Here you have the official User Guides (i.e. CMPlus 5.1 Job Aids) plus other useful info. The job aids are the same ones we use here at TRACEN Yorktown.

2. The following website is for ELC's Logistics System Branch CMPlus info:

<http://cgweb.elcbalt.uscg.mil/vlssb/vlssbindex.asp>

Here you have the online CMPlus 5.0 application tutorial (video trainer) along with other useful info.

3. The following website is for OSC's Citrix Farm:

<https://osctrxweb.osc.uscg.mil/Citrix/OSCFarm/Site/default.aspx>



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M4400_3E - enclosure

MASTER CHIEFS ROC'S NIGHT ORDER BOOK

TO ALL MY EPO'S/AEPO's, ENSURE YOU ARE COMPLETING YOUR REQUIRED ENGINEERING ADMINISTRATION RECORDS BY THE BOOK. KEEP ALL YOUR FILES UP TO DATE AND IN ORDERLY CONDITION. IF YOU NEED HELP AND TRAINING, ASK US.

YOUR CPLUS & INVENTORY RECORDS MUST BE IMPECCABLE, IF YOU NEED HELP AND TRAINING, ASK US.

Stay informed, check out the Naval Engineering Forum:

<http://webapps.mlca.uscg.mil/vdiv/NEForum/>

Think to the Future! The Future MK must possess Electrical/Electronic troubleshooting and analyzing skills. All MK's should be able to use a Fluke meter and troubleshoot systems. The Machinery Monitoring Systems in our present and Future Engine Rooms depend on your expertise. Strive to become a Professional Marine Engineer, Study & Pass EM3 & EM2 PQG's. I will continually seek out training and study materials for you, Use Tuition assistance, GI Bill, Talk w/ your ESO's. Call me about Merchant Marine Licensing.

There will be an Engineering Question, Trivia or CG History Question in every Notes, Winner will receive a Master Chief Roc Excellence Coin, and Dinner on Me, (Hopefully I will be able to take you personally) , if you want to submit a Cartoon, Question, or Trivia, Please do

Who manufactured the Propulsion engines for the LZ 129 HINDENBURG, and what company is it presently? What was the Fate of the Hindenburg??

I will not bore you w/ my Bio, I will post it soon on CG Central, MK RFMC Site

Thank you to MKCM Bodley and the Crew of the CGC BERTHOLF, for your hospitality! I was thoroughly impressed with the Crew and the Cutter!

Take Care of your Shipmates



Sincerely and Respectfully,

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