

ANDY REUNION NEWSLETTER

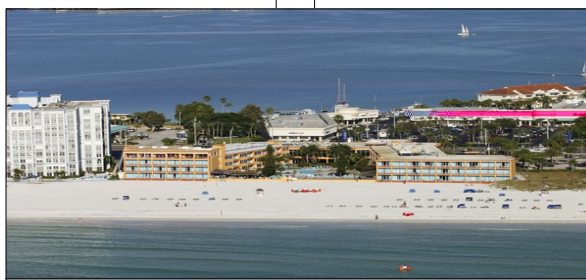
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Reunion 2014 to be held at the Dolphin Beach Resort, St. Pete Beach, Florida, May 18-22, 2014

The resort for the USCGC Androscoggin Reunion 2014 has been booked, the dates set, and we hope to see both old and new faces at this years event. This reunion is again being held at Dolphin Beach Resort, St Pete Beach, Florida, right on the shores of the sparkling white sands beaches of the Gulf of Mexico, Sunday, May 18 to Thursday, May 22. Our 2011 reunion at the Dolphin Beach Resort was so well received, the attendees voted to have it here again.

Once again we welcome Andy crews of all eras and their families. This invitation also includes the families of our shipmates who have crossed the bar. As usual, there will be plenty of sea stories to tell about their times aboard **The Galloping Ghost of The Florida Coast** as she was more or less affectionately called (or even less affectionately, The Creeping Crud of The Flor-



Dolphin Beach Resort — on the Gulf of Mexico with Boca Ciega

ida Mud).

This newsletter and registration form has been sent to Andy shipmates and families from all eras, from Andy's commissioning to decommissioning. You are sure to run across old shipmates and renew long lost friendships.

We are diligently working on obtaining a noteworthy keynote banquet speaker again this year for Wednesday evening, to be announced later.

Notable Andy shipmate,

Admiral Thad Allen, gave the keynote at our past two reunions. It is not known yet whether the Admiral can attend this year or not.

There are many interesting venues to fill your free time (see bottom and back of registration form for webpage links), or you can choose to chill on the beach or at the pool and Tiki Bar.

For late breaking information on the reunion visit Tom Vento's Androscoggin website. Also visit the listed websites for more information on the local area.

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St. Pete Beach is a coastal city in Pinellas County, Florida, famous for its white sandy beaches. Originally 'St. Petersburg Beach', on March 9, 1994, locals voted to officially change the name to the shorter version to distinguish it from the City of St. Petersburg a few miles to the east.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *John's Pass Village - Shopping and restaurants*
- *Dolphin Village - Shopping and restaurants*
- *Dali Museum - St. Pete <http://thedali.org>*
- *Dale Chihuly Collection www.chihulycollectionstpete.com*
- *Hard Rock Casino www.seminolehardrocktampa.com*
- *Fort De Soto Park www.fortdesoto.com*
- *PSTA Bus System info www.psta.net*

Possible Activities Depending on Interest

A golf outing will be organized at a local course for those so inclined. The cost is estimated at \$40+tax and includes the cart. Clubs can be rented for \$4.00.

A 5 hour deep sea fishing trip can be scheduled. The cost up to 26 people is approximately \$60.00. Over 26 up to 80, the boat can be reserved to us and the cost per person decreases.

Convenient local bus service up and down the beach or into downtown St. Pete is a bargain: Unlimited one-day passes are \$4.50 or \$2.25 over 65 with valid ID.

WEBSITES of INTEREST:

www.fishing-boating.com/Androscoggin
www.dolphinbeach.com
www.hubbardsmarina.com

www.johnspass.com
www.visitstpeteclearwater.com
www.stpetebeach.org
www.pinellasarts.org/cultural_directory.htm

HOTEL INFORMATION

Dolphin Beach Resort, 4900 Gulf Blvd, St Pete Beach, FL (800) 237-8916

When making reservations, ask for the “**G/CGC/2014 Androscoggin**” group rates.

RATES:

Standard doubles - \$89.00 + tax (12%) Poolside doubles - \$109.00 + tax (12%)

Deluxe Beachfront Queens - \$139.00 + tax (12%)

All rooms have 2 double beds, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker and hair dryer. Group rates are available pre and post reunion dates for those arriving early or extending stay.

Room cancellations accepted up to 72 hours prior to arrival without penalty. A one night room charge will apply thereafter as well as for no-shows.

Visit their webpage at: www.dolphinresort.com

DIRECTIONS:

From either Tampa International Airport or St. Pete/Clearwater Airport, follow the signs and take I-275 South to St. Petersburg and take exit #17 West (Pinellas Bayway – toll road) to St. Pete Beach. Turn right on Gulf Blvd and the Dolphin Beach Resort is 1-mile on the left.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION:

Super Shuttle (800/282-6817) is available from the Tampa Airport Baggage claim terminals to the hotel for \$23.00 per person each way.

Rental cars are also available in the baggage claim terminals.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION:

For \$4.50 per day (\$2.25 age 65+ with ID) you can hop on the PSTA buses and ride from St. Pete Beach to Clearwater Beach and downtown all day long unlimited, getting on and off as much as you like. You can take the Trolley and leave your car behind to visit Johns’s Pass Village and it’s shops and restaurants. This fare also includes unlimited use of Pinellas Transit buses which run from the beach to downtown St. Petersburg and its museums as well as travel throughout the county. Visit www.psta.net for route maps, numbers and other information.

TYPICAL PLAN – OF – THE – DAY

DAILY

1500-2400: Hospitality Room open (Surf Suite)
The Surf Suite room is on the mezzanine level.
We will be allowed to stock this room with our own snacks and drinks.

SUNDAY MAY 5

1500: Hotel check in and receive name badges and other materials.

MONDAY MAY 6

0800-0930: Reunion kickoff continental breakfast - \$7.95 per person (subject to change) – then proceed to Hospitality Room for activity updates and ID badges if needed.

1000 (approx): Golf outing depending on interest, approx. \$40/person; or free time.

1300-1800: Half day deep sea fishing depending on interest – approx. \$60/person or less with group of 10 or more; or free time.

TUESDAY

1130-1400: Starlite lunch cruise, depending on interest. \$20/person plus \$10-\$15 for optional entrée.

Otherwise free time to take in the sights.

WEDNESDAY

0800 – 1700: TBD - Tour local CG units or CGC Blackthorn memorial; free time to visit local points of interest.

1815-1900: Social time and cash bar in the Royal Dolphin ballroom.

1900-2100: Formal Dinner (buffet) in Royal Dolphin Ballroom.

2100-2200: Guest speaker remarks

2200-2400: Hospitality Room open (Surf Suite)

THURSDAY

0600-1100: Hospitality Room open; breakfast and good-byes.

1100: Check out of hotel

Questions or Comments? Contact David White at (727) 204-4638 or Email:

Androscogginreunion@tampabay.rr.com

REUNION REGISTRATION – May 18 to 22, 2014



The Dolphin Beach Resort & Conference Center *
 4900 Gulf Boulevard
 St. Petersburg Beach, Florida
 800-237-8916



PLEASE RETURN WITH YOUR UPDATED CONTACT INFO EVEN IF NOT ATTENDING

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ _____ PHONE: (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL: _____ ARRIVAL DATE/TIME: _____/_____/_____	<u>NAME(S) OF OTHERS ATTENDING WITH YOU</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ Special diet request? _____
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WHEN WERE YOU ON THE ANDY (YEAR): _____ RATE/RANK: _____
 NAMES TO BE SHOWN ON NAME TAGS: _____, _____, _____, _____

REUNION COSTS

ANDY LOGO ATTIRE**

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CIRCLE DESIRED SHIRT SIZE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
REGISTRATION FEE: COUPLES \$40 \$ _____		GOLF SHIRT S-M-L-XL \$20.00	X _____	= _____
		GOLF SHIRT 2X-3X \$24.00	X _____	= _____
SINGLE \$25 _____		ANDY BALL CAP: \$15 ea	X _____	= _____
ADD'L PERSON(S) ___ X \$15 = _____		05-06 SCRAMBLED EGGS:		
		ADD \$2.00 EA: X _____		= _____
FORMAL DINNER:		07 SCRAMBLED EGGS:		
NBR. OF PERSONS ___ X \$35 = _____		ADD \$3.00 EA: X _____		= _____
ENTER ATTIRE TOTAL AGAIN HERE >>>>> _____		← ←		TOTAL \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (ADD UP AMOUNTS FROM ABOVE)

DEADLINE TO MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM IS MAY 1ST. MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

David R. White
 PO Box 904
 Safety Harbor, FL 34695-0904

NOTES:

* Hotel reservations are being accepted now. Call 800-237-8916 and mention GROUP CODE G/CGC/2014 to get your special \$89.00 + tax room rate. Premium rooms are also available at reduced rates – see back of newsletter. Free parking.

** The caps are navy blue and are adjustable (one size fits all). The shirts are navy blue also. Orders MUST be received with your registration form to pre-order all LOGO attire. ALL MADE IN THE USA!!!

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WEBPAGE LINKS TO LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST

1. Clearwater Marine Aquarium – home of Winter the Dolphin <http://www.seewinter.com/>
2. Armed Forces Military Museum <http://www.armedforcesmuseum.com/>
3. Coast Guard Air Station <http://www.uscg.mil/d7/airstaclearwater/>
4. Coast Guard Sector St. Pete and ship moorings <http://www.uscg.mil/d7/sectStPetersburg/>
5. Museum of Fine Arts <http://www.fine-arts.org/>
6. St. Petersburg’s Million Dollar Pier <http://www.stpetepier.com/history.asp>
7. Chihuly Collection (Art in Glass) <http://www.chihulycollectionstpete.com/>
8. Dali Museum <http://thedali.org/>
9. Derby Lane Dog Track and Poker <http://www.derbylane.com/>
10. The Florida Aquarium <http://www.flaquarium.org/>
11. SS American Victory <http://www.americavictory.org/>
12. Seminole Hard Rock Casino (blackjack and high stakes no limit poker)
<http://www.seminolehardrocktampa.com/>
13. Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks and Exchange (historical) established by Greek immigrants – quaint shops and restaurants <http://www.spongedocks.net/>
14. Busch Gardens <http://www.buschgardens.com/BGT/default.aspx>
15. Johns Pass Village (shopping/dining) <http://www.johnspass.com/>
16. Ft. Desoto Park (historical park) http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/05_ft_desoto.htm
17. The Tampa Bay Automobile Museum <http://tbauto.org/index.php>
18. Lowry Park Zoo (voted #1 family zoo in America by *Parents Magazine*)
<http://www.lowryparkzoo.com/>
19. The Don Cesar Hotel (restored grand hotel from the 1920’s)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don_CeSar
20. Egmont Key (unmanned CG Lighthouse and Ft. Dade ruins)
<http://www.floridastateparks.org/egmontkey/default.cfm>
21. Ellenton Outlet Mall (across Skyway Bridge in Manatee County)
<http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=92>
22. Ringling Art Museum (Sarasota) – largest collection of Peter Paul Rubens in the US
<http://www.ringling.org/ArtMuseum.aspx>
23. Ca d’Zan – John and Mabel Ringling Mansion – 26,000 sq ft Venetian Gothic mansion
<http://www.ringling.org/cadmansion.aspx>
24. St. Petersburg’s Sunken Gardens <http://www.stpete.org/sunken/>
25. Tropicana Field/Rays Baseball http://tampabay.rays.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=tb
26. Florida Holocaust Museum <http://www.flholocaustmuseum.org/>

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