The Liechtenstein Princely Navy - Promotions and Awards 2007

19 June 2007 - The Admiralty of the Liechtenstein Princely Navy is pleased to announce the following Promotions and Awards for 2007:

Medals:

Distinguished Service Medal (GOLD)

Sailor Alex Beck for 92% (23/25) training attendance – including <u>all</u> morning trainings.

Distinguished Service Medal (SILVER)

Admiral Silvan Colani for 88% (22/25) training attendance Captain Rolf Widmer for 88% (22/25) training attendance!

Distinguished Service Medal (BRONZE)

Sailor Reto Graf for 84% (21/25) training attendance – including all morning trainings.

Foster's Medal For Fuel Inefficiency

Awarded to all the survivors of the entire Operation NIGHTCRAWLER V:

Chief Petty Officer Beat Erne – the first Sailor to complete a total of <u>four</u> (!!!) Operation NIGHTCRAWLER.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Daniel Rauti – only the second Sailor to complete a total of <u>three</u> Operation NIGHTCRAWLER.

Admiral Silvan Colani, Commander Mei Colani Li and Petty Officer 1st Class David Murray – all successfully completing their <u>first</u> Operation NIGHTCRAWLER

Foster's Medal For Fuel Efficiency

Sailor Hannes Niggli for not having consumed a single drop of Foster's fuel for the third season in a row

Liechtenstein Navy Star (GOLD)

Chief Technical Advisor Charlie Riding for his continuous commitment, dedication and motivation in pushing every Sailor of the Liechtenstein Princely Navy to – and beyond – his or her personal limit and thus leading the Navy to ever greater success.

Able Seaman Rene Frauenfelder for his continuous – if somewhat erratic – service to the Navy for the past five years (as well as the initial season of 2000).

Note: Such long service history would normally qualify for a promotion. However, after careful consideration the Admiralty's Career Advancement Committee has concluded that it would be completely reckless to promote Able Seaman Frauenfelder to the rank of an Officer given his total lack of discipline and respect of authority. Instead he is awarded the Liechtenstein Navy Star (GOLD).

Liechtenstein Navy Star (SILVER)

Sailor Ruedi Wildi for his dedication, time and effort spent in designing the 2007 Post Racing Shirt as well as his commitment to attending the morning trainings despite living in Sai Kung. [Note: The Admiralty suspects he is coming straight from Wanchai]

Commander Mei Colani Li for a) her dedication and commitment to the Navy for the past five years; b) in recognition of being the best looking team member; and c) for keeping everybody's valuables dry!



Awards

Fitness And Training ("FAT") Award

Awarded to the heaviest three Sailors in the crew according to the Navy's Official Elephant Scale:

Sailor Peter Frauchiger weighting in at 110kg.

SOF James Albritton weighting in at 97kg

Sailor Robin Wattinger weighting in at 96kg

Crown Reward for Perseverance and Survival

This reward is issued in recognition of survival under extreme conditions, perseverance in the face of severe adversity and for reaching beyond ones physical – and mental – limitations in the course of duty: **Sailor Mits** for completing – and surviving – the entire Boot Camp!

Princely Order of Obscurity ("POO")

Sailor LiechtenSteve for tendering and then withdrawing his resignation from the Navy within a month in mid-season.

Admiral's Recommendation for Survival in the Extreme (ARSE)

Sailor Fabian Salvi for conduct unbecoming a Sailor of the Navy, including (a) the worst training attendance (3 out of 25!) of all active Sailors; (b) deserting the crew during Operation Red Tide in Lamma; and (c) for not washing his hands after the use of the toilet.

Winged Ankor ("WANKER")

The Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association (HKDBA) for rejecting the Navy's application to participate in the Open International Category at the Hong Kong International Races and for insulting the Navy in every other way possible.

The Golden Toothpick

Sailor Alex Beck for obvious (but undisclosed) reasons.

[Note: It is inconclusive whether the award should be shared with Chief Petty Officer Beat Erne.]

Promotions:

Petty Officer 1st Class Reto Graf (from Sailor); in recognition of

- a) his dedication and commitment in the service of the Navy for the past four years as well as during the initial season in 2000.
- b) his exemplary training attendance record
- c) his mental fortitude and steadfastness under duress exemplified by his complete unwillingness to quit smoking.

Chief Petty Officer David Murray (from Petty Officer 1st Class) in recognition of

his dedication to the Navy and uninterrupted service since its formation in 2000.

[Note: This promotion is <u>conditional</u> on Chief Petty Officer David Murray drowning the "15 and still standing" shooters for Liechtenstein in Boracay within the next 12 months – a precondition for career advancement in the Navy.]

Lieutenant Junior Grade Beat Erne (from Chief Petty Officer) in recognition of

- a) his ongoing generosity to the Navy for supplying the Official 2007 Post Race Shirt
- b) his dedication to the Navy in six years of continuous service
- c) his unquestionable and unchallenged leadership skills in any Navy operation requiring a significant fuel intake particularly Operation NIGHTCRAWLER.

Lieutenant Commander Olivier Streun (from Lieutenant) in recognition of

- a) his dedication, enthusiasm and long-term service to the Navy since its foundation
- b) his ongoing contribution in securing a fresh supply of Neil Pryde uniforms for the Navy every year even if the size does not fit.
- c) his organizational skills and initiative displayed in organizing the Navy's Boot Camp as well as his invaluable contribution to making the wedding of Admiral Silvan Colani and Commander Mei Li Colani a truly exceptional event.

[Note: The same recognition is awarded to Petty Officer 1st Class Reto Graf].