



The Liechtenstein Princely Navy – Promotions and Awards 2008

8 June 2008 – The Admiralty of the Liechtenstein Princely Navy is pleased to announce the following Promotions and Awards for 2008:

Medals:

Distinguished Service Medal (BRONZE)

Chief Technical Advisor Charlie Riding for 88% (21/24) training attendance
Sailor Robin Wattinger for 88% (21/24) training attendance

Distinguished Service Medal (SILVER)

Petty Officer 1st Class Reto Graf for 92% (22/24) training attendance
Sailor Alex Beck for 92% (22/24) training attendance – including all morning trainings (again!) as well as a 90% (18/20) Circuit Training attendance.

Distinguished Service Medal (GOLD)

Admiral Silvan Colani for 96% (23/24) training attendance as well as a 100% (20/20) Circuit Training attendance.

Liechtenstein Navy Medal of Valor (BRONZE)

Commander Mei Colani Li in recognition of her being the most qualified and best looking drummer in the South China Sea and her uncanny ability to count to 100 without mistake. Commander Mei has been fiercely loyal to the Navy since the 2003 season and remains the envy of every other team out there.

Liechtenstein Navy Medal of Valor (SILVER)

Lieutenant Junior Grade Beat Erne for his dedication and generosity in providing the Navy yet again not only with the most fashionable post-race polo shirt of but also in designing and producing the Navy's first padded racing shorts. A special mention should be made for LTJG Erne's attention to detail – please note the "Princely Navy" engraving on the buttons of the polo shirt!

Lieutenant Commander Olivier Streun for a) securing the best paddling uniform in the Navy's nine year history; b) his efforts and dedication in organizing the second successful Navy Boot Camp; and c) his ongoing recruitment efforts which this season have resulted in a 200% increase in French paddlers with the Navy!

Liechtenstein Navy Star (GOLD)

Sailorette Hiko for organizing the most grueling yet rewarding Circuit Training program in the history of the Navy. According to the Admiralty's Official Elephant Scale, thanks to her determined efforts the entire Navy has lost a combined 9 kg from last season!



Awards

Before presenting the Awards for 2008, the Admiralty of the Liechtenstein Princely Navy wishes to extend a special thanks to the joint sacrifices of all the long-suffering **wives, children, families** and **girlfriends** of all Navy personnel. It is by no small measure thanks to your unwavering support and encouragement that our Sailors find the strength to continuously return to battle for Prince and Country again and again!

Foster's Award For Fuel Efficiency

Sailor Hannes Niggli for not having consumed a single drop of Foster's fuel for the fourth season in a row and **SOF James Albritton** for abstaining from fuel intake for much of the entire season.

Foster's Award For Fuel Inefficiency

Captain Rolf Widmer for drowning the "15 and still standing" shooters at Cocomangas in Boracay and thus raising the total score of Liechtenstein to 26. Unfortunately, this rapid fuel intake took its toll on Captain Widmer who was no longer able to participate in the 500m race the next morning.

Fitness And Training ("FAT") Award

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

SOF James Albritton weighting in at 97kg (unchanged from 2007)

Sailor Robin Wattering weighting in at 96kg (unchanged from 2007)

Lieutenant Junior Grade Beat Erne weighting in at 93kg (up 3kg from 2007)

BBB Award = Blah Blah Blah Award for Excessive Talking on Deck

Chief Petty Officer Dave Murray for excessive comments and directions while in action.

Able Seaman Rene Frauenfelder for excessive and generally unconstructive, unqualified and useless blabber that can only be described as 'noise'.

Award for Shortest Training Attendance

Sailor Wyn for his dedicated 3-minute paddle training attendance at 0615 hours during apocalyptic weather conditions in early April and his determined effort to abandon ship soon after. Sailor Wyn also receives the **Award for Courage and Bravery at Sea** ("CBatS" Award) for participation and survival of the Navy's sinking drill on 26 April 2008.

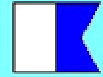
Admiral's Recommendation for Survival in the Extreme (ARSE)

Sailor Joerg Steffen for (a) the worst training attendance (2 out of 24!) of the entire crew; (b) for failing to live up to Navy standards and expectations during the Beer Boat Competition at the 2008 BUZZ party by emptying a pint of beer in an unacceptably slow fashion (a term now described as "joergin' it").

Navy SEAL (Special Entertainment And Laughter) Award

Sailor Robin for his performance of the Robin Roll – twice!

Sailor Robin is also being recognized for his efforts to lose weight, despite his mistaken belief that he can do so without eating less (illustrated by his second successive FAT Award). Furthermore, Sailor Robin is recognized for his determined – albeit not always successful attempts – in attracting the opposite sex while on duty. He is herewith issued with the special NAVY SEAL designation **Master B Eater Robin McLovin**.



Promotions (and Demotions):

Chief Petty Officer **David Murray** is **demoted to Petty Officer 1st Class** after failing to drown the “15 and still standing” shooters for Liechtenstein in Boracay within 12 months of having been promoted to Chief Petty Officer, a condition having been imposed at the time.

At the same time, Petty Officer 1st Class David Murray is again **promoted to Chief Petty Officer** in recognition of his dedication to the Navy and uninterrupted service since its formation in 2000. However, this promotion is again conditional on Chief Petty Officer David Murray drowning the “15 and still standing” shooters for Liechtenstein in Boracay within the next 12 months.

The following crew members are herewith promoted to **Sailors** (from Apprentice Sailor) after having successfully completed their first season with the Navy:

Sailor Neil Horton
Sailor Serge Lorek
Sailor Fred Laine

Sailor Fred has also been awarded the unique designation of **CFO – Chief Focus Officer**.

Petty Officer 1st Class Alex Beck (from Sailor); in recognition of

- a) his dedication and commitment in the service of the Navy for the past four years;
- b) his exemplary training attendance record as illustrated by several Distinguished Service Medals over the years; and
- c) the simple fact that he is the only Liechtensteiner on board

Petty Officer 1st Class Martin Sinclair (from Sailor); in recognition of

- a) his dedication and commitment in the service of the Navy for the past five years.
- b) his excellent power, strength and stamina
- c) the fact that his body – from the neck downwards – represents the ideal physique of a true Liechtenstein Princely Navy Sailor.

Lieutenant Charlie Riding (from Chief Technical Advisor); and also being appointed **Chief Racing Officer (CRO)** in recognition of

- a) his unquestionable and unchallenged leadership skills over the past three years with the Navy;
- b) for designing and conducting an unrivaled and highly motivating training and racing program that has led the Navy to greater success over the years; and
- c) the creation of the “LiechtenStart” – the most lethal weapon in the entire arsenal of the Navy