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28 May 2009 – The Admiralty of the Liechtenstein Princely Navy is pleased to announce the following Promotions and Awards for 2009:

Medals:

Distinguished Service Medal (BRONZE)

With a training attendance of 81% (36/44): **Petty Officer 1st Class Alex Beck**. This actually reflects a deterioration in Petty Officer Beck's training attendance as he won the SILVER medal last year.

Distinguished Service Medal (SILVER)

With a training attendance of 84% (37/44) including the second highest Circuit Training attendance (21/24): **Able Seaman Rene Frauenfelder**

Distinguished Service Medal (GOLD)

With a training attendance of 89% (39/44) and the only crew member to attend all paddle training sessions (20/20): **SOF James Albritton**; and

With the highest overall training attendance of 91% (40/44) and the highest circuit training attendance (22/24): **Admiral Silvan Colani**

Liechtenstein Navy Medal of Valor (SILVER)

For providing the Navy yet again – free of charge – with the most fashionable post racing shirt (as well as an unauthorized and very gay training singlet): **Lieutenant Junior Grade Beat Erne**.

Special recognition must also go to Admiral himself who is the creative genius behind the "Liechtenstein Naval Academy" design.



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Awards

The Golden CROWN of Endurance

The following Sailors have successfully completed 100 continuous push-ups and will be awarded the Golden CROWN of Endurance:

Admiral Silvan Colani
LTCMDR Olivier Streun
LT Charlie Riding
Petty Officer 1st Class Vincent Haggerty
Sailor Ruedi Wildi
Sailor John Wixley
Apprentice Sailor Cesar Silva
Apprentice Sailor Mel Blackford
Apprentice Sailor Marc Shanahan
Apprentice Sailor Ivan Cheng

Admiral's LOVE Award

The Admiral's LOVE award is presented to a very special member of the crew, without whose love and secret passion for the Navy this team would only be a faint shadow of itself. The LOVE award is given to **Commander Mei Colani Li** to recognize the self-sacrifice, quiet dedication and unwavering support she gives to the Navy despite the fact that she very reluctantly had to forgo her drumming duties in 2009.

The Admiralty herewith also commands all Sailors with long-suffering **wives, children, families** and **girlfriends** to present them with their own LOVE award to thank them for their staunch support throughout the season.

Liechtenstein Navy Star

Awarded for his unquestionable and unchallenged leadership skills, dedication and enthusiasm he brings to the Liechtenstein cause and in recognition of the undisputed technical and strategic know-how and advantage he has brought to this team: **Lieutenant and Chief Racing Officer Charlie Riding**

Special Award for Navy Kick-Ass ("SPANK Award")

The SPANK Award goes to **Sailorette Hiko** for her dedication and passion in organizing the Navy's grueling Circuit Training program for the second year running which has resulted in an immense increase in fitness levels among the entire crew. By presenting this award, the Admiralty recognizes that her efforts have played a crucial part in achieving the amazing success of the season so far, particularly in the more demanding 500 meter races.

Sailorette Hiko also receives the SMILEY award for conducting her training with the highest possible enthusiasm, demanding never ending lunges, squats, sit-ups and press-ups with a constant smile on her face. Few such smiles have been reported on the faces of her subjects.

Unfortunately, despite her determined efforts, the crew has not lost as much weight as it should, as illustrated by the following award.



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Fitness And Training ("FAT") Award

The FAT Award is presented to the heaviest three Sailors in the crew according to the Navy's Official Elephant Scale, scientifically proven to be the most precise and accurate weight measure device ever developed for military and commercial use:

Sailor Marc Shanahan weighting in at 114kg – a new record in the Navy

Sailor Robin Wattinger weighting in at 100kg – this is the third year in a row Sailor Robin has won this award

Sailor Vince Haggerty weighting in at 90kg

Foster's Award For Fuel Efficiency

The Foster's Award For Fuel Efficiency remains with **Sailor Hannes Niggli** and **SOF James Albritton** for endurance and determination in yet again not consuming a single drop of Foster's fuel for the entire season. This is the fifth season in a row that Sailor Hannes has received this award and the second season for SOF James.

The Naval Safety Award

The Naval Safety Award is presented to the Navy's very dedicated early morning steersman, **Ah Wong**, whose excellent helmsman skills have saved the Navy from sinking a number of times in the most atrocious weather conditions. Specifically, **Ah Wong** is credited with preventing the Navy from an almost certain underwater maneuver on 14 May 2009 thanks to his quick reaction in steering the ship straight into the waves after taking on a huge amount of water.

The PUSSY Award

The PUSSY award is presented to **Able Seaman Rene Frauenfelder** for abandoning the crew and not participating in the Lamma 500 race without good reason, thus subjecting the Admiralty to the indignity of having to borrow a paddler from another team. The PUSSY award subjects the holder to general ridicule and embarrassment and prevents the holder from being promoted for the next three seasons.

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

The ARSE award is presented to **Petty Officer Martin Sinclair** for (a) missing the boat – literally – on several occasions throughout the season; (b) for falling asleep while paddling in the first heat of the Lamma 500; (c) for continuously losing and forgetting his belongings and (d) for generally making an ARSE of himself at numerous occasions!

This year, the ARSE award also doubles up as the Active Advisory Award to **Petty Officer Martin Sinclair** for continuously dishing out unsolicited mid-practice training and technique advice.



Promotions (and Demotions):

Chief Petty Officer **David Murray** is **demoted to Petty Officer 1st Class** as he has yet again failed to drown the “15 and still standing” shooters for Liechtenstein in Boracay as stipulated last year.

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 Marcos Cesar Silva
Sailor Mel Blackford
Sailor Marc Shanahan
Sailor Ivan Cheng
Sailor Richard Stoffelen

From Sailor to **Petty Officer 1st Class: Ruedi Wildi**; in recognition of

- a) his dedicated and committed service to the Navy for the past three years;
- b) his excellent paddling skills, endurance and outstanding power-to-weight ratio;
- c) an exemplary training attendance record – especially for morning trainings – despite the fact that he lives in an undisclosed location somewhere deep in the New Territories.

From Sailor to **Petty Officer 1st Class: Hannes Niggli**; in recognition of

- a) his dedication and commitment in the service of the Navy for the past five years.
- b) incredible will power, as illustrated by the fact that he has not consumed a drop of Foster’s fuel for the past five seasons
- c) for successfully infiltrating enemy forces of an unnamed Eastern European country at great personal risk and sacrifice

From SOF to **Lieutenant Junior Grade SOF James Albritton** in recognition of

- a) his dedication and commitment in the service of the Navy for the past seven years;
- b) his unique Special Operation Forces skills which include the mental strength of abstaining from Foster’s fuel for the past two seasons in order to lose 13kg on the Elephant Scale;
- c) his initiative, motivation and kick-ass attitude which are essential traits of the Liechtenstein Navy spirit