

The Liechtenstein Princely Navy – Promotions and Awards 2010

16 June 2010 – The Admiralty of the Liechtenstein Princely Navy is pleased to announce the following Promotions and Awards for 2010:

Medals:

Distinguished Service Medal (BRONZE)

With a training attendance of 85% (47/55): **LTCMDR Olivier Streun**. LTCMDR Streun also has attained the highest paddle training attendance and has achieved the highest score on the Navy's grueling Ten Commandments.

Distinguished Service Medal (SILVER)

With a training attendance of 89% (49/55) including the second highest Circuit Training attendance: **Admiral Silvan Colani**

Distinguished Service Medal (GOLD)

With the highest overall training attendance of 91% (50/55) and the highest circuit training attendance: **Petty Officer 1st Class Alex Beck**

Petty Officer Beck has consistently won Distinguished Service Medals over the past three seasons, displaying one of the best and most consistent training attendance records in Naval history.

Liechtenstein Navy Medal of Valor (GOLD)

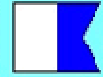
The Liechtenstein Navy Medal of Valor is awarded to **Captain Rolf Widmer** who retired from active duty of the Navy after the 2009 season, having served the Navy ably and highly committed for ten seasons since its inception in 2000.

Captain Widmer has been a staunch supporter of the Navy from its very beginning. He was also present at the first training session of the 2001 season, which attracted a grand total of three Sailors (including the Admiral) and thus had to be cancelled.

As he grew older and lost more hair over the years, Captain Widmer's determination and commitment to the Navy never wavered and he remains fiercely loyal to the Liechtenstein cause.



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Awards

Admiral's Award for Best and Worst Drummer

The award for best looking, best counting and best drumming is presented to **Commander Mei Colani Li** who has resumed her drumming duty after a year of absence from the Navy. She continues to be a priceless asset to the Navy for her ability to count to 100 without mistake and to urge on the crew during the crucial final stages of every race. Occupying a very precarious and exposed position on deck, CMDR Mei has been bruised and battered in combat but continues to strongly support the Navy despite her domestic duties in charge of Junior Apprentice Sailor Leo.

The award for worst looking, non-existing counting and useless drumming goes to **Apprentice Sailor Chris Hazen** who during a training session on 29 May 2010 has displayed an inability to follow simple instructions ("just count and drum!") and a complete lack of timing and rhythm. His shambolic performance has highlighted the indispensable value of our regular drummer.

Red Bull Power Award

The Red Bull Power Award – SILVER is presented to **Admiral Silvan Colani** for breaking a wooden paddle in half during a training session in Stanley, using nothing but his amazing physical strength to accomplish this feat.

The Red Bull Power Award – GOLD is presented to **Able Seaman Rene Frauenfelder** who managed to break his carbon fiber paddle in the semi final at the Deep Water Bay Dragon Boat Races, demonstrating a previously unknown level of physical strength which unfortunately has never manifested itself in an ability to complete a single pull-up during the Ten Commandments.

Back-to-Front Award (or Front-to-Back Award for some)

The Back-to-Front Award – RED is presented to **Apprentice Sailor Chris Hazen** who showed up at training wearing his Navy uniform back-to-front.

The Back-to-Front Award – BLUE is presented to **Sailor Cesar da Silva** who due to a lack of caffeine intake before an morning training session seated himself in the dragonboat at the wrong end and facing the wrong direction.

Neil Pryde Award for Uniform Violations

Chief Petty Officer David Murray for wearing the 2007 Uniform for the Stanley Warm Up Races. Chief Petty Officer David Murray has been reprimanded for his uniform violation and as punishment will be required to perform a roly-poly.

The 0500hrs Award

The 0500hrs Award is presented in recognition of the dedication, hardship, sacrifice and commitment by a hardy crew of Sailors who regularly get up at before dawn to make their way to early morning training from the far-away shores of Sai Kung:

The 0500hrs GOLD Award – **Lieutenant Junior Grade SOF James Albritton**

The 0500hrs SILVER Award – **Petty Officer Ruedi Wildi**

The 0500hrs RUSTY Award – **Lieutenant Junior Grade Beat Erne**

The Magnificent Seven Award

Is presented to the Seven Sailors who made it to early morning training on the Sevens Saturday, displaying not only the highest level of commitment, but also an incredible capacity of not throwing up the previous night's fuel intake during a very choppy training session:

Admiral Silvan Colani

LTCMDR Olivier Streun

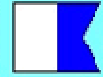
LTJG SOF James Albritton

Chief Petty Officer David Murray

Petty Officer 1st Class Ruedi Wildi

Petty Officer 1st Class Hannes Niggli

Sailor Mel Blackford



The Golden CROWN of Endurance

This year, the Golden CROWN of Endurance is awarded to the three Sailors with the highest Ten Commandment scores:

LTCMDR Olivier Streun
Petty Officer 1st Class Ruedi Wildi
Sailor Mel Blackford

Special Award for Navy Kick-Ass (“SPANK Award”)

The SPANK Award goes to **Fitness Officer Jenny Lam** for her dedication and passion in organizing the Navy’s grueling Circuit Training program which has resulted in a significant increase in fitness levels among the crew and a highly satisfactory result in the Ten Commandments assessment. Despite the significant torture inflicted by her on the crew, she was nevertheless able to draw even the weakest of Sailors to her Program of Pain.

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

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 Robin Wattinger weighting in at 100kg – this is the fourth year in a row Sailor Robin has won this award
Apprentice Sailor Laurent Baumgartner, weighting in at 95kg
LTJG Beat Erne weighting in at 93kg

Foster’s Award For Fuel Efficiency

The Foster’s Award For Fuel Efficiency is awarded to **LTJG 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 third season that LTJG SOF James has received this award. After having received the same award in five consecutive seasons, the Award is not presented to **Petty Officer Hannes Niggli** who has been witnessed indulging in the occasional Foster’s fuel intake at several occasions.

The Marlboro Award for Smoking in the Line of Duty

The Marlboro Award for Smoking in the Line of Duty is presented to the following individuals, who have displayed a very stubborn determination to light up a cigarette no matter how early the hour or how adverse, wet or inhospitable the conditions:

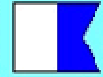
Petty Officer Reto Graf
Apprentice Sailor Benny Tse
Stanley Residents Association Helmsman Ah Wong

Admiral’s Recommendation for Lack of Self-awareness (ARSE Award)

The ARSE award is presented to **Petty Officer Martin Sinclair** for the second year in a row for

- running over old ladies in Happy Valley and thus bringing the Navy in disrepute
- continuously forgetting and losing his belongings, including his locker key which resulted in him trying to open the lock with a stone and thus destroying public property; and
- for generally making an ARSE of himself at numerous occasions!

This is the second year in a row that Petty Officer Sinclair has won the ARSE award and it is hoped that he will NOT win the award again in 2011.



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 Chris Hazen
Sailor Laurent Baumgartner
Sailor Benny Tse
Sailor David Barnaby
Sailor Dan Khoe
Sailor Tom LeGoff
Sailor Marcus Schreiber

From Sailor to **Petty Officer 1st Class: Robin Wattinger**; in recognition of

- his dedication and commitment in the service of the Navy for the past five years.
- for his exemplary dedication to fitness and training – NOT.
- for entertaining officers and crew with his excellent performances, such as the Robin Roll, the Robin Roll Two and the Jump Into The Pond When Cracking Under Pressure!

However, this promotion is conditional on Petty Officer Wattinger weighing in at no more than 95kg next season and/or not winning the FAT Award in 2011.

From Sailor to **Master Chief Petty Officer: Fred Laine**; in recognition of

- his dedication and commitment in the service of the Navy for the past three years;
- his unique focus and responsibility as the stroke and starter of HSH Liechtenstein in his capacity as Chief Focus Officer; and
- his technical skills and stamina required from a front-row paddle position

From LTJG to the full rank of **Lieutenant Beat Erne**; in recognition of

- his dedication and commitment in the service of the Navy for the past nine years;
- having over the years supplied the Navy with a complete wardrobe of the most fashionable and ultra cool shirts, ensuring that the Navy remains the most stylish pre- and post-racing Naval force (and now also the driest thanks to his new supply of high-tech rain jackets).

However, this promotion is conditional on LT Erne get his stamina and fitness up to the level expected from an Officer of the Navy – an assessment to be made by the Admiralty next season.

From Lieutenant to **Lieutenant Commander: Charlie Riding**; in recognition of

- his dedication and commitment in the service of the Navy for the past five years;
- inspiring the team with a race winning mentality, strong sense of self-believe and confidence in our ability to kick some serious ass; and
- his unquestionable contribution to the progression and transformation of the Navy from a ragtag band of drunken Sailors to one of the world’s most respected, feared and admired Naval forces;

From Lieutenant Commander to **Commander Olivier Streun**; in recognition of

- his dedicated and committed service to the Navy for the past eleven years since inception;
- his unrivaled determination and stamina required from a front-row paddle position; and
- his exemplary leadership and unrivaled motivation in terms of fitness levels, training methods, special operations (especially boot camp)