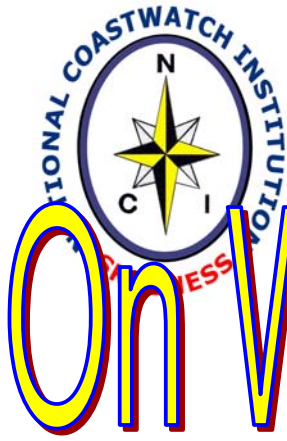


August 2008



# On Watch 43

*What's the story??*

*Hi Watch! - 43 issues and still going strong!*

*The newsletter of NCI Skegness*

## WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome new applicants **JUNE GAULDIE, WAYNE DAVIS, SHANE HANNAH** and **JOHN CAREY** who start their training with us. Please give them every help and assistance

## CONGRATULATIONS

....to David Howden (pictured right) for passing his assessment to Watchkeeper. David who lives at Chapel St Leonards joined NCI in November and has worked hard to achieve his goal. Well done David wear those epaulettes with pride!



## COLLECTIONS - HELP!

Thanks to all those who attended the Jolly Fishermans 100<sup>th</sup> 'Party in the Park' and helped raise funds with another excellent tombola by **Jill** and some promotional sales by **Paul**. Thanks to **Roger** for the display

There is no actual store collection this month. However, we will be presenting a presence at the 999 show in Skegness on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**: We would like ALL members (yes YOU!) to make some effort to put in an appearance and support their team and colleagues.

**WEB SITE:** The new NCI headquarters web site went live on 1<sup>st</sup> July - see it on [www.nci.org.uk](http://www.nci.org.uk)

The NCI Skegness web site (transferred from the old Ingoldmells site) is now live and improving, now just approaching a massive 127,000 hits - remarkable. Many thanks to Webmistress Sue Bride for all her hard work, please support all her hard work by visiting the site. New donor-supporter logos this month include Rittall, East Lindsey District Council and Centrica Energy. Please visit the site on [www.nci.skegness.org.uk](http://www.nci.skegness.org.uk) <http://www.nci-skegness.org.uk/>

## RADAR

The new Furino colour Radar was installed last month and thanks to **Terry Brown** for looking after the installation of the hardware., and is a remarkable piece of kit that has been very well accepted. East Lindsey Councillor John Byford donated this and training has already commenced. Terry Brown, Paul Fretwell and Jack Wise have volunteered to train as Radar trainers and will be receiving more instruction during August.

## Personnel Notice

It is with regret that we report that following the commencement of his new high-power job, **Simon Walker** has relinquished his appointment as Deputy Station Manager, his post as Training Officer, post as Duty Officer, and his membership of the IT team. The team acknowledge the great contributions made by Simon in the past, and hope that he will find time in his busy schedule to continue watches.

## RECRUITMENT

Would ALL Watchkeepers make themselves aware of the procedures that will now be followed to ensure ALL NEW APPLICANTS are given our very best attention and encouragement to progress to full membership? A stock of Membership enquiry packs are available at the station (by the desk) for those expressing interest in membership of NCI and, and these should be offered to all enquirers and the **tear off slip on front of the pack completed** and left at the station for **PAUL FRETWELL** to follow-up. This is essential so that we maximise all enquiries. Many thanks for your kind cooperation.

## THANKS

To Neville Bartrop of Centrica Energy (the wind farm contractors) for donating a new Icom Radio base station and 5 high power handportables to improve our communications: This equipment was ordered by Centrica on their own Radio Supplier and will be delivered mid August. This will entail a CTCSS tone change and all existing old equipment will be collected in, reprogrammed where practical, and re-issued.

## Headline story - what's that ship ??

Built in 1969 by Aalborgs Vaerft A/S Shipyard in Aalborg, Denmark, this lady has a vast, chequered, and varied career under her belt. Launched as **PRINSESSAN CHRISTINA** as a ferry between Gothenburg and Frederikshaun. Rebuilt in 1976 with more cabins. Sold in October 1979 and again in Feb 1981 renamed **SAFE CHRISTINA**. In 1981 worked as Sally Line Ramsgate to Dunkirk. Sold again in 1982 to Stenna line and renamed PRINSESSAN CHRISTINA working Gothenburg again.

August 1983 renamed **STENNA NORDICA**. Rebuilt again in October 1984 with 60 new cabins. Sold to Lion Ferry in 1985 renamed EUROPAFARJAN 1 in traffic between Helsingborg - Grenaa Denmark.. 1987 Renamed **LION PRINCE**. 1991 ran aground in Denmark. 1998 renamed **STENNA PRINCE**: 1998 sold to Freedom Ferries SrL in Italy renamed **COMMADORE**. 2002 laid up in Italy, 2003 Sold to Enermar Transporti Genoa Italy and renamed **PALAU** in traffic between Genoa and Paula. 2004-2005 on various local traffic runs in Italy 2007 laid-up and subsequently sold.

Reappeared in Grimsby early 2008 as hotel accommodation ship **WIND SOLUTION** - with side logo 'Floating Hotels' - quite a colourful life for a 40 year old lady! Now moored at the Lynn Wind Farm as accommodation for the Centrica Technicians and Siemens Technicians and Divers.



## NEW LEAFLET

Thanks to the excellent contacts of our Deputy Station Manager **Roger Gilburd**, we have had donated over 1000 full colour three fold printed recruitment leaflet (see illustration right). Please pick up a supply from the station and distribute to your neighbours and local shops.

## COMPUTER

Constant misuse of the station computer has been evident lately with unauthorised 'surfing' and visiting sites not compatible with our work, and requests for this to cease has fallen on deaf ears. Therefore it has been found necessary to place a logging software on the computer to identify the time and sites used, so the culprits can be spoken to. Be afraid!

The computer is only for bona-fide NCI work and reference sites such as AIS, Wind and weather. Thank you.

**WATCH ROTA** - is available on line at :-

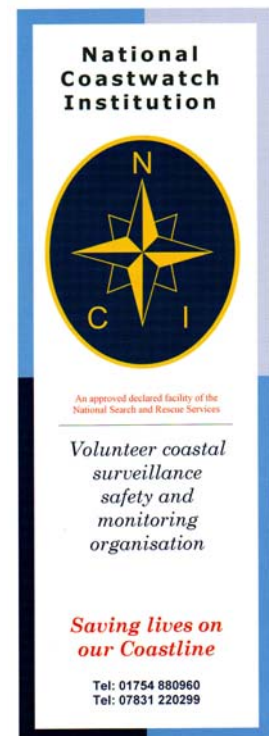
THIS MONTH : <http://www.skegness-computers.co.uk/coastwatch/first.html>

NEXTMONTH : <http://www.skegness-computers.co.uk/coastwatch/second.html>

THIRD MONTH : <http://www.skegness-computers.co.uk/coastwatch/third.html>

## OUR DIARY 2008 –put it in yours!

- Aug 13<sup>th</sup> - **999 Show Skegness** - volunteers required to man our stand.
- Aug 13<sup>th</sup> - TEAM MEETING - no evening meeting - join us at the 999 Show.
- Sept 10<sup>th</sup> - TEAM MEETING - Crown Hotel, Drummond Road, Skegness
- Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - **COLLECTION and tombola** at Co-Op Skegness
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - **COLLECTION and tombola** at Hildreds centre Skegness
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - LONDON - Joint manager meeting
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - TEAM MEETING - Crown Hotel, Drummond Road, Skegness
- Nov 29<sup>th</sup> - **COLLECTION and Tombola** : Morrison's Skegness
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - **COLLECTION and tombola** at Co-Op Skegness



## **NEXT TEAM MEETING: WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**We shall be at the 999 show all day on Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup> - our normal meeting day - join us during the day for some training at Skegness in the field by the pier!**

POSTITON	HOLDER	POSITION	HOLDER
Station Manager	<i>Mike Newbold</i>	Press and Publicity	<i>Keith Arthey</i>
Deputy Station Manager	<i>Roger Gilburd</i>	Beach Safety coordinator	<i>Carl Short</i>
And Hon Treasurer		Charity Collecting boxes	
Training Officer	<i>Paul Fretwell</i>	Quartermaster	<i>Bill Isherwood</i>
Recruitment Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>	Flag master	<i>Chris Lines</i>
Watch Rota Coordinator	<i>Seamus O'Dowd</i>	Chart Master	<i>Bill Isherwood</i>
Hon Team Secretary	<i>Pauline Arthey</i>	Almoner & tea room prop	<i>Eileen Gilburd</i>
IT Team	<i>Seamus O'Dowd, Keith Arthey</i>	Station Management Team	<i>Bill Isherwood</i>
		Representatives	<i>Jack Wise</i>