



"MIGHTY Z" TRIBUNE

*The History and Restoration of the
Salvage Tug Zuni-Tamaroa*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

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LATEST NEWS !!

By Harry and Shirley Jaeger

CURRENT STATUS:

Recently (December 19th), we moved the ZUNI/TAMAROA from the Dominion Marine Yard in South Norfolk, VA to U. S. Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, in Norfolk, VA. The four hour transit cost \$3,350.00. It was uneventful, but the new location promises to be very rewarding. We are berthed at Pier 12N for several months. For a fee, all the necessary utilities are available. It is safe, clean and once on the pier, easily accessible by our members and volunteers.

The Commanding Officer is our host, and his Chief Harbor Pilot, is our point of contact. These Navy port control people know their business well and will work with us as much as possible. Hopefully we will tie into the shore power within the next couple weeks. We have to make a \$500 deposit to base facilities for the power, and then will be billed monthly for what we consume.

The ship has been in storage and largely inaccessible for about a year, so, consequently, she is very dirty inside and out. This gives us a lot of busy work to do to make her look her best, but there are a few other requirements that we must make our top priorities.

We need to:

- Upgrade the bilge flooding alarm system at the request of the Navy.
- rebuild the brow. The walkway on the one we have is just the correct length, but replacing the safety handrail (with an even better design) and hanging of a safety net underneath is required.
- We have to continue with repairs to the potable water system,
- upgrade and repair various electric systems.

Access to the pier will require members to register with the Director of Operations. Those volunteers who have military ID cards, active or retired, and have a current DOD vehicle pass, can access the base and get through the gate nearest the ship. During the period when this military-manned checkpoint is unmanned, it is necessary to access the pier via a civilian-manned second checkpoint.

Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek is a very active Navy base and we are their guests, so we are happy to cooperate and abide by their rules. In spite of any challenges our current location may bring, we have never had an opportunity as we do now to dig in and make a lot of real progress toward our goals. We can use this opportunity to find people willing to provide the time and technical expertise to get stuff done. Let's do our very best with this great stroke of luck and make our members, crew personnel, families proud of us and the Navy happy to have brought us on board!

This opportunity will buy us the time to make the contacts we need to acquire financial assistance and grants. As we all know, it's who you know that opens the doors to success. It's our ship, we have a real mission, let's make this a team effort, so that we can get this old (renewed) gal up and ready.

We don't know how long we can really keep the ZUNI-TAMAROA at Little Creek, but we can move ahead a month at a time. We need volunteers, not only to perform technical repairs, but staff people and first responders for shipboard emergencies.

There will be towing and utility bills to pay, supplies and equipment to purchase/acquire. It is up to all of us to help in fund raising. We can put on programs, dog and pony shows - whatever. Keep your ideas coming. First, we need people to show a presence.

Photos of the Tow to Little Creek





ANOTHER WAY TO HELP By Bill Doherty

We know that there are a lot of you out there that want to help us financially but cannot due to the current economic crisis. However, there are other things you can do which will spread the word. Many of you are on the internet. You can use the website's address as your signature or perhaps a photo of the Tam or Zuni. In the profile section of most websites they ask you what your interests are. Note that you are a member of the Zuni Maritime Foundation and want to help restore the ship Tamaroa-Zuni.

If you visit a military website do not hesitate to tell a story about the Tam or Zuni depending on your time aboard her or even the Zuni-Tam if you became involved after decommissioning. The key here is to get the word out. We might catch someone who has money to burn, you never know!! If you publish a blog. Paste photos of her all over the place as I did in my blog at <http://tamaruni.blogspot.com>.

Keep her in the public eye guys, that's all we ask of you plus a few bucks here and there wouldn't hurt either but we would appreciate any help you can give the Foundation.

Important Sites to Remember

www.zuninews.4t.com - - An Archive of past newsletters
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Tamaroa-Zuni/> - - Our message board
www.zunimaritime.org - - Our Website
<http://www.jacksjoint.com/tamaroa.htm> - - The Sinking of the Tamaroa
<http://www.uscg.mil/History/WEBCUTTERS/Tamaroa1943.html> - - The Coast Guard's official TAMAROA site.
http://www.usmilitaryart.com/tamaroa_foundation.htm - - Buy a print or note cards from these guys and they will donate a portion of the funds to the Zuni Maritime Foundation.



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