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Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2008 7:37 PM
To: Office Of The President
Subject: Final Message Regarding Galveston Sailing Team

June 8, 2008 (7:45 p.m.)

To The Aggie Family:

We are saddened to learn and notify you that the body of the only remaining missing member of the Galveston sailing team crew was recovered Sunday afternoon.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Mrs. Linda Stone, the Stone’s two children, and members of Roger Stone’s family. Words cannot adequately express the depth of our condolences as they cope with the loss of their loved one. We hope they can take some comfort in knowing all five survivors of this tragic accident credit Mr. Stone with heroic efforts that were instrumental in making possible their survival. We now know that Roger Stone died a hero in the classic sense of the word.

While we continue to mourn the loss of his life, we are relieved and grateful beyond words for the rescue of the sailboat’s four students—Steven Guy, Joe Savana, Travis Wright and Ross Busby—and Steve Conway, who, like Mr. Stone, was serving in the capacity of safety officer. I know that I speak on behalf of their families and friends when saying how thankful we are for their safe return.

I must emphatically thank the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard who responded so quickly and professionally to the call for help in the search for those aboard the Cynthia Woods. I know that same sentiment has been expressed by President Elsa Murano and others who came here to Galveston from the main campus to lend support.

We thank all of those who participated in the rescue effort, the Aggie Family, and all those who offered their prayers and support.

R. Bowen Loftin
Vice President & CEO
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Leaders, employees and volunteers for communities and campuses across the nation will come together to share issues and ideas at the third annual "Best Practices in Building University/City Relations Conference" Monday through Thursday (June 16-19) at Texas A&M University. Most sessions will be held at Reed Arena. With the theme of "From Campus to Council: Blending the Best of Both Worlds," organizers say the conference will highlight results-oriented city and university practices that have built positive relationships and successfully addressed town/gown issues and concerns. Participants will discuss concerns and share proven solutions for living, working and playing together successfully.

A growing need for this type of interaction between colleges or universities and the cities where they are located prompted the first conference in 2006, says conference coordinator Cynthia Gay, director of external relations with Texas A&M's Division of Marketing and Communications. The number of participants has grown each year. More

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Overview Of Events Concerning The Cynthia Woods And Crew

The five fortunate survivors of the two-day Gulf of Mexico ordeal in which their sailboat capsized were released from The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston today and all of them are calling their deceased safety officer, Roger Stone, a hero for his quick action and leadership in having them evacuate the sinking vessel. The four students -- Joseph Savana, Travis Wright and Steven Guy of
Texas A&M University at Galveston and Ross Busby from the main university campus in College Station — were joined by TAMUG faculty member and safety officer Steve Conway in leaving the UT medical facility after being held overnight, primarily for treatment for dehydration and severe sunburn. When rescued by the Coast Guard, they had been in the water about 26 hours. Funeral services for Mr. Stone are pending. More
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Roundup To Celebrate 100th Anniversary Of Texas 4-H This Week

Texas 4-H will celebrate its 100th anniversary at its annual Roundup, a statewide gathering of 2,900 4-H members, parents and volunteers June 10-12 at Texas A&M. "We've come a long way from a Corn Club that began with a dozen boys in Jacks County back in September of 1907," said Martha Couch, Texas AgriLife Extension Service associate director for 4-H and youth development. Today, she noted, Texas 4-H engages more than 640,000 young people in an array of pursuits aimed at learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. A highlight of the year is Roundup, which brings district winners in for a final round of statewide competition in some 40 contests, ranging from more traditional animal judging events to photography, fashion design, nutrition, computer technology and talent in singing and dancing. More
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Aggie Couple Remembers Daughter Through Regents' Scholarship

When Lea '95 and Loftus Fitzwater III '93 lost their baby daughter in 2008, the couple didn't forget the dreams they once had for her. To perpetuate her memory, they established the Casey Fitzwater Endowed Regents' Scholarship through the Texas A&M Foundation. The Fitzwater scholarship gives preference to students who graduated from a United States high school and who plan to major in science, engineering, education or business. The interest from the $100,000 endowment will generate annual stipends to fund one of these prestigious scholarships. More
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The Ashcan School Has Arrived At Forsyth Center

The MSC Forsyth Center Galleries is displaying "The Ashcan School: A Revolution in Painting," which features paintings from Ashcan School artists, also known as "The Eight." This unique group of painters included Robert Henri, Everett Shinn, George Luks, John Sloan, William Glackens, Arthur B. Davies, Maurice Prendergast and Ernest Lawson. Organizers say these men, influenced by their earlier experiences as newspaper illustrators and their contemporaries such as Upton Sinclair, wanted to paint the American scene as it really was, "ash cans" and all. This group formed as a revolutionary rebellion against the National Academy of Design and its refusal to display all eight artists' paintings in its landmark show at Macbeth Galleries. With the support and blessing of Macbeth Galleries, the eight hung and displayed their paintings for 12 days, and for twelve days people lined the streets to see the first and only organized showing by the artists. Detailed information on these artists is available on the Galleries Web site, http://forsyth.tamu.edu. The exhibition is on display through Aug. 15. Admission is free. For more information contact the Galleries at (979)845-9251 or e-mail fcg@msc.tamu.edu.
Summer Honors Invitational Program Planned This Month

More than 800 high school seniors will be on campus this summer as part of the Summer Honors Invitational Program (SHIP). Designed to attract high-achieving students to the university, SHIP highlights both academics and cultural diversity within the Aggie family. Each SHIP session will host an average of 200 participants. These sessions will be held on June 9-10, June 16-17, June 23-24 and June 30-July 1. SHIP offers opportunities within the Office of Honors Programs and Academic Scholarships and will include a master lecture by Mark Holtzapple at the Forum in Rudder Theater Complex. Honors experience presentations will be made by Honors faculty and the prospective students will have a chance to talk with current Texas A&M students as HIP Leaders. They will stay overnight in the Honors Residence Hall and also take special college and department tours and attend a Yell Practice, a performance by the Aggie Wranglers and other Aggie entertainment as well as athletic events and games in the Rec Center Back Yard. For more information, contact Casey Ricketts, academic advisor with Honors Programs, at cricketts@tamu.edu or (979).845-1957.

The Association Of Former Students Announces Organizational Enhancement

After extensive planning and study, The Association of Former Students has announced an organizational enhancement, designed to make more efficient use of staff resources and talents. Assistant Executive Director Kathryn Greenwade ’88 now leads the newly created division, Communications and Human Resources. “I am excited and optimistic about the enhanced structure we have created for our communications and human resources efforts,” said Porter Garner ’79, executive director. “Both of these functions require sensitivity, creativity, and positive energy, making Kathryn a natural fit to lead this team.”

The newly organized team includes Robyn McCarthy, director of communications, and Scot Walker ’90, named publications manager who will manage all publications most notably, Texas Aggie magazine. They are joined by Stephanie Jeter ’06 and Josh Rizzo ’07 in completing the full-time communications team. Marty Holmes ’87, assistant executive director, remains the leader of the Marketing & Programs Division which directs the strategic and operational planning. Larry Cooper ’77 will continue as the director of marketing and head brand management and business development efforts. To learn more about The Association of Former Students, visit www.AggieNetwork.com or call (979) 845-7514.

Additional Demo of Howdy Web Portal Offered Monday

Due to continued interest in the new Howdy Web portal at howdy.tamu.edu, the Center for Employee Education is offering an additional, free demonstration of the Web site. The demonstration will include a tour of the site as well as a look at how to personalize it, followed by a question-and-answer session. The one-hour demonstration will be offered from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday (June 16) in Assembly Room A of the General Services Complex, located at 750 Agronomy Road. The demonstration is free and available to all university employees; however, registration is required. Visit the Center for Employee Education Web site for online registration and additional information at http://training.tamu.edu/schedule.php. Or, call (979) 845-8430 or send an e-mail to talk-training@tamu.edu. For comments or questions about Howdy, visit the Enterprise Information Systems Web site at http://eis.tamu.edu or contact Help Desk Central at 979.845.8300 or helpdesk@tamu.edu.
Free Demo Of Podcast Producer Scheduled For June 24

The Division of Marketing & Communications invites the campus to a free demonstration of Podcast Producer from 9 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, in Rudder 701. Podcast Producer is a complete, end-to-end solution for encoding, publishing and distributing high-quality podcasts. Podcast Producer includes a dozen built-in workflows to automate publishing of podcasts to blogs, iTunes U or even multimedia-enabled cell phones over high-speed wireless networks using QuickTime Streaming Server. Workflows include the ability to archive recordings, apply custom Quartz Composer compositions with titles and watermarks, add opening and closing videos, notify the iTunes Podcast Directory of the new episode, and send out an announcement email. Podcast Producer can accept and re-encode media from other popular formats including Windows Media, Flash 8 and VC-1. A brief demonstration of Texas A&M on iTunes U will be included in this presentation. Seating is limited. RSVP to itunes@tamu.edu by June 18.

Siddiqui Announces Resignation, Search Begins For New Dining Services Head

Lallah M. Howard, associate vice president for business services, announced that Nadeem Siddiqui, executive director of Dining Services, has announced he will resign from Texas A&M effective June 15. She adds that, as a search is begun for a new executive director, she will serve as interim. “Since joining Texas A&M in March 2006, Mr. Siddiqui has brought many new ideas and menu items to better serve our students, faculty and staff. We appreciate his service to Texas A&M, and wish him well in the future,” she says.

Online Newsletter Offers Benefits Information

A new online newsletter is available to provide timely information about Texas A&M System benefits. Employees can find the first issue at http://tamus.edu/benefits. For any questions about benefits, contact Human Resources or the Employee Service Center.

Aggie Allies Looking For New Members

Those who want to support diversity on campus and provide a safe haven for Aggies may want to consider becoming a member of Aggie Allies by attending an upcoming Advance Workshop, scheduled for July 18. Allies include Texas A&M staff, faculty, students, and community members who display an Ally placard outside their office or residence hall room. This placard identifies them as individuals who are willing to provide a safe haven, a listening ear and support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) people or anyone dealing with sexual orientation or gender identity issues. All Allies must attend a three-hour Advance Workshop prior to becoming a member. At the Advance, potential members learn more about the GLBT community; explore how homophobia affects everyone; and discuss methods which Allies can support the GLBT community and each other. To RSVP for an Advance Workshop or learn more about Aggie Allies, visit http://allies.tamu.edu.
In Other News

AgriLife Extension Specialist Offers Tomato Advice

Just when the summer heats up and a fresh tomato sliced on a plate whets the palate, consumers are being urged to consider the source. Reports this week of salmonella linked to tomatoes making people in several states ill are causing food specialists to warn about consumption. "People are concerned about where they can purchase fresh tomatoes that are OK to eat and how to use those that are in the markets," said Al Wagner Jr., Texas AgriLife Extension Service food processing specialist. Wagner said tomatoes from farmers markets, cherry tomatoes, those with the stems attached or home-grown should be fine, provided they are washed before eating. More

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Education Students Spent Their Last Semester Student Teaching Abroad

This past spring, Anna Sauvageau, an early childhood education major, stepped out of the box — or country — to student teach in Switzerland. Anna is one of four education students to make the overseas trip. She and three middle school education majors, Ashley Broll, Megan Malnar and Andrea Smith, were the first Aggies to student teach at the International School of Lucerne in Switzerland, says Dennie Smith, head of the Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture. “I wanted to know the different kinds of teaching methods out there around the world,” Anna says. “I served as an ambassador in everything I did, so in all my actions and teaching I kept in mind how it would be reflected back to the college. My school and community knew we were Aggies and expected great things from us, and I think we succeeded!” More

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Lowering Stress Can Strengthen Immune System, Says AgriLife Specialist

Relax. It may be an important part of helping the immune system defend against infectious organisms and other invaders, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist. "The top recommendation for keeping a strong immune system is reducing stress," said Andrew Crocker, AgriLife Extension gerontology specialist. "Stress and what happens in your body during stress may negatively impact your ability to remain healthy," Crocker said. "The good news is that lowering your stress can help your body maintain both your physical and your emotional health." The immune system is the body's defense against infectious organisms and other invaders, he said. When problems occur with the network of cells, tissues and organs that work together to protect the body, the result can be illness and infection. More

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Appointments, Awards And Accolades

Kjerfve Honored By Brazilian Oceanography Society

Björn Kjerfve, dean of the College of Geosciences, was presented a medal in a special tribute at the opening of the biennial meeting of Associação Brasileira de Oceanografia (Brazilian Association for
Oceanography) held in Fortaleza, Brazil. Kjerfve was recognized for his 25-year involvement with oceanography in Brazil. He was cited for being "an internationally renowned researcher who has supervised numerous Brazilian oceanography students and performed studies to develop oceanography in Brazil." This joint meeting of the III Congresso Brasileiro de Oceanografia (Third Brazilian Congress for Oceanography) and the first Congresso de Ibero-Americano de Oceanografia (First Ibero-American Congress for Oceanography) attracted 2,600 participants. More Top

Singh Receives Prestigious Lifelong Achievement Award

Chanan Singh received the Merit Award by the Probabilistic Methods Applied to Power Systems (PMAPS) International Society "in recognition and appreciation for contributions to the development and application of probability methods applied to power systems." The award is a lifelong achievement award given every second year by PMAPS. Singh, the holder of the Irma Runyon Chair in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Texas A&M University, is only the fourth recipient of the prestigious award, which was established and first given in 2000. He received the award at the PMAPS 2008 Conference banquet in Rincon, Puerto Rico. More Top

EHSD Announces “Laboratory Of The Month” Award Winner

The Zachry Department of Civil Engineering’s geotechnical laboratory (located in the CE/TTI building, Room 385) under the direction of Michael Linger is the first recipient of Environmental Health and Safety’s (EHSD’s) Safe Laboratory of the Month award. The lab was selected because it was very clean and orderly. All chemicals were dated and the proper personal protective equipment was in easy reach. No violations were noted in this laboratory. In honor of the award, they will receive lunch courtesy of EHSD and recognition within their department and the College of Engineering. For more information on laboratory safety, visit the EHSD Web site at http://ehsd.tamu.edu. Top

PERG Awards Political Science Student With Top Honor

The Project for Equity Representation and Governance (PERG) announced Kierra Freeman ’08 as the 2008 African American Politics National Undergraduate Research Paper contest winner. Freeman’s paper was titled "The Influence of Anti-Black Attitudes on Minority Support for Race-Conscious Policies." Researchers have shown that in terms of supporting affirmative action, whites are more opposed to it and African Americans are typically more in favor of it. However, Asians and Latinos have taken mixed positions on the issue. "I wanted to know whether an anti-black attitude (which was based on an index of negative stereotypes that are held by others in reference to African Americans) was influential on Asian and Latino support for affirmative action," Freeman said. Freeman found that anti-black attitudes were relatively influential on Asian and Latino decisions to oppose or support affirmative action. More Top

Workshops, Seminars And Lectures

Cafe Scientifique Presents Food Irradiation Topic Tonight
Cafe Scientifique is continuing this summer with special graduate student presenters. It will offer the campus community an opportunity to learn about a socially relevant scientific topic from an expert. Carmen Gomes and Paulo Silva from the Food Engineering Department will present “Food irradiation, is it good for you?” at 7 p.m. Tuesday (June 10) at Revolution Cafe & Bar in Downtown Bryan, 211 B North Main Street. For more information or to be added to the Cafe Sci email list, contact kstumpo@tamu.edu.

Course Development Workshop Series Continues Wednesday

The Course Development Workshop Series is designed to assist faculty in preparing to teach new courses and/or revise and renew existing courses. Organizers with the Center for Teaching Excellence say the workshops consist of four three-hour sessions, over a four week period. While the sessions are designed to lead participants through an integrated course design process, individual sessions address discrete course development steps and can be attended individually. Session II is planned for 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday (June 11) in 448 Blocker and is titled “Assessment and feedback that demonstrates student learning: How will you know they know?” It will discuss principles of good feedback and assessment, the setting of criteria and standards, various classroom assessment techniques to generate feedback from students, and ways to assess student learning. Participants will have an opportunity to design 2-3 assessment activities that demonstrate student attainment of learning outcomes. Participants are encouraged to bring materials from courses they are revising, or other materials upon which they will be basing new course design and also to bring laptops. Wireless internet connection is available. Other session dates are June 18 and 25. Sessions are all from 9 a.m. to noon in 448 Blocker. To register visit: http://cte.tamu.edu

Workshop On Peer Review In The W-Classroom Set For June 20

The University Writing Center is offering a workshop for faculty who struggle with motivating students to look critically at their own writing from 9 to 2 a.m. Friday, June 20, in Evans Library, Room 208. Organizers say making peer review part of the classroom can help create additional opportunities for writing instruction, give students valuable feedback and provide students with different examples of writing. This interactive workshop will give examples of different kinds of peer review, present strategies that will help students get the most out of peer review and give faculty the opportunity to revise assignments and lesson plans to make space for peer review. It will be presented by Stephanie Kershbaum, assistant professor of English, whose current book project addresses the relationship between student interaction in the writing classroom and the development of writing skills. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Register online at http://writingcenter.tamu.edu. For questions, contact Margarett Goss at m-goss@tamu.edu.

FYI …

June Tropical Plant Sale Begins Thursday
The Holistic Garden will hold its June Tropical Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday (June 12 and 13) and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday (June 14). The sale will be in the back hallway and outside at the Horticulture and Forest Science Bldg. on the West Campus, near Wehner Bldg. and Reed Arena. An array of herbaceous and woody perennial landscape plants, herbs, warm season annuals, hanging baskets, house plants (begonias, ferns, cacti, succulents, foliage plants, etc.), tropical patio and garden plants (ornamental banana, gingers, elephant ears, jasmine, etc.), fruit trees (bananas, citrus and figs) will be included. All proceeds from the sale help support the Holistic Teaching Garden, which is open for visitors to enjoy.

New Weight Watchers Series Begins Thursday

Weight Watchers at Work is inviting those interested to join the group by signing up for the new series, which will start Thursday (June 12) at 11:45 a.m. in Room 208 of Evans Library. For any questions, contact Margarette Goss at m-goss@tamu.edu.

Division Of Administration Scholarship Applications Due June 16

Division of Administration scholarships in the amount of $1,000 ($500/semester) are available to employees enrolled in at least six undergraduate hours and dependent children enrolled in at least nine undergraduate hours at Texas A&M for the 2008-2009 academic year. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement and financial need. Those eligible include employees and their dependent children of Aviation Services, Children's Center, Facilities Coordination, University Club, Dining Services, Employee Services, Physical Plant, Presidential Conference Center, University Police Department, Transportation Services and the Office of the Vice President for Facilities. Applications are available from the Office of the Vice President for Facilities or at [http://www.tamu.edu/vpa/links](http://www.tamu.edu/vpa/links). The application deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, June 16. For further information, contact Polly Satterwhite at 845-1911.

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The Physical Plant has scheduled an electrical outage for Scoates Hall from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. on Saturday (June 14) to install meters.

Energy-Saving Tip From The Office Of Energy Management

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Environmental Health And Safety Tip: Fire & Life Safety
Learn where the fire extinguishers are in your facility and how to use them. Portable fire extinguishers are installed in most campus facilities and are designed to extinguish small contained fires before they begin to spread. Locate the extinguishers nearest to you and keep clear access to all fire extinguishers. Instructions are located on each extinguisher, so read and understand how to properly use an extinguisher before it is needed. For hands-on training in the use of fire extinguishers, contact the Environmental Health and Safety Department at 845-2132.

Calendar

TUESDAY, JUNE 10
"Art of Living" workshop from Thursday through Tuesday (June 5-10). There is more information available on the group's Web site at http://us.artofliving.org. For any questions, contact Meera at (979) 574-3618 or e-mail: artofliving@tamu.edu

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11
Nominations deadline 5 p.m. for the 2008 Division of Facilities A+ Awards for Service Excellence recognition program. Nomination guidelines and the nomination form can be accessed on the Vice President for Facilities Web site at http://www.tamu.edu/vpa/links. Questions regarding the awards program should be directed to Polli Satterwhite at 845-1911 or pollis@tamu.edu

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SUB Aggie-Hotline your-name. Note: be sure to use a hyphen (not an underscore) between "Aggie" and "Hotline." Avoid sending signatures when subscribing. As an alternative, you may send mail to hotline@tamu.edu.

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I’m pleased to inform you that five of the six missing crew members of the Texas A&M University at Galveston sailboat that capsized while participating in a race from Galveston to Veracruz, Mexico were safely rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard at approximately 2 a.m. Sunday. Four Aggies - three from the Galveston campus and one from the main campus - and one safety officer are all being treated at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston for sunburn and dehydration. They are all listed in good condition.

I spoke briefly with the rescued students and the safety officer this morning and they spent approximately 26 hours in the water with four life vests amongst the five crew members. After hearing their stories, I can say that these are professional mariners and true Aggies. Their training and preparation, along with their Aggie Spirit, allowed them to overcome this challenging ordeal.

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While media coverage has been extensive, President Murano and I urge you to visit the Texas A&M at Galveston website at www.tamug.edu or the Texas A&M University website at www.tamu.edu for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

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R. Bowen Loftin  
Vice President & CEO  
Texas A&M University at Galveston
From: Brad McGonagle [mailto:magonagle@tamug.edu]
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 2:29 PM
To: Clark, Charley
Cc: Loftin, R. Bowen
Subject: TAMUG Offshore Sailing Team Safety and Operating Procedures

Charley,
Dr. Loftin asked me to forward this information to you. I sent it to Matt Walton at Risk Management back in early April. Just let me know if you need additional information. Thanks.

Brad

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PARTICIPANT WAIVER
THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON

1. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in VARSITY SAILING TEAM ACTIVITIES, which are sponsored by TAMUG, a component member of The Texas A&M University System, I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS for any and all purposes SPONSOR, The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents for The Texas A&M University System, and their officers, servants, agents, volunteers, or employees (herein referred to as RELEASEES) FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, OR INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me while participating in such activity, or while on the premises owned or leased by RELEASEES. I acknowledge there may be physically strenuous activities. I know of no medical reason why I should not participate.

2. I am fully aware that there are inherent risks involved with VARSITY SAILING and regatta travel, and I choose to voluntarily participate in said activity with full knowledge that said activity may be hazardous to me and my property. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me as a result of participating in said activity. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the RELEASEES for any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, that may occur as a result of my participation in said activity.

3. I understand that RELEASEES do not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstance arising from my participation in this activity or any event related to that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance coverage.

4. It is my express intent that this Covenant Not to Sue and Agreement to Hold Harmless shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, if I am deceased, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

5. In signing this Covenant Not to Sue and Agreement to Hold Harmless, I acknowledge and represent that I have read the foregoing Covenant Not to Sue and Agreement to Hold Harmless, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the foregoing agreement that has been reduced to writing have been made. I execute this document for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same, now and in the future.

SIGNED this ______ day of ______________________, ______.
Signature: _______________________________________

Printed Name: ______________________________________

WITNESS signature: ______________________________________

Printed Name: ______________________________________
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON

OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR THE OFFSHORE SAILING PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the offshore sailing program at Texas A&M Galveston are to:

a. Provide safe platforms and procedures for the professional leadership and seamanship training of students on the water (an experience which cannot be duplicated in the classroom).

b. Train students in the following areas:

   1. Leadership and teamwork
   2. Watchstanding
   3. Small boat handling
   4. Knowledge of and appreciation for the forces of wind and sea
   5. Relative motion
   6. Marlinspike seamanship
   7. Meteorology and oceanography
   8. Shipboard organization
   9. Preventative and corrective maintenance
   10. Navigation (open ocean and coastal piloting)
   11. Damage control
   12. Vessel log entries and completion

c. Provide an instrument with which to promote the public image of TAMUG and to assist in recruiting qualified applicants for enrollment at TAMUG.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

In order for a student to participate in the offshore sailing program he/she must meet the following requirements:

a. 2.0 GPA overall or better
b. Full time student carrying a minimum of 12 semester hours
c. Enrolled in or completed at least one semester of Competitive Offshore Sailing(See attachment a)
d. Swim 50 yards fully clothed under the supervision of a certified life guard in controlled conditions
e. May not compete in more than 8 semesters of Intercollegiate Sailing Competition
f. Students may be approved by the Head Coach to participate beyond 8 semesters in team events other than intercollegiate competitions
g. Good physical condition
AUTHORITY

The Head Coach of the offshore sailing team will be a full-time employee designated by The University and is delegated the authority for the operation of vessels participating in the program. Coach/Safety Officers will be selected from volunteers who are U.S. Coast Guard licensed officers, certified instructors of the American Sailing Association, or equivalent experience such as Naval, Coast Guard or maritime academy graduates with appropriate off-shore sailing experience.

OFFICER IN CHARGE/COACH/SAFETY OFFICER

A fully qualified Coach/Safety Officer shall be onboard anytime that a vessel is in a competitive event or regatta. Only one individual on board can have ultimate command responsibility and the Coach/Safety Officer shall notify all crew members that he/she has assumed this responsibility before the vessel gets underway. During training, students may be permitted to operate the vessels under the supervision of the coach/safety officer in a chase boat or from shore.

THE COACH'S ROLE WHEN RACING

Except for those situations where the vessel or crew will be endangered, the Coach will afford the students the latitude to make decisions. This does not relieve the Coach of his or her ultimate responsibility for the safety of the crew and the vessel.

STUDENT SKIPPERS

The Head Coach will assign Student Skippers to each crew based on experience and the sailing ability of the individual. Coaches will afford the Student Skipper the opportunity to direct the movements and manage the operation of his/her vessel. However the Coach shall intervene whenever necessary to prevent the Student Skipper from “getting in over his/her head.”

LOCAL OPERATING AREA

The local operating area is defined as the area bounded by the North and South Galveston Jetties, the Inter-Galveston Harbor and west to Buoy #16 of the Houston Ship Channel. Permission to sail outside the local operating area must be secured from the Head Coach.

SAFETY

a. Individual Gear
   1. Safety Harnesses and Personal Flotation Devices. All crew shall wear safety harnesses and sailing vests and shall clip onto jacklines at all times when topside between sunset and sunrise, during periods of restricted visibility and during heavy weather. Crew will don appropriate personal safety equipment below before relieving the watch.
   2. Crew shall wear non-skid deck shoes.
   3. Crew shall not wear jewelry aboard the vessel.
b. Drills. Abandon ship and man overboard drills shall be carried out on a regular basis. Safety briefs will be held to insure that all hands are familiar with equipment and aware of potential hazards. Drills will be documented in the vessel logs.

c. Safety Equipment. The following safety equipment meets the requirements of U.S. Sailing Special Regulations, Category 1, and Coaches are required to insure each item is onboard and in operating condition prior to participating in an offshore event:

1. EPIRB 406 MHz
2. GPS Transponder
3. VHF Radio
4. Navigational equipment and charts
5. Safety Harnesses and tether lines for each crew
6. Fog horn
7. Flashlight
8. First Aid Kit
9. Manual bilge pump
10. Lifejackets, Type I
11. Plugs for thru hull fittings
12. Lifelines
13. Lifesling
14. Man Overboard Horseshoe Buoy with strobe light
15. Jacklines rigged in place
16. Liferaft
17. Emergency steering device
18. Two anchors (sea anchor and properly sized anchor w/chain rode)
19. Flare Kit

d. Coaches and Student Skippers are responsible for compliance with the checklist items detailed for each vessel (sample in attachment B). The Marine Terminal Manager will schedule required maintenance of all vessels to include haul-outs and renewal of any required certifications and inspections which will be documented in the vessel logs no less than once a year.

e. Emergency contact information will be on file for all students participating in the offshore program. The names of all students and staff participating in regattas will be provided to the campus police for each event.

VEssel OPERATION

A check list for operation of each vessel can be found in the log onboard. The check list includes Pre-Departure, Underway and Return and Docking procedures for each vessel. It is the responsibility of the crew to see that all items are completed prior to and during vessel operations. (See attachment b)
ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND DRUG POLICY

a. Alcoholic beverages will not be consumed by anyone, in any manner, while onboard a TAMUG vessel. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the piers or in the parking lots at the Boat Basin.

b. No one may consume alcohol within sixteen (16) hours of a planned underway time.

c. Tobacco products of any kind shall not be used onboard a TAMUG vessel.

d. Illegal drugs are not permitted onboard a TAMUG vessel.
Texas A&M University at Galveston  
Offshore Sailing Program  
Racing Offshore

**Instructor:** Capt. Jim Atchley  
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**Tel.No:** 740-4892  
**E-mail:** atchleyj@tamug.edu  
**Offshore Sailing Website:** [www.tamug.edu/offshore sailing](http://www.tamug.edu/offshore sailing)

**CLASS MEETING SITE(S):** Boat Basin at TAMUG. Classes will meet inside the Physical Plant Training Room at TAMUG in case of bad weather. Students should always dress for activity.

**ATTIRE:** Proper sailing attire and deck shoes. (No street shoes)

**MATERIAL/COST:** Required Texts: *Performance Racing Tactics* and *Trim* by Bill Gladstone. Sailing vests (PFDs), foul weather gear, safety harnesses and tethers are provided but you are encouraged to bring your own.

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. Students will acquire a workable knowledge of keel sailboat handling, offshore sailing, racing, navigation, sailing rules and racing strategy.
2. Students will demonstrate fundamental skills in the areas detailed above.
3. Based upon the skills developed, students will be provided an opportunity to participate in local and intercollegiate sailing competition.
4. Students will participate in maintaining vessels and equipment and in making required log entries.

**CONTENT:**

1. Fundamental skills  
   a. boat preparation  
   b. boat handling  
   c. sail trim for speed  
   d. navigation  
   e. sound maintenance practices  
   f. vessel log entries  
2. Basic rules and terminology  
3. Strategy and tactics  
4. Wind and currents  
5. Sailing instruments.

**GRADING POLICY:**

| Skill Tests | 70% |
| Written Exams | 30% |

**GRADE SCALE:**

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KINE 199 may be taken pass/fail. A numerical grade of “70” is necessary to pass.
*Students entering as freshmen in the fall of 2004 must complete KINE 198 (Health & Fitness) and one KINE 199 (Taken pass/fail) to satisfy graduation requirements.

**ATTENDANCE:**

The University views class attendance as an individual student responsibility. All students are expected to attend class and to complete all assignments.

The student is responsible for providing satisfactory evidence to the instructor to substantiate reason for absence. Among the reasons absences are considered excused by the University are the following:

1. Participation in an activity appearing on the University authorized activity list.
2. Death or major illness in a student’s immediate family
3. Illness of a dependent family member.
4. Participation in legal proceedings or administrative procedures that require a student’s presence.
5. Religious holy day.
6. Illness that is too severe or contagious for the student to attend class (to be determined by campus contract clinic or off-campus physician).
7. Required participation in military duties.
8. Mandatory admission interviews for professional or graduate school, which cannot be rescheduled.

**ABSENCES**

If a student receives evidence of illness from an off-campus physician, the excuse documentation MUST contain the date, time and the doctor’s opinion that the student was too ill to attend class. If a student is determined not to be ill by a physician, he or she will not receive an excuse.

The student is responsible for providing satisfactory evidence to the instructor within one week of his or her absence return to substantiate the reason for absence.

Each unexcused absence will result in a deduction of 3 pts (5 pts each summer school class missed) from the student’s final grade.

The instructor is under no obligation to provide an opportunity for the student to make up work missed because of an unauthorized absence.

**After 10 minutes the student will be considered absent.**

**ATTENTION STUDENTS:**

1. It is the responsibility of the student to inform his/her instructor if they have a condition that may impair or influence participation in an activity class (e.g. physical handicap, allergies, use of medications, etc.).
2. Should you become unable to participate in your regular activity class, contact your instructor immediately.
3. The courses in which you have elected to participate are either required as part of your major or elected. Regardless of the case, you must realize that there is a certain assumption of risk in which you engage when you participate in activity classes such as these. You must be aware of this assumption.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for person with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Director of Counseling.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

For many years, Aggies have followed a Code of Honor, which is stated in this very simple verse: "Aggies do not lie, cheat, or steal, nor do they tolerate those who do." As such, it is the responsibility of students and faculty members to help maintain scholastic integrity at the University by refusing to participate in or tolerate scholastic dishonesty. The aggie Code of Honor and the Scholastic Dishonesty sections in the TAMUG University Rules handbook will be standards upon which scholastic integrity is maintained.

**STATEMENT OF THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)**

FERPA is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of educational records by limiting access to these records, to establish the right of students to inspect and review their educational records and to provide guidelines for the correction of inaccurate and misleading data through informal and formal hearings. To obtain a listing of directory information or to place a hold on any or all of this information, please consult the Admissions and Records Office.

Items that can never be identified as public information are a student's social security number or institutional identification number, citizenship, gender, grades, GPR or class schedule. All efforts will be made in this class to protect your privacy and to ensure confidential treatment of information associated with or generated by your participation in the class.
Sample Check-list
GYPSY NORTH
Pre-Departure

1. Vessel request completed and filed in Boat Basin Office
2. Waivers completed for all guests and filed in Boat Basin Office.
3. Lifejackets (PFD’S) for everyone onboard.
4. Check engine oil level.
5. Check transmission oil level.
6. Check engine coolant.
7. Check water level in batteries.
8. Turn on battery master switch to “BOTH”.
9. Start engine. (Max RPM 1500)
10. Check oil pressure and volt meter after start up.
11. Disconnect shore power, leave line on dock.
12. VHF radio check.
13. Log on board.

Underway

1. Leave battery master switch on “BOTH” when engine is running, DO NOT turn off master switch while engine is running.
2. Fuel selector switch on port tank only, DO NOT switch selector to Main or Starboard tanks.
3. Hoist sails in following order, Main, Head and Mizzen.
4. Stop engine when under sail, switch battery master switch to #2 battery for lights, instruments and radio.
5. Switch battery master switch to “BOTH” for restarting and running engine.

Return and Docking

1. Properly cleat and flemish all mooring lines on dock.
2. Stop engine.
3. Connect and turn on shorepower.
4. Turn battery master switch to “OFF”.
5. Remove all garbage from vessel, clean and wipe down inside including heads.
6. Washdown exterior decks hull and standing rigging; wipe down with chammis all bright work, ports and hatches.
7. Pump bilge with manual and pump.
8. Complete log.
9. Turn in key.
FYI from Charley Clark

From: Clark, Charley
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 4:09 PM
To: Skaggs, Misty
Subject: FW: Message to the Aggie Family Regarding Missing Galveston Sailing Team

From: R. Bowen Loftin [mailto:president@tamu.edu]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2008 10:42 PM
To: Office Of The President
Subject: Message to the Aggie Family Regarding Missing Galveston Sailing Team

June 7, 2008

Message to the Aggie Family:

It is with the deepest regret that I inform you that four Aggies — three from the Galveston campus and one from the main campus — and two safety officers are missing in the Gulf of Mexico after their 38-foot sailboat apparently capsized early Saturday morning while they were participating in the Regata de Amigos, a race from Galveston to Veracruz, Mexico. The Coast Guard-led search is continuing.

The Galveston students are identified as Steven Guy of The Woodlands, Joe Savana of Sugar Land and Travis Wright of League City, and the one enrolled on the main campus is Ross James Busby of The Woodlands. The two safety officers are Steve Conway of Texas A&M at Galveston and Roger Stone, a Galveston resident.

Texas A&M President Elsa Murano and other key university officials from College Station flew here to Galveston to be with family members of the students and the two safety officers who were aboard the sailboat and to lend support to us.

The most detailed currently available information is posted on both the TAMUG website, www.tamug.edu, and the Texas A&M University website, www.tamu.edu, and those websites will be updated as additional information becomes available.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the missing and their families.

R. Bowen Loftin
Vice President & CEO
Texas A&M University at Galveston
FYI from Charley Clark

From: Clark, Charley  
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 4:09 PM  
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Subject: FW: Updated Message to the Aggie Family Regarding Galveston Sailing Team

From: R. Bowen Loftin [mailto:president@tamu.edu]  
Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2008 12:28 PM  
To: Office Of The President  
Subject: Updated Message to the Aggie Family Regarding Galveston Sailing Team

June 8, 2008

Message to the Aggie Family:

I'm pleased to inform you that five of the six missing crew members of the Texas A&M University at Galveston sailboat that capsized while participating in a race from Galveston to Veracruz, Mexico were safely rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard at approximately 2 a.m. Sunday. Four Aggies - three from the Galveston campus and one from the main campus - and one safety officer are all being treated at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston for sunburn and dehydration. They are all listed in good condition.

I spoke briefly with the rescued students and the safety officer this morning and they spent approximately 26 hours in the water with four life vests amongst the five crew members. After hearing their stories, I can say that these are professional mariners and true Aggies. Their training and preparation, along with their Aggie Spirit, allowed them to overcome this challenging ordeal.

The Galveston students are Steven Guy, Joe Savana and Travis Wright, and the student enrolled on the main campus is Ross James Busby. The rescued safety officer is Steve Conway, a retired Coast Guard commander and current Texas A&M at Galveston staff member. For more information and video of the rescue provided by the Coast Guard, please go to: http://cgvi.uscg.mil.

While media coverage has been extensive, President Murano and I urge you to visit the Texas A&M at Galveston website at www.tamu.edu or the Texas A&M University website at www.tamu.edu for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

The Coast Guard-led search continues for the vessel's second safety officer and our sixth team member, Roger Stone, a Galveston resident. We ask that you continue to keep the Stone Family in your thoughts and prayers.

R. Bowen Loftin  
Vice President & CEO  
Texas A&M University at Galveston
MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Michael D. McKinney, Chancellor
The Texas A&M University System

THROUGH: Dr. Elsa Murano, President
Texas A&M University

SUBJECT: Request for an Independent Investigation of the Sinking of the Cynthia Woods

On Friday, June 6, 2008 the sailing vessel Cynthia Woods capsized in the Gulf of Mexico. An intensive search and rescue effort by the U.S. Coast Guard ultimately led to the rescue of five of the six crew members of the Cynthia Woods. The body of Safety Officer Roger Stone was recovered from the overturned vessel on Sunday, June 8, 2008.

While we rejoice in the successful rescue of five sailors, the tragic loss of Mr. Stone demands that we ask how this event happened and what can be done to prevent its recurrence.

I respectfully request that you arrange for an independent investigation to determine the cause of this accident.

R. Bowen Loftin
Vice President and Chief Executive Officer
Texas A&M University at Galveston
MEMORANDUM

TO:         Dr. Elsa Murano, President
            Texas A&M University

            R. Bowen Loftin, Vice President and Chief Executive Officer
            Texas A&M University at Galveston

SUBJECT:    Request for an Independent Investigation of the Sinking of the Cynthia Woods

In response to your request for an Independent Investigation of the Sinking of the Cynthia Woods, I have asked Mr. Jay Kimbrough, Deputy Chancellor and General Counsel, to conduct a complete and thorough investigation. Jay is authorized to utilize any and all resources necessary, including System Internal Audit, the Office of General Counsel and any external subject matter experts he deems necessary.

Michael D. McKinney
Chancellor

cc:         Mr. Bill Jones, Chairman, Board of Regents
            Mr. Jay Kimbrough, Deputy Chancellor and General Counsel
            Ms. Cathy Smock, Chief Auditor
Kelly:

You are authorized to proceed with the recovery as you propose. We will advise you as soon as possible of the location to which to deliver the vessel.

Bowen Loftin

R. Bowen Loftin
Vice President & CEO
Texas A&M University at Galveston
409-740-4403

--------Original Message--------
From: Kelly M. Teichman
To: R. Bowen Loftin <Loftin@tamug.edu>
CC: Tammy Lobough <lobaught@tamug.edu>
Sent: Mon Jun 09 10:11:29 2008
Subject: CYNTHIA WOODS

Dr. Loftin-

As per our conversation of this morning I would like to confirm the University's direction for the recovery of the CYNTHIA WOODS. T & T Marine Salvage proposes, upon locating the hull, to cut the mast free, insert lift bags into cabin for added buoyancy, and tow the hull to a location in Galveston. Once the hull is in Galveston T & T Marine Salvage will right the hull in preparation for lifting out of the of water and setting on the bank.

The USCG has deployed a data buoy that has been transmitting location to their office. This information will be sent to our office and compared to our last known location of the hull and track to determine accuracy of the information. Hopefully with this information the hull can be located. This is not a guarantee that we will be successful with locating however.

At this time we are in the process of mobilizing assets in order to give you an accurate ETA for departure. The M/V EXIN T has been reserved for our use and will be available when all assets are ready to deploy. This vessel and Captain were utilized in the recovery operations performed Sunday and are familiar with the CYNTHIA WOODS, dive operations, and conditions.

I have contacted our M&R and have found a location that is capable of hauling out the sister vessel to the CYNTHIA WOODS. This facility is located in Bolivar and I understand that they have adequate space for the placement of most likely BOTH of the vessels. I will include their contact information in this email and would be happy to contact them on your behalf for the CYNTHIA WOODS as we would have to coordinate with them for the righting process.
Please advise that the University and T  &  T Marine are on the same page as far as job tasking and immediate deployment of assets (including cutting the mast free).

Regards,

Kelly Teichman

PORT BOLIVAR MARINE INFORMATION:

Johnny De Foute

409-684-7600
Overview of Events Concerning the Cynthia Woods and Crew

GALVESTON, June 9, 2008 -The five fortunate survivors of the two-day Gulf of Mexico ordeal in which their sailboat capsized were released from The University of Texas Medical Branch here today and all of them are calling their deceased safety officer, Roger Stone, a hero for his quick action and leadership in having them evacuate the sinking vessel.

The four students--Joseph Savana, Travis Wright and Steven Guy of Texas A&M University at Galveston and Ross Busby from the main university campus in College Station—were joined by TAMUG faculty member and safety officer Steve Conway in leaving the UT medical facility after being held overnight, primarily for treatment for dehydration and severe sunburn. When rescued by the Coast Guard, they had been in the water about 26 hours.

Funeral services for Mr. Stone are pending.

TAMUG Chief Executive Officer R. Bowen Loftin said during a media session Monday afternoon that student leaders and faculty representatives at the marine-oriented campus in Galveston have begun discussing ways to honor Mr. Stone and to help his family.

"We want to honor his heroic actions," Loftin said.

"Roger Stone did a selfless act," the TAMUG CEO emphasized. "He was down below when water started coming in and he literally pushed out two students to make sure they got out.

"He was last seen standing in the entranceway on the lower deck. He could have saved himself, but he did make sure others got out first, and this cost him his life. It's been a very difficult time for all of us."

The Aggies and their two safety officers were participating in the Regata de Amigos, a sailing race from Galveston to Veracruz, Mexico, that began festively Friday afternoon when their boat, the "Cynthia Woods," and approximately 25 other vessels set sail on the planned 700-mile race.

When the crew did not make a planned satellite contact with TAMUG officials at 8 a.m. Saturday morning, the U.S. Coast Guard was contacted and a search for the vessel began.

TAMUG officials were informed by the Coast Guard about 5 p.m. that the hull of a vessel matching the general description of the "Cynthia Woods" had been spotted about 27 miles southeast of Freeport. It was reported that the keel of the vessel appeared to have been torn from the hull. The capsized vessel was confirmed to be that of the "Cynthia Woods" around dusk that evening.

Coast Guard rescuers continued their search for the presumed missing crew throughout the evening.

At about 2 a.m. Sunday TAMUG officials were informed by the Coast Guard that five survivors from the wreck of the "Cynthia Woods" had been found floating nearly five miles from the original wreck site.

Late Sunday afternoon divers arrived at the wreck and were able to explore the hull of the vessel. It was inside the vessel that divers found the body of Mr. Stone.

Loftin noted in a Monday media session that the process will now begin to determine what caused the accident and to attempt to recover the vessel.

“Our first step in finding out the cause of this accident is to recover the vessel. We think we know the location of the vessel, but if it's now below the surface it will be difficult to find it. Once we do find it, we will have to take the mast off and then tow it to Galveston.

"My goal is to understand why this happened. We know what happened, but we don't know why. We will look at every aspect to determine why this happened and to make certain that it can never happen again."

In an earlier statement, Loftin thanked the Coast Guard for its vital role in the two-day ordeal.

“I must emphatically thank the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard who responded so quickly and professionally to the call for help in the search for those aboard the Cynthia Woods. I know that same sentiment has been expressed by President Elsa Murano and others who came here to Galveston from the main campus to lend support.

"Also, we thank all of those who participated in the rescue effort, the Aggie Family, and all those who offered their prayers and support."

Timeline of Events Concerning the Cynthia Woods

Original Article and Photographs from Regatta Start on June 6, 2008

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From: Cook, Jason  
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 9:44 PM  
To: Murano, Elsa A; Cross, Russell; Strawser, Jerry R  
Cc: Carroll, Sherylon  
Subject: Galveston media update

Busy day on the media front related to the Galveston incident. As you might have imagined, this was the lead national story of the day and we saw the textbook transition from crisis to recovery.

Below is a quick recap, and what we foresee over the next 48 hours:

** Conducted live interviews first-thing this morning with select crew members for the Today Show (NBC), Good Morning America (ABC), The Early Show (CBS) and CNN.

** Hosted a follow-up media session at 10 a.m. with select crew members for Galveston and Houston-area media.

** Conducted final media briefing with Dr. Loftin at 1:30 p.m., which announced the salvage operation.

** KHOU-CBS was able to secure an interview this afternoon with Mrs. Stone. Thought you might be interested. http://www.txcn.com/sharedcontent/dws/txcn/houston/stories/khou080609_int_sailorwidow.179a8393.html

** Concluded the night with Steve Conway’s live appearance on Fox News with Greta Van Sustren.

** Other than one interview in the morning with KTRH-radio out of Houston, we are going to shut Dr. Loftin down from a media standpoint. He has done a tremendous job and needs a little R-and-R like everyone else.

** We have transitioned the Web site from a crisis timeline, to more of an overview of the event, with ongoing instructions for TAMUG faculty, staff and students and media.

** As anticipated, reporters are starting to focus on the "why?" question. We'll transition to more controlled communication through the use of press releases and written statements to protect ourselves from a legal standpoint and ensure consistent messaging.

** Next milestone will be the announcement of an inquiry/investigation into the incident, which again we'll handle through a press release once the details have been finalized. You might be interested in The Galveston Daily News' take this afternoon: http://galvestondailynews.com/story.lasso?ewcd=8bd38a7c4c0e9854&session=TheDailyNews.42F9434F0edec3108CwOT19A5BE1

** We also expect that Stone's pending funeral later this week will be a media event as well.

Finally, I want to emphasize that Karen Bigley, communications director at TAMUG, has done a wonderful job under trying circumstances. We had Keith Randall from our team in Galveston assisting Karen today, and we had great support throughout the weekend here in College Station from Sherylon Carroll and Lane Stephenson.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Brad,

I have listed below the quote to add coverage for the Vera Cruz Race under the Boat Policy for TAMUS's sailboat "Cynthia Woods". The premium indicated for this coverage is fully earned which means no refunds once coverage has been secured.

If coverage is desired, you will need to complete the attached authorization form and return to me for further handling.

Sincerely,
Kathy

-----wrote by Don Smith on 05/11/06-----

Kathy, the underwriter will endorse the policy to include the race for $1000 for one boat. I'm sure the second boat would be the same if you decide to sail two in the race.

Please let me know if you want to bind coverage.

Thanks,
Don
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**To:** aggnews  
**Subject:** 21st Annual Harvest Moon Regatta escorted by Elissa (all)

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**HARVEST MOON REGATTA**

In celebration of her 130th birthday Elissa, the "Tall ship of Texas" will sail with approximately 260+ boats from the Flagship Hotel to Port Aransas. The Elissa, a square-rigged barque was launched in 1877, and recently chosen as the 2007 charity recipient of the Harvest Moon Regatta.

The Marine Terminal of Texas A&M University at Galveston is proud to announce two entries:

**REVEILLE ~ estimated time of departure Thursday 10.25.07 @ 2pm (1400hrs).**

Roger Stone, Safety Officer

**CYNTHIA WOODS ~ estimated time of departure Thursday 10.25.07 @ 2:45pm (1445 hrs).**

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Steven Conway, Safety Officer  
Bill Beatty, Safety Officer Returning  
Jim Atchley, Coach

Additional race information may be found at [www.harvestmoonregatta.com](http://www.harvestmoonregatta.com)  
Fair winds and following seas!

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A&M Scientists Earn More Than $1.5 Million In Advanced Research Funding

Thirteen Texas A&M University researchers from the Colleges of Science and Geosciences have been awarded more than $1.5 million in state funding under the Norman Hackerman Advanced Research Program (ARP), a competitive, peer-reviewed grants program administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). Texas A&M ranked third in dollar amount ($1,564,901) and fourth in number of proposals funded (13) among the 25 Texas universities and agencies recognized under the 2007 program, which awarded just over $16.5 million earmarked by the 80th Texas Legislature to support scientific and engineering research at public higher education institutions across the state. The awards were announced at the Coordinating Board's quarterly meeting. More
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Independent Investigation Requested Into Sinking Of Cynthia Woods

Responding to a request from Texas A&M President Dr. Elsa Murano and Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, vice president and chief executive officer of Texas A&M University at Galveston, Jay Kimbrough, deputy chancellor and general counsel of The Texas A&M University System, was appointed to conduct an independent investigation into the sinking of the sailing vessel Cynthia Woods. Chancellor Michael D. McKinney, M.D., asked Kimbrough to conduct "a complete and thorough investigation" of the sinking of the sailing vessel. More
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Transportation Services Offers A Free Ride-Sharing Program

As concern mounts about higher gas prices, Transportation Services at Texas A&M University is helping with the problem by initiating a free ride-share service called "AlterNetRides." Officials there say this is an opportunity for faculty, staff and students to "share the ride, share the gas and share the fun." Those interested in participating in "AlterNetRides" can go to http://transport.tamu.edu/parking/rideshare.aspx and sign up using their e-mail addresses. Other riders traveling to or from work or school in the same area will then be able to contact them and share rides. More
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Paterra Named President And CEO Of Research Foundation

The Board of Trustees of the Texas A&M Research Foundation elected Leo J. Paterra as president and chief executive officer of the Research Foundation. Paterra joined the foundation in February
2005 as vice president and treasurer. He was later elected vice president and chief operating officer. Paterra has served as the interim president and chief executive officer since September 2007. Prior to joining the foundation, he had more than 25 years of combined experience working in federal and state government and private industry. He is also a certified public accountant. The Texas A&M Research Foundation is a Texas non-profit corporation affiliated with The Texas A&M University System. It provides to various System institutions and agencies research administration services relating to research projects sponsored by federal and state agencies; for-profit and non-profit organizations; and international entities.

Housers Endow Petroleum Engineering Scholarship

Mark '83 and Lou Hedgcoxe '85 Houser of Houston have endowed a scholarship for high-achieving undergraduates in the Harold J. Vance Department of Petroleum Engineering. "We are excited and blessed to have the opportunity to support the development of young Aggie engineers," said Mark Houser, executive vice president and chief operating officer of EnerVest, Ltd., a privately held oil and gas company based in Houston. More

Interim Special Situations Team Announced

As part of an effort to deal with troubled and/or at-risk faculty, staff and students, an Interim Special Situations Team has been assembled to assess circumstances, enhance communication and initiate appropriate responses to specific behavioral problems that may involve threats to the safety and security of the university community. This team will meet on a regular basis and can be convened by any member of the team at any time to respond to situations. University officials say the team will remain in place while a sub-committee of representatives from the Task Force on Campus Emergencies continues to work on a recommendation for a permanent structure/model for accomplishing the same goals. Those in the university community who observe any behavior that is concerning or they believe needs to be brought to the attention of the team they can go to: http://tellsomebody.tamu.edu and provide detailed information on the report form. Alternatively, a call may be placed to during business hours. In reference to student behavior, call Dr. Carol Binzer at (979) 845-3111. In reference to staff behavior, call Dr. Anna Satterfield at (979) 845-3711. In reference to faculty behavior, call Dr. Antonio Cepeda-Benito at (979) 845-4274. For all emergencies, call 9-911 (on-campus) and 911 (off-campus). The members of the Interim Special Situations Team include John Fike, associate professor, Engineering Technology and Institutional Distribution; Antonio Cepeda-Benito, associate dean of faculties; Elmer Schneider, chief, University Police; Anna Satterfield, associate director of Human Resources; Anne Reber, director, Disability Services; Maggie Gartner, director, Student Counseling Service; Linda Lekawski, director, Student Health Service; David Parrott, director, associate vice president for student affairs; and Cynthia Hernandez, special assistant to the vice president for student affairs. For more information, contact Cynthia Hernandez at (979) 845-4728 or Cynthia.Hernandez@tamu.edu.

Memorial Service For Texas A&M Mathematician Set For Saturday

Memorial services for Dr. Leon Bruce Treybig, professor emeritus of mathematics who passed away Monday (June 9) following a brief illness, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday (June 14) at Covenant
Presbyterian Church at 220 Rock Prairie Road. A member of the Texas A&M faculty for 34 years, Trebyig, 76, had a lifelong passion for teaching and molded the minds of countless young college students during his combined 43 years of teaching at Tulane University (1959-1968) and Texas A&M (1968-2002). Upon his August 2002 retirement from Texas A&M, Trebyig was conferred the title of Professor Emeritus for his significant contributions to teaching and research. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, June Mequet Trebyig; two daughters and three sons-in-law, including Mary J. Trebyig DuBuisson and husband Daniel of College Station; and six grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the Bruce Trebyig Scholarship in Mathematics, established in November 2007 in his honor to support Texas A&M students pursuing degrees in mathematics, in care of the Texas A&M Foundation, 401 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840-2811. Donations also may be made in memory of Bruce Trebyig to Covenant Presbyterian Church, 220 Rock Prairie Road, College Station, Texas 77845. For additional information, refer to the complete obituary in The Bryan-College Station Eagle by clicking HERE.

In Other News

Researchers Identify Biofilms That Cause Infections

Understanding the way bacterial cells “talk” to each other could lead to more effective methods for fighting the often persistent and serious infections caused by the biofilms they form, says a Texas A&M University professor of chemical engineering who not only has deciphered their language but also discovered how to quell their conversation. Examining Escherichia coli bacteria – widely considered a model organism for microbiology studies – Professor Thomas K. Wood of the Artie McFerrin Department of Chemical Engineering at Texas A&M has succeeded in identifying, decoding and even modifying cell-to-cell signals so that biofilm formation is inhibited. More

Appointments, Awards And Accolades

Homeland Security Names ICHS Director and Fellow To TV Board

David H. McIntyre, director of the Integrative Center for Homeland Security (ICHS) at Texas A&M University, and ICHS Fellow Randall Larsen have been named to the initial editorial advisory board for Homeland Security Television, the world’s first online, on-demand network for broadcast-quality videos on homeland and cybersecurity. A total of eight national security experts with a wide range of backgrounds have agreed to join HSTV’s board, including Tom Ridge, the first U.S. homeland security secretary, now CEO for Ridge Global L.L.C. McIntyre and Larsen are co-hosts of the weekly public radio program “Homeland Security Inside & Out.” McIntyre also directs the graduate Certificate in Homeland Security program at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service (bush.tamu.edu/extended/chls/) at Texas A&M. Larsen is founding director of the Institute for Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. More

Cifuentes Receives National Science Foundation Grant

Lauren Cifuentes, associate professor of education technology, was awarded a two-year grant from the National Science Foundation titled “CI-TEAM Implementation Project: Virtual Tools for Expanding
the Cyber Horizon (VTECH)." The purpose of VTECH is to develop instruction in a virtual network-engineering laboratory that will be used to train the workforce in cyber-security and cyber-infrastructure. Co-principal investigators of the grant include Guy Almes, director of the Texas A&M Center for Advanced Computing; Willis Marti, Texas A&M chief information security officer; and Riccardo Bittati, associate professor of computer science.

Bickham Selected As A Fellow Of Royal Historical Society

Troy Bickham, assistant professor of history, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. The Royal Historical Society was founded in 1868 and remains the foremost society in Great Britain promoting and defending the scholarly study of the past. According to the Royal Historical Society website, fellowships are awarded to those who have made "an original contribution to historical scholarship in the form of significant published work."

Workshops, Seminars And Lectures

Seminar On NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants Set For June 18

The Office of Proposal Development is offering a seminar for graduate students in the social, behavioral and economic sciences who are considering applying for an NSF DDRIG grant from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, in 111 Koldus. Organizers say it will cover information on the NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants for the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE DDRIG) program for doctoral students in selected disciplines who are ready to work on their dissertation research. These prestigious grants are typically up to $12,000 but vary depending on the discipline and are meant to cover research-related expenses that are typically not covered by the academic institution. Topics discussed will be program requirements and review criteria; the kinds of research supported; and what to keep in mind when writing a DDRIG grant proposal. In addition, Mark Fossett (sociology), who has been a DDRIG reviewer for NSF, will discuss the review process, what reviewers are looking for, and how to make your proposal as competitive as possible. To register for this free seminar, send an e-mail to OPD (OPD@tamu.edu) with the subject line "DDRIG" and include your name and department in the body of the e-mail. For more information, Click HERE to see the seminar Web page.

FYI ...

Applications Sought For Korean War Scholarship

The Korean Student Association (KSA) at Texas A&M has awarded Korean War Scholarships to the descendants of Korean War Veterans since 2003. This scholarship is to express heartfelt gratitude to the families of those who defended the group's homeland. "Although this small financial assistance can never repay the life-risking bravery and honorable sacrifice of many Korean War veterans, we hope this can help hardening the friendship between the U.S. and the Republic of Korea," says Jung Moo Hong, the group's president. KSA will fund $1,000+ for Korean War Scholarship, which will be awarded to two to four students in the amount of $500 each. For more information about the
scholarship and to find an application form, go to http://www.koreanaggies.org/00/korean_war_scholarship_app.doc.

Physical Plant Schedules Weekend Outages

The Physical Plant has scheduled a steam outage for Lab Animal Resources from 5 p.m. Friday (June 13) through 3 p.m. Saturday (June 14) to install a new boiler. A domestic cold water outage has been scheduled for Herman Heep Bldg. from 8 a.m. through 1 p.m. Sunday (June 15) to install meters.

Energy-Saving Tip From The Office Of Energy Management

Lighting is one of the easiest places to start saving energy, say officials. Replacing five of the most frequently used home light fixtures with compact fluorescent bulbs can save over $60 annually and reduce greenhouse gases by 700 pounds of carbon dioxide per year. Call the Energy Hotline at 458-2468 for more energy-saving tips or visit <http://energy.tamu.edu>.

Environmental Health And Safety Tip: Radioactive Materials

Those who need to use radioactive materials in their research or teaching are asked to contact Radiological Safety at 845-1361 for the proper licensing method. In addition, Radiological Safety will explain the licensing process and provide copies of the necessary forms and manuals.

Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

The Holistic Garden will June Tropical Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the back hallway and outside at the Horticulture and Forest Science Bldg. on the West Campus, near Wehner Bldg. and Reed Arena. An array of herbaceous and woody perennial landscape plants, herbs, warm season

Weight Watchers at Work new series will start at 11:45 a.m. in Room 208 of Evans Library. For any questions, contact Margarette Goss at m-goss@tamu.edu.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 14
Flag Day

The Holistic Garden will June Tropical Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to noon, in the back hallway and outside at the Horticulture and Forest Science Bldg. on the West Campus, near Wehner Bldg. and Reed Arena. An array of herbaceous and woody perennial landscape plants, herbs, warm season

SUNDAY, JUNE 15
Fathers Day

MONDAY, JUNE 16
Abstract deadline for Texas A&M Health Science Center and Texas A&M poster and oral presentations for the upcoming cancer workshop. E-mail all abstracts (http://rgs.tamu.edu/cancer-workshop.doc) as an attachment to ssafe@cvm.tamu.edu. The workshop will be held on June 25, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Room 162, Reynolds Building. For more information, e-mail Steve Safe at ssafe@cvm.tamu.edu.

Demo of Howdy Web from 10 to 11 a.m. in Assembly Room A of the General Services Complex, located at 750 Agronomy Road. The demonstration is free and available to all university employees, however, registration is required at http://training.tamu.edu/schedule.php. Or, call (979) 845-8430 or send an e-mail to talk-training@tamu.edu. For comments or questions about Howdy, visit the Enterprise Information Systems Web site at http://eis.tamu.edu or contact Help Desk Central at 979.845.8300 or helpdesk@tamu.edu.

For more calendar information, go to: http://www.tamu.edu/home/academics/calendars.html

For sports stories and information, go to: http://sports.tamu.edu/

AGGIE HOTLINE is distributed each weekday to the Texas A&M University community. The complete story on most briefs may be found at: http://tamunews.tamu.edu/.

TO SUBMIT INFORMATION for possible inclusion in Aggie Hotline (one paragraph briefs), email it to hotline@tamu.edu. Submissions must be received no later than 8:30 a.m. of the day they are to appear. Early submissions are encouraged.

TO SUBSCRIBE TO AGGIE HOTLINE: Send an email message to listserv@tamu.edu. Leave the subject line blank and type the message:
SUB Aggie-Hotline your-name. Note: be sure to use a hyphen (not an underscore) between "Aggie" and "Hotline." Avoid sending signatures when subscribing. As an alternative, you may send mail to hotline@tamu.edu.

TO UNSUBSCRIBE FROM AGGIE HOTLINE: Send an email message to hotline@tamu.edu with "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the subject line.
For the latest Texas A&M news, go to: http://tamanews.tamu.edu/

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Campus News And Events

Third Annual Town/Gown Conference Set For Here June 16-19

Leaders, employees and volunteers for communities and campuses across the nation will come together to share issues and ideas at the third annual "Best Practices in Building University/City Relations Conference" Monday through Thursday (June 16-19) at Texas A&M University. Most sessions will be held at Reed Arena. With the theme of "From Campus to Council: Blending the Best of Both Worlds," organizers say the conference will highlight results-oriented city and university practices that have built positive relationships and successfully addressed town/gown issues and concerns. Participants will discuss concerns and share proven solutions for living, working and playing together successfully.

A growing need for this type of interaction between colleges or universities and the cities where they are located prompted the first conference in 2006, says conference coordinator Cynthia Gay, director of external relations with Texas A&M's Division of Marketing and Communications. The number of participants has grown each year.

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Overview Of Events Concerning The Cynthia Woods And Crew

The five fortunate survivors of the two-day Gulf of Mexico ordeal in which their sailboat capsized were released from The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston today and all of them are calling their deceased safety officer, Roger Stone, a hero for his quick action and leadership in having them evacuate the sinking vessel. The four students -- Joseph Savana, Travis Wright and Steven Guy of Texas A&M University at Galveston and Ross Busby from the main university campus in College Station — were joined by TAMUG faculty member and safety officer Steve Conway in leaving the UT medical facility after being held overnight, primarily for treatment for dehydration and severe sunburn.

When rescued by the Coast Guard, they had been in the water about 26 hours. Funeral services for Mr. Stone are pending.

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Roundup To Celebrate 100th Anniversary Of Texas 4-H This Week

Texas 4-H will celebrate its 100th anniversary at its annual Roundup, a statewide gathering of 2,900 4-H members, parents and volunteers June 10-12 at Texas A&M. “We've come a long way from a Corn Club that began with a dozen boys in Jacks County back in September of 1907,” said Martha Couch, Texas AgriLife Extension Service associate director for 4-H and youth development. Today, she noted, Texas 4-H engages more than 640,000 young people in an array of pursuits aimed at learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. A highlight of the year is Roundup, which brings district winners in for a final round of statewide competition in some 40 contests, ranging from more traditional animal judging events to photography, fashion design, nutrition, computer technology and talent in singing and dancing. More

Aggie Couple Remembers Daughter Through Regents’ Scholarship

When Lea '95 and Loftus Fitzwater III '93 lost their baby daughter in 2006, the couple didn’t forget the dreams they once had for her. To perpetuate her memory, they established the Casey Fitzwater Endowed Regents’ Scholarship through the Texas A&M Foundation. The Fitzwater scholarship gives preference to students who graduated from a United States high school and who plan to major in science, engineering, education or business. The interest from the $100,000 endowment will generate annual stipends to fund one of these prestigious scholarships. More

The Ashcan School Has Arrived At Forsyth Center

The MSC Forsyth Center Galleries is displaying “The Ashcan School: A Revolution in Painting,” which features paintings from Ashcan School artists, also known as “The Eight.” This unique group of painters included Robert Henri, Everett Shinn, George Luks, John Sloan, William Glackens, Arthur B. Davies, Maurice Prendergast and Ernest Lawson. Organizers say these men, influenced by their earlier experiences as newspaper illustrators and their contemporaries such as Upton Sinclair, wanted to paint the American scene as it really was, “ash cans” and all. This group formed as a revolutionary rebellion against the National Academy of Design and its refusal to display all eight artists’ paintings in its landmark show at Macbeth Galleries. With the support and blessing of Macbeth Galleries, the eight hung and displayed their paintings for 12 days, and for twelve days people lined the streets to see the first and only organized showing by the artists. Detailed information on these artists is available on the Galleries Web site, http://forsyth.tamu.edu. The exhibition is on display through Aug. 15. Admission is free. For more information contact the Galleries at (979)845-9251 or e-mail fcg@msc.tamu.edu.

Summer Honors Invitational Program Planned This Month

More than 800 high school seniors will be on campus this summer as part of the Summer Honors Invitational Program (SHIP). Designed to attract high-achieving students to the university, SHIP highlights both academics and cultural diversity within the Aggie family. Each SHIP session will host an average of 200 participants. These sessions will be held on June 9-10, June 16-17, June 23-24
and June 30-July 1. SHIP offers opportunities within the Office of Honors Programs and Academic Scholarships and will include a master lecture by Mark Holtzapple at the Forum in Rudder Theater Complex. Honors experience presentations will be made by Honors faculty and the prospective students will have a chance to talk with current Texas A&M students as HIP Leaders. They will stay overnight in the Honors Residence Hall and also take special college and department tours and attend a Yell Practice, a performance by the Aggie Wranglers and other Aggie entertainment as well as athletic events and games in the Rec Center Back Yard. For more information, contact Casey Ricketts, academic advisor with Honors Programs, at crickets@tamu.edu or (979).845-1957.

The Association Of Former Students Announces Organizational Enhancement

After extensive planning and study, The Association of Former Students has announced an organizational enhancement, designed to make more efficient use of staff resources and talents. Assistant Executive Director Kathryn Greenwade '88 now leads the newly created division, Communications and Human Resources. "I am excited and optimistic about the enhanced structure we have created for our communications and human resources efforts," said Porter Garner '79, executive director. "Both of these functions require sensitivity, creativity, and positive energy, making Kathryn a natural fit to lead this team."
The newly organized team includes Robyn McCarthy, director of communications, and Scot Walker '80, named publications manager who will manage all publications most notably, Texas Aggie magazine. They are joined by Stephanie Jeter '06 and Josh Rizzo '07 in completing the full-time communications team. Marty Holmes '87, assistant executive director, remains the leader of the Marketing & Programs Division which directs the strategic and operational planning. Larry Cooper '77 will continue as the director of marketing and head brand management and business development efforts. To learn more about The Association of Former Students, visit www.AggieNetwork.com or call (979) 845-7514.

Additional Demo of Howdy Web Portal Offered Monday

Due to continued interest in the new Howdy Web portal at howdy.tamu.edu, the Center for Employee Education is offering an additional, free demonstration of the Web site. The demonstration will include a tour of the site as well as a look at how to personalize it, followed by a question-and-answer session. The one-hour demonstration will be offered from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday (June 16) in Assembly Room A of the General Services Complex, located at 750 Agronomy Road. The demonstration is free and available to all university employees; however, registration is required. Visit the center Web site for online registration and additional information at http://training.tamu.edu/schedule.php. Or, call (979) 845-8430 or send an e-mail to talk-training@tamu.edu. For comments or questions about Howdy, visit the Enterprise Information Systems Web site at http://eis.tamu.edu or contact Help Desk Central at 979.845.8300 or helpdesk@tamu.edu.

Free Demo Of Podcast Producer Scheduled For June 24

The Division of Marketing & Communications invites the campus to a free demonstration of Podcast Producer from 9 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, in Rudder 701. Podcast Producer is a complete,
end-to-end solution for encoding, publishing and distributing high-quality podcasts. Podcast Producer includes a dozen built-in workflows to automate publishing of podcasts to blogs, iTunes U or even multimedia-enabled cell phones over high-speed wireless networks using QuickTime Streaming Server. Workflows include the ability to archive recordings, apply custom Quartz Composer compositions with titles and watermarks, add opening and closing videos, notify the iTunes Podcast Directory of the new episode, and send out an announcement email. Podcast Producer can accept and re-encode media from other popular formats including Windows Media, Flash 8 and VC-1. A brief demonstration of Texas A&M on iTunes U will be included in this presentation. Seating is limited. RSVP to itunes@tamu.edu by June 18.

Siddiqui Announces Resignation, Search Begins For New Dining Services Head

Lallah M. Howard, associate vice president for business services, announced that Nadeem Siddiqui, executive director of Dining Services, has announced he will resign from Texas A&M effective June 15. She adds that, as a search is begun for a new executive director, she will serve as interim. “Since joining Texas A&M in March 2006, Mr. Siddiqui has brought many new ideas and menu items to better serve our students, faculty and staff. We appreciate his service to Texas A&M, and wish him well in the future,” she says.

Online Newsletter Offers Benefits Information

A new online newsletter is available to provide timely information about Texas A&M System benefits. Employees can find the first issue at http://tamu.edu/benefits. For any questions about benefits, contact Human Resources or the Employee Service Center.

Aggie Allies Looking For New Members

Those who want to support diversity on campus and provide a safe haven for Aggies may want to consider becoming a member of Aggie Allies by attending an upcoming Advance Workshop, scheduled for July 18. Allies include Texas A&M staff, faculty, students, and community members who display an Ally placard outside their office or residence hall room. This placard identifies them as individuals who are willing to provide a safe haven, a listening ear and support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) people or anyone dealing with sexual orientation or gender identity issues. All Allies must attend a three-hour Advance Workshop prior to becoming a member. At the Advance, potential members learn more about the GLBT community; explore how homophobia affects everyone; and discuss methods which Allies can support the GLBT community and each other. To RSVP for an Advance Workshop or learn more about Aggie Allies, visit http://allies.tamu.edu.

In Other News

AgriLife Extension Specialist Offers Tomato Advice
Just when the summer heats up and a fresh tomato sliced on a plate whets the palate, consumers are being urged to consider the source. Reports this week of salmonella linked to tomatoes making people in several states ill are causing food specialists to warn about consumption. "People are concerned about where they can purchase fresh tomatoes that are OK to eat and how to use those that are in the markets," said Al Wagner Jr., Texas AgriLife Extension Service food processing specialist. Wagner said tomatoes from farmers markets, cherry tomatoes, those with the stems attached or home-grown should be fine, provided they are washed before eating. More

Education Students Spent Their Last Semester Student Teaching Abroad

This past spring, Anna Sauvageau, an early childhood education major, stepped out of the box — or country — to student teach in Switzerland. Anna is one of four education students to make the overseas trip. She and three middle school education majors, Ashley Broll, Megan Malnar and Andrea Smith, were the first Aggies to student teach at the International School of Lucerne in Switzerland, says Dennie Smith, head of the Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture. "I wanted to know the different kinds of teaching methods out there around the world," Anna says. "I served as an ambassador in everything I did, so in all my actions and teaching I kept in mind how it would be reflected back to the college. My school and community knew we were Aggies and expected great things from us, and I think we succeeded!" More

Lowering Stress Can Strengthen Immune System, Says AgriLife Specialist

Relax. It may be an important part of helping the immune system defend against infectious organisms and other invaders, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist. "The top recommendation for keeping a strong immune system is reducing stress," said Andrew Crocker, AgriLife Extension gerontology specialist. "Stress and what happens in your body during stress may negatively impact your ability to remain healthy," Crocker said. "The good news is that lowering your stress can help your body maintain both your physical and your emotional health." The immune system is the body's defense against infectious organisms and other invaders, he said. When problems occur with the network of cells, tissues and organs that work together to protect the body, the result can be illness and infection. More

Appointments, Awards And Accolades

Kjerfve Honored By Brazilian Oceanography Society

Björn Kjerfve, dean of the College of Geosciences, was presented a medal in a special tribute at the opening of the biennial meeting of Associação Brasileira de Oceanografia (Brazilian Association for Oceanography) held in Fortaleza, Brazil. Kjerfve was recognized for his 25-year involvement with oceanography in Brazil. He was cited for being "an internationally renowned researcher who has supervised numerous Brazilian oceanography students and performed studies to develop oceanography in Brazil." This joint meeting of the III Congresso Brasileiro de Oceanografia (Third Brazilian Congress for Oceanography) and the first Congresso de Ibero-Americano de Oceanografia (First Ibero-American Congress for Oceanography) attracted 2,600 participants. More
Singh Receives Prestigious Lifelong Achievement Award

Chanan Singh received the Merit Award by the Probabilistic Methods Applied to Power Systems (PMAPS) International Society "in recognition and appreciation for contributions to the development and application of probability methods applied to power systems." The award is a lifelong achievement award given every second year by PMAPS. Singh, the holder of the Irma Runyon Chair in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Texas A&M University, is only the fourth recipient of the prestigious award, which was established and first given in 2000. He received the award at the PMAPS 2008 Conference banquet in Rincon, Puerto Rico. More

EHSD Announces "Laboratory Of The Month" Award Winner

The Zachry Department of Civil Engineering's geotechnical laboratory (located in the CE/TTI building, Room 385) under the direction of Michael Linger is the first recipient of Environmental Health and Safety's (EHSD's) Safe Laboratory of the Month award. The lab was selected because it was very clean and orderly. All chemicals were dated and the proper personal protective equipment was in easy reach. No violations were noted in this laboratory. In honor of the award, they will receive lunch courtesy of EHSD and recognition within their department and the College of Engineering. For more information on laboratory safety, visit the EHSD Web site at http://ehsd.tamu.edu. More

PERG Awards Political Science Student With Top Honor

The Project for Equity Representation and Governance (PERG) announced Kierra Freeman '08 as the 2008 African American Politics National Undergraduate Research Paper contest winner. Freeman's paper was titled "The Influence of Anti-Black Attitudes on Minority Support for Race-Conscious Policies." Researchers have shown that in terms of supporting affirmative action, whites are more opposed to it and African Americans are typically more in favor of it. However, Asians and Latinos have taken mixed positions on the issue. "I wanted to know whether an anti-black attitude (which was based on an index of negative stereotypes that are held by others in reference to African Americans) was influential on Asian and Latino support for affirmative action," Freeman said. Freeman found that anti-black attitudes were relatively influential on Asian and Latino decisions to oppose or support affirmative action. More

Workshops, Seminars And Lectures

Cafe Scientifique Presents Food Irradiation Topic Tonight

Cafe Scientifique is continuing this summer with special graduate student presenters. It will offer the campus community an opportunity to learn about a socially relevant scientific topic from an expert. Carmen Gomes and Paulo Silva from the Food Engineering Department will present "Food irradiation, is it good for you?" at 7 p.m. Tuesday (June 10) at Revolution Cafe & Bar in Downtown
Bryan, 211 B North Main Street. For more information or to be added to the Cafe Sci email list, contact kstumpo@tamu.edu.

Course Development Workshop Series Continues Wednesday

The Course Development Workshop Series is designed to assist faculty in preparing to teach new courses and/or revise and renew existing courses. Organizers with the Center for Teaching Excellence say the workshops consist of four three-hour sessions, over a four week period. While the sessions are designed to lead participants through an integrated course design process, individual sessions address discrete course development steps and can be attended individually. Session II is planned for 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday (June 11) in 448 Blocker and is titled “Assessment and feedback that demonstrates student learning: How will you know they know?” It will discuss principles of good feedback and assessment, the setting of criteria and standards, various classroom assessment techniques to generate feedback from students, and ways to assess student learning. Participants will have an opportunity to design 2-3 assessment activities that demonstrate student attainment of learning outcomes. Participants are encouraged to bring materials from courses they are revising, or other materials upon which they will be basing new course design and also to bring laptops. Wireless internet connection is available. Other session dates are June 18 and 25. Sessions are all from 9 a.m. to noon in 448 Blocker. To register visit: http://cte.tamu.edu

Workshop On Peer Review In The W-Classroom Set For June 20

The University Writing Center is offering a workshop for faculty who struggle with motivating students to look critically at their own writing from 9 to 2 a.m. Friday, June 20, in Evans Library, Room 208. Organizers say making peer review part of the classroom can help create additional opportunities for writing instruction, give students valuable feedback and provide students with different examples of writing. This interactive workshop will give examples of different kinds of peer review, present strategies that will help students get the most out of peer review and give faculty the opportunity to revise assignments and lesson plans to make space for peer review. It will be presented by Stephanie Kirschbaum, assistant professor of English, whose current book project addresses the relationship between student interaction in the writing classroom and the development of writing skills. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Register online at http://writingcenter.tamu.edu. For questions, contact Margarette Goss at m-goss@tamu.edu.

FYI ...

June Tropical Plant Sale Begins Thursday

The Holistic Garden will hold its June Tropical Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday (June 12 and 13) and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday (June 14). The sale will be in the back hallway and outside at the Horticulture and Forest Science Bldg. on the West Campus, near Wehner Bldg. and Reed Arena. An array of herbaceous and woody perennial landscape plants, herbs, warm season annuals, hanging baskets, house plants (begonias, ferns, cacti, succulents, foliage plants, etc.), tropical patio and garden plants (orna mental banana, gingders, elephant ears, jasmine, etc.),
fruit trees (bananas, citrus and figs) will be included. All proceeds from the sale help support the Holistic Teaching Garden, which is open for visitors to enjoy.

New Weight Watchers Series Begins Thursday

Weight Watchers at Work is inviting those interested to join the group by signing up for the new series, which will start Thursday (June 12) at 11:45 a.m. in Room 208 of Evans Library. For any questions, contact Margarette Goss at m-goss@tamu.edu.

Division Of Administration Scholarship Applications Due June 16

Division of Administration scholarships in the amount of $1,000 ($500/semester) are available to employees enrolled in at least six undergraduate hours and dependent children enrolled in at least nine undergraduate hours at Texas A&M for the 2008-2009 academic year. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement and financial need. Those eligible include employees and their dependent children of Aviation Services, Children’s Center, Facilities Coordination, University Club, Dining Services, Employee Services, Physical Plant, Presidential Conference Center, University Police Department, Transportation Services and the Office of the Vice President for Facilities. Applications are available from the Office of the Vice President for Facilities or at http://www.tamu.edu/vpa/links. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, June 16. For further information, contact Polli Satterwhite at 845-1911.

Electrical Outage Planned For Scoates Hall Saturday

The Physical Plant has scheduled an electrical outage for Scoates Hall from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. on Saturday (June 14) to install meters.

Energy-Saving Tip From The Office Of Energy Management

Turn off all unnecessary building lighting, research equipment, office equipment, computers/monitors and appliances throughout the work day and especially after hours. Call the Energy Hotline at 458-2468 or visit http://energy.tamu.edu and leave a comment/request.

Environmental Health And Safety Tip: Fire & Life Safety

Learn where the fire extinguishers are in your facility and how to use them. Portable fire extinguishers are installed in most campus facilities and are designed to extinguish small contained fires before they begin to spread. Locate the extinguishers nearest to you and keep clear access to all fire extinguishers. Instructions are located on each extinguisher, so read and understand how to properly use an extinguisher before it is needed. For hands-on training in the use of fire extinguishers, contact the Environmental Health and Safety Department at 845-2132.


Calendar

TUESDAY, JUNE 10
"Art of Living" workshop from Thursday through Tuesday (June 5-10). There is more information available on the group’s Web site at http://us.artofliving.org. For any questions, contact Meera at (979) 574-3618 or e-mail: artofliving@tamu.edu

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11
Nominations deadline 5 p.m. for the 2008 Division of Facilities A+ Awards for Service Excellence recognition program. Nomination guidelines and the nomination form can be accessed on the Vice President for Facilities Web site at http://www.tamu.edu/vpa/links. Questions regarding the awards program should be directed to Polli Satterwhite at 845-1911 or pollis@tamu.edu

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http://www.tamu.edu/home/academics/calendars.html

For sports stories and information, go to: http://sports.tamu.edu/

AGGIE HOTLINE is distributed each weekday to the Texas A&M University community. The complete story on most briefs may be found at: http://tamunews.tamu.edu/.

TO SUBMIT INFORMATION for possible inclusion in Aggie Hotline (one paragraph briefs), email it to hotline@tamu.edu. Submissions must be received no later than 8:30 a.m. of the day they are to appear. Early submissions are encouraged.
TO SUBSCRIBE TO AGGIE HOTLINE: Send an email message to listserv@tamu.edu. Leave the subject line blank and type the message: SUB Aggie-Hotline your-name. Note: be sure to use a hyphen (not an underscore) between "Aggie" and "Hotline." Avoid sending signatures when subscribing. As an alternative, you may send mail to hotline@tamu.edu.

TO UNSUBSCRIBE FROM AGGIE HOTLINE: Send an email message to hotline@tamu.edu with "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the subject line.
Brad,

Attached is the invoice for adding the Cynthia Woods to the System boat policy.

Let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thanks,
Debbie

Debbie Smith, CIC, ACSR
Insurance Specialist

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June 7, 2006

Mr. Brad McGonagle  
Assistant Vice President for Administration  
Texas A&M University at Galveston  
Post Office Box 1675  
Galveston, Texas 77553-1675

RE: TAMU-G – Research & Graduate Studies Office  
Boats, Motor and Trailers  
Texas A&M System  
Policy No. OMH 346187-05

Dear Brad:

Please find the attached invoice for Research & Graduate Studies Office’s portion of the premium due for adding the “Cynthia Woods” vessel to the Texas A&M System’s Boat Insurance Policy issued through Global Special Risks, Inc. effective March 23, 2006 to August 06, 2006.

We request your check in the amount of $3,137.00 be made payable to ANCO Insurance of Bryan/College Station and mailed to them as soon as possible. As a reminder, please forward a copy of the check or voucher to us for our records.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at (979) 458-6330.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Debbie Smith, CIC, ACSR  
Insurance Specialist

Attachment(s)
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P. O. Box 3889  
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***PLEASE RETURN ONE COPY WITH YOUR REMITTANCE***
ENDORSEMENT NUMBER 14

PART OF POLICY OMH 3461487-05

ASSURED BOARD OF REGENTS FOR & ON BEHALF OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

EFFECTIVE DATE MARCH 23, 2006

ADDITIONAL PREMIUM: $3,137.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THE VESSEL "CYNTHIA WOODS" IS ADDED TO COVERAGE FOR THE DEPARTMENT IN GALVESTON: MARINE TERMINAL OPERATIONS AND SMALL BOAT BASIN.

2005 38' CAPE FEAR #UAR38007505
HULL VALUE: $360,000.
DEDUCTIBLE: $3,600.
ANNUAL PREMIUM: $6,660.
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P&I ANNUAL PREMIUM: $1,750.

NAVIGATION: WARRANTED CONFINED TO U.S. COASTAL AND INLAND WATERS BETWEEN KEY WEST, FL AND BROWNSVILLE, TX, INCLUSIVE, NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY (50) MILES FROM THE NEAREST POINT OF LAND.

ALL OTHER POLICY TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

May 10, 2006

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

(ED.5/00)
To All Texas A&M University at Galveston students, faculty and staff:

Texas A&M University at Galveston over the weekend received confirmation from the U.S. Coast Guard that the Cynthia Woods, a 38-foot Cape Fear sailboat, had overturned while sailing in the Regatta de Amigos from Galveston to Veracruz, Mexico. A crew of six—four students and two safety officers—were aboard the Cynthia Woods. Crew members aboard the vessel were confirmed as Texas A&M at Galveston students Steven Guy of The Woodlands, Joe Savana of Sugar Land and Travis Wright of League City; Ross James Busby of The Woodlands, a student at Texas A&M University in College Station; and safety officers Steven Conway of Texas A&M at Galveston and Roger Stone, a part-time Texas A&M at Galveston employee.

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This incident and the death of Mr. Stone have had a major impact on the Aggie family. During such a tragic time, it is understandable that some members of our campus community might need counseling services. Beginning today, students who wish to speak to a counselor should visit the Office of Student Counseling by drop-in or by scheduling an appointment by calling (409) 740-4736. Staff and faculty who would like to speak with a counselor can access the Employee Assistance Program at UTMB by contacting Mr. Fred Olson in our Human Resources Department at (409) 740-4503.

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Lawson, Caroline

From: Jim Atchley
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 2:11 PM
To: Jackie Robbins
Cc: Tammy Lobaugh; Brad McGonagle
Subject: Boat Registrations

Jackie-The following vessels Texas Registration have expired and/or will be expiring this year. In the past we have always received the new registration 90 days prior to expiring. Please advise me where stand on these renewals as the Cynthia Woods will be racing in a regatta to Veracruz, Mexico and must have a current registration in order to enter that country. Thanks Jim

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Brad,

The Coast Guard representative that called at 11:05 am on 6/9/08 is Chief Batt at 409-978-2748.

He is requesting the TX number from the Cynthia Woods.

You ok’d for me to give it to him and called Capt. Jim who gave me the number.

Kathy
Grant,
Call me. We have lost contact with the Cynthia Woods. A Coast Guard jet did identify a capsized vessel in the area in which the Cynthia Woods was last located. However, we are awaiting confirmation from a Coast Guard helicopter to arrive on site in about 30 minutes as to whether or not the vessel is in fact the Cynthia Woods and the status of the crew. I will fill you in on the rest of the details when you call.

Brad
Lawson, Caroline

From: R. Bowen Loftin [president@tamu.edu]
Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2008 7:40 PM
To: president@tamu.edu
Subject: Final Message Regarding Galveston Sailing Team

June 8, 2008 (7:45 p.m.)

To The Aggie Family:

We are saddened to learn and notify you that the body of the only remaining missing member of the Galveston sailing team crew was recovered Sunday afternoon.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Mrs. Linda Stone, the Stone's two children, and members of Roger Stone's family. Words cannot adequately express the depth of our condolences as they cope with the loss of their loved one. We hope they can take some comfort in knowing all five survivors of this tragic accident credit Mr. Stone with heroic efforts that were instrumental in making possible their survival. We now know that Roger Stone died a hero in the classic sense of the word.

While we continue to mourn the loss of his life, we are relieved and grateful beyond words for the rescue of the sailboat's four students—Steven Guy, Joe Savana, Travis Wright and Ross Busby—and Steve Conway, who, like Mr. Stone, was serving in the capacity of safety officer. I know that I speak on behalf of their families and friends when saying how thankful we are for their safe return.

I must emphatically thank the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard who responded so quickly and professionally to the call for help in the search for those aboard the Cynthia Woods. I know that same sentiment has been expressed by President Elsa Murano and others who came here to Galveston from the main campus to lend support.

We thank all of those who participated in the rescue effort, the Aggie Family, and all those who offered their prayers and support.

R. Bowen Loftin
Vice President & CEO
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Lawson, Caroline

From: Brad McGonagle
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 12:35 PM
To: Thor Jones;
Cc: Brad McGonagle; Rodney P. McClendon; R. Bowen Loftin; Brown, Jerry; Cherie Coffman
Subject: Freeport Launch Access Request - Confidential

Mr. Hoff and Thor,
The following individuals will be arriving tonight at the Freeport Launch front gate in an Gray Infiniti G to view the hull of the Cynthia Woods. Thor, please provide acknowledgement for Mr. Huff. Thanks.

Brad

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All students and Steven Conway were rescued; however tragically, Roger Stone was killed during the incident. Mr. Stone’s heroic acts quite literally helped save the lives of our students. We extend our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Linda, his two children and the entire Stone family.

This incident and the death of Mr. Stone have had a major impact on the Aggie family. During such a tragic time, it is understandable that some members of our campus community might need counseling services. Beginning today, students who wish to speak to a counselor should visit the Office of Student Counseling by drop-in or by scheduling an appointment by calling (409) 740-4736. Staff and faculty who would like to speak with a counselor can access the Employee Assistance Program at UTMB by contacting Mr. Fred Olson in our Human Resources Department at (409) 740-4503.

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Please let me know when the Cynthia Woods arrives on campus. I need to get a digital photo of the boat for Dr. Loftin.

Thanks,

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----- Original Message ----- 
From: R. Bowen Loftin
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2006 2:21 PM
To: Teri Fowlé
Subject: Cynthia Woods

Teri:

Can you get me a digital image of the CW?

Thanks,

Bowen

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Good morning,
I apologize for not including you on this email earlier today.

DeAnna White '96
Assistant Director
Employee Services, HR Management Services

Good morning,
This is to advise you that the Chancellor has issued a press release providing the Risk & Misconduct Hotline as an avenue for individuals to submit information related to the investigation into the sinking of the sailing vessel Cynthia Woods.

If you receive reports in any of the Risk Categories referencing the Galveston incident or campus, System Internal Audit will take the lead and handle those reports in collaboration with other investigative efforts on this matter.

I would presume that your confidentiality on any information in the hotline on this issue would be appreciated.

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Howdy everyone!

I want to bring you up to speed on the myriad of emails regarding the Mitchell boats. Here is a synopsis:

- Bob Walker will be handling the donation of the *George Phydias*
- We are handling the donation for the *Cynthia Woods*
- George Mitchell wants the entire gift process complete before we close the University for the holidays
- Cape Fear Yachts will issue a title for the boats to George Mitchell and he will turn title over to CS and us
- Brian Herbie from Student Affairs called me regarding the *George Phydias*
- To his knowledge, the CS Sail Team would like to house the George Phydias at our campus
- He is gathering up the appropriate team of people to travel to Galveston to meet with us and go over all the details of:
  - Costs
  - Access to boats
  - Any rules they need to follow

I will need a detailed list of costs we have incurred so far on the *George Phydias* and the *Cynthia Woods*. Please break out costs by boat and break down costs so the Foundation can see exactly what the costs are that were incurred.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowlé  
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2005 10:07 AM  
To: 'Barry E. Leavitt'; 'Cape Fear Yacht Works'  
Cc: R. Bowen Loftin; 'Ron S. Webster'; 'rwalker@tamu.edu'; 'k-pearse@tamu.edu'; 'Ann Lovett'  
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Good Morning Barry,

We have information for you regarding a contact person at main campus for the donation of the *George Phydias*.

Please address the letter to:

Dr. Robert Walker  
Vice President of Development  
Texas A&M University  
401 George Bush Dr.  
College Station, TX 77840-2811

Karen Pearce is the assistant to Dr. Walker and can be reached at (979) 845-8161. I have copied both Dr. Walker and Karen Pearce on this email so they will have your email address as well.
Dr. Walker will handle all the paperwork and the donation process for the George Phydias. I can remain your contact for the Cynthia Woods and the letter for that vessel can be addressed to Dr. R. Bowen Loftin.

Thank you for all your work on this! I know that through the process we forget about how excited all the students are to receive this gift. I will tell you that everyone here is so very excited and the students can't wait to get the Cynthia Woods out for a sail!!

Take care,

Teri A. Fowlé  
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-----Original Message-----
From: Barry E. Leavitt [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2005 9:37 AM
To: 'Cape Fear Yacht Works'; Teri Fowlé  
Cc: R. Bowen Loftin; 'Ron S. Webster'
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Hi Rona,

Here are your answers, along with some follow-up comments.

1. The boats should be titled to George P. Mitchell personally.

2. The address should be:
   600 Travis, Suite 1850  
   Houston, Texas  77002

   When you mail them, please send them to my attention.

3. Regarding the date of transfer, I would be happy to have today's date for both boats.
   a. As you know, the George Phydias has been paid for in full, but a final payment has not yet been made on the Cynthia Woods. To make things easiest on us from Mr. Mitchell's standpoint, we would like to make the final payment now, before the gift of the Cynthia Woods is made, just so we have all of the paperwork done in 2005. Mr. Mitchell has suggested that he just pay Cape Fear Yacht Works the same $121,472 that he paid for the George Phydias for a final payment and for CFYW to make that work for you. I spoke with Kent last week, and he said that your accountant had left and it was making things difficult to get the numbers together.
   b. If this sounds OK to you, I can arrange to have that check made out ASAP.

In the meantime, I can continue to work with Teri Fowlé and Dr. Loftin to get the transfer documents ready for the two different TAMU campus locations.

Thank you,

Barry E. Leavitt
Hi guys;

I just need to confirm that the boats are to be titled to Mr. Mitchell personally and not to GPM or other entity; the address; and the date that you'd like the title transfer, either pre or post today.

Thanks,

Rona

-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowle [mailto:fowlet@tamug.edu]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2005 5:31 PM
To: Barry E. Leavitt
Cc: R. Bowen Loftin; Cape Fear Yacht Works
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Hi Barry,

Here is the information I have on Rona (I have copied her on this email so you will have each other's email addresses):

Office #: (910) 395-0189
Fax #: (910) 395-0427
Email:

I can check with Capt. Atchley to see if he has a cell phone number for Rona – This is all I have. I did send Rona an email and request title for both boats and told her you needed a final bill for the Cynthia Woods.

Thanks,

Teri A. Fowle
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-----Original Message-----
From: Barry E. Leavitt [mailto:
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2005 3:23 PM
To: Teri Fowle
Cc: R. Bowen Loftin
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats
Teri,

Thanks for the update. Would you please give me Rona’s phone number? Mr. Mitchell is quite adamant about donating both boats to TAMU this year (I spoke to him about it 10 minutes ago) and there are a couple of issues that need to be expedited if we are to get that done in time.

In the meantime, our attorney has drafted a Gift Deed that includes the technical description of the boat (for the George Phidias) and that also has some important wording for us. Once we get the correct person to acknowledge the gift – as you suggest, for the first boat it is likely Mr. Gates – and we have the hull number of the boat, the gift deed is ready. If title can not be obtained before the end of the year for some reason, that Gift Deed says that “donor shall execute such other documents as may be necessary to reflect the transfer of title to the Gifted Vessel to the Donor as stated herein.”

Let’s keep pushing forward to see if TAMU can receive both boats this year.

Thanks,

Barry

-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowle [mailto:fowlet@tamug.edu]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2005 3:16 PM
To: Barry E. Leavitt
Cc: R. Bowen Loftin
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Hi Barry,

Yes, I will contact Rona and request a title for the George Phidias. I believe that the boat going to College Station should be addressed to TAMU President Robert Gates. I have copied Dr. Loftin (our campus Chief Executive Officer) to be sure this is correct. I will let you know.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Barry E. Leavitt [mailto:
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2005 5:29 PM
To: Teri Fowle
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Hi Teri,
Please push forward with the issue of title. We basically have the documents ready to go for the George Phydias, but we cannot proceed without title. If you do speak with Rona, please pass on that we cannot donate the Cynthia Woods until they have sent us a final bill to pay first, so we can get clear title.

Incidentally, since the George Phydias is going to the College Station campus, could you please give us the complete and correct address? Your draft (when you were suggesting a split gift rather than the separate gift concept that we all now agree is better) just had the partial address of:

Texas A&M University  
Mail Stop________  
College Station, TX ________.

I am copying Ron Webster, our attorney who is working on this project with me. If Ron should call you with any questions about gifting either boat, please feel free to share everything with him.

Thanks,

Barry

-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowle [mailto:fowlet@tamug.edu]
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2005 5:12 PM
To: LINDA BOMKE; Cape Fear Yacht Works
Cc: Barry E. Leavitt; Nancy Stucky; Phyllis Lutz; William Hearn; Ron Streibich; Jackie Robbins; Ann Lovett
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Hi Barry!

Attached is a deed of gift and draft copy of a letter of intent to donate the George Phydias to the Texas A&M College Station sail team. In the draft letter, I only included the information required in the letter, feel free to add as other information as needed by the Mitchell's. Because we are dealing with the two campuses, I think it will be best to handle each boat as a separate gift.

I've already asked around about the title issue and I think Nancy is going to check with Rona to see if Cape Fear generates the title with the new boats. I'll let you know what I hear. I've also checked with Jackie Robbins and she can check into it if needed but also suggested the first step should be to check with Cape Fear to see if they generate the title.

I will be in the office on Monday so feel free to call if you have any questions.

Have a GREAT weekend!!

Teri Fowle  
Texas A&M University at Galveston  
P.O. Box 1675
Lawson, Caroline

From: Teri Fowle
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2005 4:42 PM
To: Tammy Lobauh; Jim Aitchley; Brad McGonagle; William Hearn
Subject: FW: Mitchell Boats

Good Grief! I'll quit bugging you with email copies and let you all know the final outcome....bottom line....paperwork is in process...we'll just get this done!!

Have a GREAT day!

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-----Original Message-----
From: Cape Fear Yacht Works [mailto:
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2005 4:32 PM
To: Teri Fowle; 'LINDA BOMKE'
Cc: 'Barry E. Leavitt'; 'Nancy Stucky'; 'Phyllis Lutz'
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Sail Team in College Station will primarily using the Cynthia Woods, not the George Phydias I believe?

-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowle [mailto:fowlet@tamug.edu]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2005 4:41 PM
To: LINDA BOMKE; Cape Fear Yacht Works
Cc: Barry E. Leavitt; Nancy Stucky; Phyllis Lutz
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Hi Linda,

I sent an email to Mr. Leavitt requesting the items needed. Although the Sail Team in College Station will be primarily using the George Phydias, I think the boat will be housed here in Galveston and will need to be placed on our inventory so we can handle all the paperwork through me unless Mr. Mitchell wants things handled otherwise.

Thanks,

Teri A. Fowle
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-----Original Message-----
From: LINDA BOMKE [mailto:
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2005 3:25 PM
To: Cape Fear Yacht Works
Cc: Barry E. Leavitt; Nancy Stucky; Teri Fowle; Phyllis Lutz
Subject: Re: Mitchell Boats
Rona,
It's been like General Hospital around here, so please excuse the delay in responding. Mr. Mitchell is home with a stomach bug, but should be returning early next week. He mentioned by phone today that he's interested in having Barry Leavitt (GPM, inc. attorney) handle the project, including the documentation, so it would be best to channel the paperwork to him. I've also notified Teri Fowle at A&M-Galveston. Barry can be reached at 'His phone number is 713-377-5026. His mailing address is GPM, Inc., 1850 JPMorgan Chase Tower, 600 Travis, Houston, TX 77002. Mr. Mitchell is very interested in getting this wound up by mid-December. Thanks!
Linda

P.S. Mr. Mitchell is interested in the "George Phydias" being used primarily by the A&M-College Station students and the "Cynthia Woods" being used primarily by the A&M-Galveston students.

Linda Bomke
Vice President
1850 JPMorgan Chase Tower
600 Travis
Houston, Texas 77002
713-377-5002 (direct)
713-377-5044 (fax)

----- Original Message ----- 
From: Cape Fear Yacht Works
To: 'LINDA BOMKE'
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2005 12:30 PM
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Dear Linda;

I wanted to check with you after receiving last week's email from Teri Fowle from TAMU Galveston. Mr. Mitchell was talking with Kent regarding how the "Deed of Gift" would work so that both the Galveston group and the College Station Group that won the Bald Head Regatta in 2005 would be able to utilize the boats.

Captain Atchley expects that the Galveston sailors will do about 6 regattas a year while the College Station crew would like to do approximately 3 times that number with a good number during the summer. I don't yet know if Kent and Mr. Mitchell spoke over Thanksgiving. Do you have any further insight? At the present time, the "George Phydias" has been commissioned and launched by the Galveston Gang and is in the water, ready to sail. I asked them to hold off on the "Cynthia Woods" until we knew for sure how the Gift would be structured. If the CW is also gifted to Galveston, I'm uncertain of the other group being allotted any usage. By the same token, if she is gifted to College Station, they will take care of the commissioning, etc.

I have to admit being partial to the kids from College Station – they worked hard and made a great effort to race at BH last year even when they didn't think they'd be getting one of the two new boats. I'd really love to see one to each school with a proposal that both boats berthed in Galveston November through April with a "Mitchell Cup" in the spring, in Galveston...or maybe Bald Head!

Now that I put in my "two cents worth"; On the items you need from us (Bill of Sale, Title Transfer, etc) to whom (individual, company, etc) would you like the paperwork made and also what date?

Thanks much.
Rona Garm

I received an email yesterday stating that the George Phydias has arrived at campus and the Cynthia Wood will be arriving soon.

Because the value of this gift is greater than $250,000, I am required to submit information about the vessels through Bob Walker and up through Robert Gates and Chancellor McTeer. This approval is required before we can accept the gift and take possession of the boats.

The information required as back up to go along with the System Form are following:

- Bill of Sale or Invoice showing the fair market value and the description of what all is entailed in the boat (i.e.: sails, hull type, engine, riggings, etc.)

- Letter of intent to donate from Mr. Mitchell (should state this is intended to be a gift and nothing is expected in return.

- Copy of the Deed of Gift
- Copy of the vessels titles

Thank you for assistance with getting this paperwork to my office as quickly as possible.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Teri A. Fowlé
Director of Communications

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Lawson, Caroline

From: Teri Fowlé  
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 2:23 PM  
To: Jim Atchley  
Cc: Tammy Lobaugh; Brad McGonagle  
Subject: FW: Mitchell- Cynthia Woods Sail Boat

Capt. Atchley,

The Texas A&M Foundation has received all the paperwork needed for the Cynthia Woods. They now need a letter of acceptance from us. Will you please draft an email/letter/memo to Dr. Loftin and cc me with your recommendation to accept this gift from George Mitchell? I will need you recommendation to Dr. Loftin to create an official letter of acceptance from Dr. Loftin to George Mitchell to accept the gift.

Thank you!!

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-----Original Message-----
From: Ann Lovett [mailto:a-lovett@tamu.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 1:43 PM  
To: Teri Fowlé  
Cc: Tara Voskamp; Kristi Downey; Debora Voorhies; R. Bowen Loftin  
Subject: RE: Mitchell- Cynthia Woods Sail Boat

Teri,

We have the gift deed and the IRS form from Mr. Mitchell for the Cynthia Woods. Is this gift deed not accurate and are they going to send a new one when it is indeed gifted to TAMUG? What do you want me to do with the gift deed and all other paperwork?

Thanks!

From: Teri Fowlé [mailto:fowl@tamu.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 1:09 PM  
To: Ann Lovett  
Cc: Tara Voskamp; Kristi Downey; Debora Voorhies; R. Bowen Loftin  
Subject: RE: Mitchell- Cynthia Woods Sail Boat

Hi Ann,

We have not received the Cynthia Woods yet. She is still being put together. The paperwork sent to you is for the George Phydias and that boat should be received by Mr. Walker.

Let me know if there is something more I can do.

Thanks,

Teri A. Fowlé  
Director of Communications
-----Original Message-----
From: Ann Lovett [mailto:a-lovett@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2005 4:33 PM
To: Teri Fowle
Cc: Tara Voskamp; Kristi Downey; Debora Voorhies
Subject: Mitchell- Cynthia Woods Sail Boat

Teri,

Received the paperwork for the Cynthia Mitchell Sail Boat. Looks like this paperwork needs to be signed by Dr. Loftin and not Dr. Walker. Everyone that could sign this for TAMU is gone until January 2nd. Do you want us to send the originals back to TAMUG for Dr. Loftin to sign? I can send it back next week if need be or wait until after the 2nd. We will send the forms around for approval in early January and when these get back to us we will book the gift. We will at that time give Mr. Mitchell a December receipt for tax purposes.

Merry Christmas!!

Ann
Bowen - I just want to add that the area where the rescue was made at the end of the South Jetty is quite a tricky area. At the time of the incident the wind was blowing down on the rocks and there was a high confused chop. This would have been a good solid rescue for a trained Coast Guard crew, for a group of civilians it was a damn fine job.

Thanks

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From: Tammy Lobaugh [mailto:lobaught@tamug.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2007 9:13 AM
To: aggnews
Subject: Offshore Sail Team Wins (all)

REVEILLE TAKES FIRST
Last week the TAMUG Offshore Sail Team entered the “Reveille” and “Cynthia Woods” in the GBCA Texas Race Week at Galveston Offshore Regatta. Both boats flew the maroon & white colors, gained additional experience and participated with the utmost in sportsmanship.

On Saturday 04.27.07 at approximately 1430hrs the crew of “Reveille” was just inside the South Galveston Jetty (also leading the regatta) when they saw the “Paladin” demast and two crew members fall overboard. With winds running 20kts and gusts of 25knts the “Reveille” turn around, rescued the two crewmembers and towed the boat to safety. Despite the interruption from the racing agenda “Reveille” went on to victory.

GBCA Texas Race Week at Galveston Offshore Regatta
1st Place in Fleet - Reveille
1st Place in Class, Non-spinaker – Reveille

The race committee also nominated the Reveille and crew for consideration of the Rescue Award which is offered by Sail Magazine. Our congratulations go to the Reveille and crew!

Safety Officer – Roger Stone
Skipper-
Crew -

Coach- Captain Jim Atchley

Tammy Lobaugh
Director Physical Plant & Marine Terminal Operations
Texas A&M University at Galveston
P.O. Box 1675
Galveston, Texas 77553
It looks like the TAMU Offshore Sail Team is starting to come into its own. Our Sailing Safety Officer was aboard the Cynthia Woods so she was under solid supervision. I am glad things are working out for the team.

W. Brad McGonagle, Ph.D.
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The TAMUG and TAMU Offshore Sail Teams won 1st and 3rd Place respectively in the Heald Bank Regatta, a 60 mile race in the Gulf of Mexico, sponsored by Lakewood Yacht Club, Houston. The TAMUG Crew took First Place sailing "Cynthia Woods" and the TAMU Crew took third sailing the "George Phydias". Congratulations to the student crews for a job well done.
Karen,
Please get with Cherie on notifying Mr. Mitchell directly on the results. He will be glad to hear this. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----
From: Jim Atchley <atchleyj@tamug.edu>
To: aggnews <aggnews@tamug.edu>
Sent: Tue Apr 08 11:38:05 2008
Subject: Offshore Sail Teams Win (all)

The TAMUG and TAMU Offshore Sail Teams won 1st and 3rd Place respectively in the Heald Bank Regatta, a 60 mile race in the Gulf of Mexico, sponsored by Lakewood Yacht Club, Houston. The TAMUG Crew took First Place sailing "Cynthia Woods" and the TAMU Crew took third sailing the "George Phydias". Congratulations to the student crews for a job well done.
Lawson, Caroline

From: Donna Lang
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2007 8:53 AM
To: William Seitz; Donna Briones; Ernest Estes; John Carhart; Joseph Szucs; William McMullen; Melanie Lesko; Vijay Panchang; Roderick Shannon; Gilbert Rowe; Steve Conway; Natalie Wiest; Allen Worley; William Hearn; Grant Shallenberger; Tammy Holliday; Karen Bigley; Brad McGonagle; R. Bowen Loftin; Susan Lee
Cc: Cheryl Grefenstette-Moon
Subject: FW: Proposed Academic Calendars - 2008-2009 and 2009-2010

Please let me know if you have any concerns that I should relay to TAMU. Donna

Dr. Donna C. Lang
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From: Gonzales, Janet H [mailto:janet-gonzales@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 12:54 PM
To: Anderson, Kristy; Anne Reber; Arth, Laura; Barbara Lee; Bassham, Clay; Beth Donovan; Bettyann Zito; Bob Piwonka; Boyd, Kris; Brenda Thomas; Brett Lutz; Donna Briones; Broussard, Mary L; C J Woods; Campos, Sandy; Castro, Connie; Chloe Rape; Costa, Sandi; Curtis, Don; Cynthia Dutschke; Cynthia Garcia; Cynthia Hernandez; David Martin; Debbie Pack; Debby Swick; Don Carter; Donna Lang; Droleskey, Suzanne; Ed Funkhouser; Feigenbaum, Leslie; Harper, Kristin S; Holly Sterling; J. Leigh Turner; James B. Kracht; James, Ray; Janice Crockett; Jo Howze; Joe Townsend; Karon Mathews; Kenimer, Ann; Kretzschmar, Myra; Linda Callen; Linda Huckaby; Linda Windle; Louder, Martha; LtG John Van Alstyne; Mallahan, Richard; Marsha Lee; McGee, Joel; Melton, Sue; Peter Drysdale; Pettibon, Joe P.; Reinarz, Alice; Rita Presley; Roxanna Russell; Scott McDonald; Skip Landis; Stacy Ferrell; Steve McDonnell; Stroud, Judie; Symank, Kathy; Tara Boyle; Theresa Nemec; Tim Scott; Tom Vogel; Towell, Judy; Tyler Koch; Vanessa Diaz de Rodriguez; Vatche Tchakerian; Vida Wilhelm; Villarreal-Reyes, Dora; Wood, Don W
Subject: Proposed Academic Calendars - 2008-2009 and 2009-2010

Dear AOC:

Attached are the 2008-2009 Proposed Academic Calendar and the 2009-2010 Proposed Abbreviated Academic Calendar. Please review the calendars with your dean, directors, department heads, and faculties. If there are no major issues with the calendars Mr. Carter will submit these at the September AOC meeting for discussion and approval.

If anyone has a question about the calendars, please contact Mr. Carter (ph# 845-1145) and he will attempt to provide whatever information is necessary to resolve any issue before the September AOC meeting.

Thanks...
J. Martyn Gunn
Texas A&M University
Proposed 2008-2009 Academic Calendar
Fall Semester 2008*

August 22  Friday, 5 p.m. Last day to register for fall semester classes and pay fees.
August 24  Sunday. Freshman Convocation.
August 25  Monday. First day of fall semester classes.
August 29  Friday, 5 p.m. Last day for adding/dropping courses for the fall semester.
September 5  Friday.
  • Academic Convocation
  • 5 p.m. Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in December.
October 13  Monday, noon. Mid-semester grades due in Office of the Registrar.
October 31  Friday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop).
  • Last day to change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type.
  • Last day to officially withdraw from the University.
Nov 13-Dec 2  Thursday-Tuesday. Preregistration for 2009 spring semester.
November 27-28  Thursday-Friday. Thanksgiving holiday.
December 1  Monday.
  • Redefined day, students attend their Friday classes.
  • Prep day, classes meet. No regular course exams (except for laboratory and one-hour classes)
    shall be given on these days.
December 2  Tuesday.
  • Last day of fall semester classes.
  • Redefined day, students attend their Thursday classes.
  • Prep day, classes meet. No regular course exams (except for laboratory and one-hour classes)
    shall be given on these days.
December 3-4  Wednesday-Thursday. Reading days, no classes.
December 5, 8-10  Friday, Monday-Wednesday. Fall semester final examinations for all students.
December 12  Friday, 5 p.m. Last day for December undergraduate degree candidates to apply for Tuition Rebate.
December 12-13  Friday-Saturday. Commencement and Commissioning.
December 15  Monday, noon. Final grades for all students due in Office of the Registrar.
December 24-Jan 2  Wednesday-Friday. Faculty and Staff holiday.

*All dates and times are subject to change.  Proposed 08/22/07
Spring Semester 2009*

January 9  Friday, 5 p.m. Last day to register for spring semester classes and pay fees.
January 12  Monday. First day of spring semester classes.
January 16  Friday, 5 p.m. Last day for adding/dropping courses for the spring semester.
January 19  Monday. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Faculty and Staff holiday.
January 23  Friday, 5 p.m. Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in May.
March 2  Monday, noon. Mid-semester grades due in Office of the Registrar.
March 9-13  Monday-Friday. Spring break.
March 11-13  Wednesday-Friday. Faculty and Staff holiday.
March 30  Monday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop).
  • Last day to change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type.
  • Last day to officially withdraw from the University.
April 9-24  Thursday-Friday. Preregistration for the 2009 first term, second term, 10-week summer semester and fall semester.
April 10  Friday. Reading day, no classes.
April 21  Tuesday. Muster. Campus ceremony.
April 27  Monday. Prep day, classes meet. No regular course exams (except for laboratory and one-hour classes) shall be given on these days.
April 28  Tuesday.
  • Last day of spring semester classes.
  • Redefined day, students attend their Friday classes.
  • Prep day, classes meet. No regular course exams (except for laboratory and one-hour classes) shall be given on these days.
April 29-30  Wednesday-Thursday. Reading days, no classes.
May 1, 4-6  Friday, Monday-Wednesday. Spring semester final examinations for all students.
May 8  Friday, 5 p.m. Last day for May undergraduate degree candidates to apply for Tuition Rebate.
May 8-9  Friday-Saturday. Commencement, Commissioning, and Final Review.
May 11  Monday, noon. Final grades for all students due in Office of the Registrar.

*All dates and times are subject to change.

Proposed 08/22/07
Summer Session 2009

May 25  Monday. Memorial Day. Faculty and Staff holiday.
May 29  Friday, 5 p.m. Last day to register for first term and 10-week semester and pay fees.
June 2   Tuesday. First day of first term and 10-week semester classes.
June 5   Friday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for adding/dropping courses for the first term and the 10-week semester.
  • Last day to apply for degrees to be awarded in August for students completing degree requirements in the first term.
June 22  Monday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty for the first term (Q-drop).
  • Last day to change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type for first term.
  • Last day to officially withdraw from the University for first term.
July 3   Friday. Last day of first term classes.
July 6   Monday.
  • First term final examinations.
  • No 10-week semester classes.
  • Last day to register for the second term and pay fees, 5 p.m.
July 7   Tuesday. First day of second term classes.
July 9   Thursday.
  • First term final grades due in Office of the Registrar, noon.
  • Last day to apply for degrees to be awarded in August for students completing degree requirements in the second term or 10-week semester, 5 p.m.
July 10  Friday, 5 p.m. Last day for adding/dropping courses for the second term.
July 21  Tuesday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty for the 10-week semester (Q-drop).
  • Last day to officially withdraw from the University for 10-week semester.
July 27  Monday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty for the second term (Q-drop).
  • Last day to change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type for second term.
  • Last day to officially withdraw from the University for second term.
August 10  Monday. Last day of second term and 10-week semester classes.
August 11-12 Tuesday-Wednesday. Second term and 10-week semester final examinations for all students.
August 13  Thursday, noon. Grades for degree candidates from departments due in Office of the Registrar.
August 14  Friday.
  • Commencement and Commissioning.
  • Last day for August undergraduate degree candidates to apply for Tuition Rebate, 5 p.m.
August 15 Saturday. Texas A&M University at Galveston Commencement.
August 17  Monday, noon. Final grades for second term and 10-week semester due in Office of the Registrar.

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PROPOSED, ABBREVIATED ACADEMIC CALENDAR, 2009-2010

*FALL, 2009

August 31 Monday. First day of fall semester classes.
November 26-27 Thursday-Friday. Thanksgiving holiday.
December 8 Tuesday. Last day of fall semester classes.
December 9-10 Wednesday-Thursday. Reading days, no classes.
December 11, 14-16 Friday, Monday-Wednesday. Fall semester final examinations for all students.
December 18-19 Friday-Saturday. Commencement and Commissioning.

*SPRING, 2010

January 11 Monday. First day of spring semester classes.
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March 8-12 Monday-Friday. Spring Break.
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April 27 Tuesday. Last day of spring semester classes. Redefined day.
April 28-29 Wednesday-Thursday. Reading days, no classes.
April 30, May 3-5 Friday, Monday-Wednesday. Spring semester final examinations for all students.
May 7-8 Friday-Saturday. Commencement, Commissioning, and Final Review.

*SUMMER SESSION, 2010

May 31 Monday. Memorial Day. Faculty and Staff holiday.
June 1 Tuesday. First day of first term and 10-week semester classes.
July 2 Friday. Last day of first term classes.
July 5 Monday. First term final examinations. No 10-week semester classes.
July 6 Tuesday. First day of second term classes.
August 9 Monday. Last day of second term and 10-week semester classes.
August 10-11 Tuesday-Wednesday. Final examinations for the second term and 10-week semester.
August 13 Friday. Commencement and Commissioning.
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Lawson, Caroline

From: Fred Olson
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 4:07 PM
To: William Seitz; James McCloy; Tammy Lobaugh; Greg Hightower
Cc: Rodney P. McClendon; Brad McGonagle
Subject: FW: Public Information Request 08-171 Ralph Haurwitz/Austin American Statesman
Attachments: Haurwitz request.171.pdf
Importance: High

Attached is an open records request for safety information pertaining to the Cynthia Woods. Should have any of the information requested, please forward the information to me no later than noon, Thursday, June 12th.

If you have any questions, please call me at x4503.

Thank you.

Fred

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From: Yeager, Susan [mailto:s-yeager@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 4:33 PM
To: Fred Olson; Sawtelle, Nancy L; Boelman, Larry
Cc: Brad McGonagle; Tina Pennington; Spang Terry; Shelton, Sue; Skaggs, Misty; Bisor, Robert T; Callcott, Diane; Kelly, Scott; Lawson, Caroline; Brown, Jerry; Parker, Melissa; Carroll, Sherylon; Stephenson, Lane B
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Please advise if you know of other Public Information Liaison Coordinators that should receive this request. Thanks for your help. Suzy

Suzy Yeager
Director, Open Records
Texas A&M University
1181 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-1181
979/862-4571 (Phone)
979/862-7778 (Fax)
s-yeager@tamu.edu
PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST

TAMU 08-171 Ralph Haurwitz/Austin American Statesman
DATE REQUEST RECEIVED: June 9, 2008

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*** If you know of any other sources where this information might be located, please advise this office as soon as possible. ***

Please check one of the blanks below and return this form [and attachments, if applicable] on or before June 13, 2007

Office of the Senior Vice President and CFO
Room 802, Rudder Tower
Mail Stop 1181
Attention: Mr. Robert T. Bisor III c/o Ms. Suzy Yeager
Associate Vice President and Chief of Staff
Fax Number: 979/862-7718 or s-yeager@tamu.edu

Please provide responses electronically when possible:

- _____ Attached is responsive information [50 copies or less]
- _____ Attached is responsive information [more than 50 copies]. Charges have been waived.
- _____ Attached is a cost estimate in accordance with the Public Information Act [more than 50 copies, production cost estimated at over $40.00] and a date by which information can be made available if the requestor agrees to pay these charges. (Cost estimates must be determined "prior" to production of response.) The schedule of charges is located at http://www.cag.state.tx.us/opinfo/nia/.
- _____ To my knowledge, there is no information responsive to this request in my records.

Response provided on behalf of __________________________ by __________________________ Designee

References:

Please direct questions regarding this request to Suzy Yeager, 862-4571 or s-yeager@tamu.edu.
Thank you.

By law, a governmental body must respond to the attached request within 10 business days of receipt. Responsive information will be reviewed by the Office of General Counsel prior to release. If it is determined that all or part of the responsive material is subject to exception from disclosure, a governmental body must ask for an Attorney General ruling and state the exceptions (with examples) that apply within a reasonable time, but not later than the 10th business day after the date of receiving the written request. Failure to do so could result in disclosure of documents that would have otherwise qualified for exception.
This is a request under the Texas Public Information Act for all safety information concerning the Cynthia Woods since Jan. 1, 2006. This includes, but is not limited to, accident reports, inspection reports, email messages, complaints and any other information about safety problems and concerns regarding this vessel.

Ralph Haurwitz
FUEL CAPACITIES & ESTIMATED PURCHASED AMOUNTS

Earl Milan
Capacity of 1400 gallons.
Usually will take 800 gallons or less at a time.

Roamin Empire
Capacity of 600 gallons.
Usually will take 400 gallons or less at a time.

Skiff type boats
Smith Point......... Est (2) 20 gallon tanks for total of 40 gallons per purchase/ Diesel
Rock Port........... Est (2) 20 gallon tanks for total of 40 gallons per purchase /Diesel

Sail boats
George Phydias...Est 40 gallons/ Unleaded
Cynthia Woods... Est 40 gallons/ Unleaded
Reveille ............. Est 40 gallons/ Unleaded
Gypsy North........ Est 40 gallons/ Unleaded
Sarge................ Est 40 gallons/Unleaded

Research vessels under jurisdiction of Robert Webster
26' Parker ..........160 gal fuel capacity T# TX 9660Ju
26' Sammy Ray ......80 gal fuel capacity T# TX 7458Jt
25' Pontoon ..........40 gal fuel capacity T# TX 4142FX
17' Semi Rigid ...... 20 gal fuel capacity T# TX 2323HT

We need to make sure that Captain Buddy Blackburn is contacted to express his needs

For the TSMP boats : Caney Creek & Amato Boat.

Let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Tammy

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By John Ira Petty
Correspondent

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Texas A&M University at Galveston  
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fowlet@tamu-g.edu
Lawson, Caroline

From: Teri Fowle
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2006 2:45 PM
To: William Hearn; Brad McGonagle; Jim Atchley; Tammy Lobaugh; 'DENNIS@rec.tamu.edu'; 'Brian Hervey'
Cc: R. Bowen Loftin
Subject: FW: Update on the status of the Mitchell boats

For Your Information.

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Director of Communications  
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-----Original Message-----
From: Barry E. Leavitt [mailto]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2006 2:31 PM
To: Jackie Robbins; Teri Fowle
Cc: a-lovett@tamu.edu; 'Vassilakis, Spiros'; 'Cape Fear Yacht Works'; 'Nancy Stucky'
Subject: Update on the status of the Mitchell boats

Greetings to Teri and Jackie,

Here is an update on the status of the boats:

At the suggestion of Rona, I spoke with Eric Wohlford at Cape Fear Yacht Works. It turns out that early on CFYW had paid the North Carolina sales tax for both boats, since the amount is capped at $1,500 per boat and it was clear that both boats would reach the cap amount. It is too bad that we did not know that earlier, but at least we do now.

As a result, with Eric’s help I was able to complete the North Carolina title and registration forms for both boats, at a cost of $30 per boat. I checked with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission earlier this morning and the documents for both boats were mailed to us a couple of days ago, so we should get them on Wednesday or Thursday. Based on what Jackie said below in her March 24 email, it looks like all we will need to do is have Mr. Mitchell endorse the title and registration documents and provide letters of donations. For our own added legal protection, we would also like to include a letter of indemnification releasing Mr. Mitchell of any future legal liability for the boats that are being donated.

With the boat christening rapidly approaching (it will happen on April 28th) I know that Mr. Mitchell is concerned about us getting the boats into A&M’s hands legally in time for the christening. It looks like we will now be able to do so. Once those documents arrive from North Carolina, I would like to review them with Jackie. So Jackie, would you please give me your phone number and fax number?

Thanks to everyone for their patience and their help in getting this done. In the end, after spending quite a bit on two boats, it is nice not to ask Mr. Mitchell to come up with another $48,000 or so in sales tax and penalties for the State of Texas.

Barry
-----Original Message-----
From: Jackie Robbins [mailto:robbinsj@tamug.edu]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 1:51 PM
To: Barry E. Leavitt; Cape Fear Yacht Works
Cc: Teri Fowle; a-lovett@tamu.edu; Vassilakis, Spiros
Subject: RE: Mitchell boats and sales tax woes

Barry, I spoke to Maria, another Texas Parks & Wildlife rep in Austin, moments ago. She said that if Mr. Mitchell titles or registers the boats (I do not know if the state titles or registers boats) in North Carolina then there will not be a tax issue in Texas. Mr. Mitchell will simply have to sign over his North Carolina titles/registrations to Texas A&M University and Texas A&M University at Galveston and provide letters of donations. I am not positive at this point but I believe he will have to sign PWD-143s, also, as the donor so TAMU and TAMUG can obtain titles in the schools' names.

I suggest that Cape Fear Yacht Works be contacted about North Carolina titling requirements.

Please let me know if you run into any more roadblocks or how I can be of further help.

Jackie

From: Barry E. Leavitt [mailto:
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 12:23 PM
To: 'Cape Fear Yacht Works'
Cc: Teri Fowle; Jackie Robbins; a-lovett@tamu.edu; Vassilakis, Spiros'
Subject: Mitchell boats and sales tax woes
Importance: High

Teri Fowle, Jackie Robbins, and Ann Lovett,

Would you please look at Rona Garm’s email to me and respond? I must plead ignorance about boat transactions, but clearly this could be a better alternative. Mr. Mitchell purchased the boats in North Carolina, and it always seemed reasonable to me that we should have paid North Carolina sales tax, but that was never a part of the Cape Fear Yacht Works paperwork. As you can imagine, Mr. Mitchell is quite unhappy about having to pay the extra $46,000 or so, including penalties that are not deductible.

Jackie, I hate to burden you with this, but this request might entail you making another call to your contact at Texas Parks & Wildlife once we better understand what can be done.

It would be so nice for us to get this paperwork behind us before the christening of the boats on April 28th and I know for certain that Mr. Mitchell would be very thankful to everyone on this email correspondence if we could somehow save him some money on this transaction. Would each of you please respond with comments and recommendations?

Thank you all!

Barry
-----Original Message-----
From: Cape Fear Yacht Works [mailto:
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 10:49 AM
To: 'Barry E. Leavitt'
Subject: RE: My FEDEX?

Barry;

Yes, I did see FedEx yesterday and will send back today. Before I do, is there any way to re-do so that
the boats get "sold" and "registered" in NC ($1500 cap) and then just transfer registration to TX?

Rona

-----Original Message-----
From: Barry E. Leavitt [mailto:
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 10:36 AM
To: 'Cape Fear Yacht Works'
Subject: My FEDEX?

Hi Rona,

Did you get the FedEx package that I sent you the other day? Unfortunately it looks like
we have to pay sales tax on the boats—apparently Texas sales tax—since that was not
part of the price that GPM paid to Cape Fear Yacht Works (do you agree?). The tax plus
penalty and interest add up to around $23,000 for each boat. Needless to say, GPM is not
particularly happy. The forms that I sent you were to take care of this, as well as the boat
license and title.

Thanks, and have a good weekend...

Barry

-----Original Message-----
From: Cape Fear Yacht Works
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2006 1:45 PM
To: 'Teri Fowle'; aweldon@VPSA.TAMU.EDU; 'Brian Hervey'; 'William Hearn'; 'Tammy
Lobaugh'; 'Jim Atchley'; 'Barry E. Leavitt'; DENNIS@rec.tamu.edu; 
Dean.Bresciani@tamu.edu; 'Gerard Coleman'; 'Steve Conway'; 'LINDA BOMKE';
p-cammack@tamu.edu; 'B. Greg Mitchell'; 'Joshua Knapp'
Cc: 'Cherlie Coffman'; 'Carmel Julian'; s-crawford@tamu.edu; 'R. Bowen Loftin'
Subject: RE: Christening of Mitchell Boats

Teri;

Here's something for you -- Kent thinks it would be nice to have the boats do a small
match-race either that weekend, the first "Mitchell Cup". What do you think and how do I
go about getting it organized? I'm good with planning regattas but this is something a
little different!

Rona

-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowle [mailto:fowlet@tamug.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2006 5:59 PM
To: Teri Fowle; aweldon@vpsa.tamu.edu; Brian Hervey; William Hearn; Tammy Lobbaugh; Jim Atchley; Barry E. Leavitt; Cape Fear Yacht Works; DENNIS@rec.tamu.edu; Dean.Bresciani@tamu.edu; BJ Gorman; Gerard Coleman; Steve Conway; LINDA BOMKE; cammack@tamu.edu; B. Greg Mitchell
Cc: Cherie Coffman; Carmel Julian; s-crawford@tamu.edu; R. Bowen Loftin
Subject: Christening of Mitchell Boats

Howdy!

We have a date for the Mitchell boat Christening!

What: George Phydius and Cynthia Woods boat Christening

When: Friday, April 28, 2006

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Where: Texas A&M University at Galveston Marine Terminal

Amy Weldon and I will work together on the Christening Ceremony and a reception following on the Point at the Marine Terminal.

We will need to get invitations sent out fairly quickly. For those of you in College Station, please submit the names and addresses for people you want to invite to Amy Weldon at aweldon@vpsa.tamu.edu. In Galveston, please submit names and addresses to Teri Fowle at fowlet@tamug.edu. Please submit this information by April 3rd.

I am sorry we couldn't accommodate everyone's schedules, this was the best we could do.

Thank you,

Teri A. Fowlé

Director of Communications

Texas A&M University at Galveston

(409) 740-4830

fowlet@tamug.edu
This what you need for Vera Cruz.

-----Original Message-----
From: Smith, Debbie <DebbieSmith@tamu.edu>
To: Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamu.edu>
Sent: Thu May 22 15:12:49 2008
Subject: Vera Cruz Insurance

Brad,

See attached certificate of insurance and let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks!!
Debbie

-----Original Message-----
From: Smith, Debbie
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 1:46 PM
To: McGonagle, Brad
Subject: RE: Vera Cruz Insurance
Importance: High

Brad,

I just sent the request to ANCO. I will forward a Certificate of Insurance and invoice when they are received.

Let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thanks!!
Debbie

-----Original Message-----
From: Brad McGonagle [mailto:mcgonagw@tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 1:36 PM
To: Smith, Debbie
Subject: Re: Vera Cruz Insurance

Go ahead and purchase it and bill us. Thanks
To: Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>
Subject: Vera Cruz Insurance

Brad,

We can get territorial waters for Cynthia Woods endorsed to include the trip to Vera Cruz Mexico from June 1 thru June 30 for the same price as in 2006, $1,000.00.

Please advise as soon as possible if you want me to secure this coverage.

Thanks!!
Debbie
CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

PRODUCER
Anco Insurance B/CS
P. O. Box 3889
Bryan TX 77805
Phone: 979-776-2626  Fax: 979-774-5372

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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS

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CERTIFICATE HOLDER

TAMUGAL

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Hey Brad. Mind giving me an education? Who captains this boat and who will be on it for the race. Think you could convince Kevin to let me go? 🤗

Henry D. Judah, CPCU CLU ChFC
Risk Manager
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From: Smith, Debbie
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2008 3:42 PM
To: 'Connie Regini'
Cc: Judah, Henry D.; Osborn, Sheri L.
Subject: Vera Cruz Regatta - TAMUG
Importance: High

Connie,

Please see attached request for insurance coverage on the vessel Cynthia Woods for the Vera Cruz Regatta Race to Vera Cruz Mexico. Cynthia Woods is already a covered vessel on the A&M System’s Boat policy #OMH346187. We just need to extend the coverage territory for this race.

There will NOT be any “over the side” equipment to be insured this time.

Please Confirm when coverage is bound for June 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

Let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.
Thanks!
Debbie
Insurance Procurement Information Form

System Member: 10-TAMUG

Requesting Department: TAMUG SMALL BOAT BASIN

Department Contact: TAMMY LOBAUGH  Phone #: 409-740-4547

Title: DIRECTOR  Email: lbaugh@tamug.edu

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1675

Galveston, Texas 77553

1. Type of Coverage:  Boat
   (Please specify type of coverage requested)

2. Total Amount of Value of Property/Equipment (if applicable):  360,000

3. Dates of Coverage:  6/1/08  to  6/30/08
   Starting Date  Ending Date

4. Description of Operations/Event/Activity: Vera Cruz Regatta date of Race: 6/4/08 to 6/30/08 Vessel:

   Cynthia Woods Sailboat - Total value: $360,000, Serial No. UAR38007505 Pl and Hull Coverage/
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5. Attachments (include any information that will assist us in determining your insurance needs):
   □ Equipment Inventory List  □ Copy of Contract or Agreement
   □ Information Forms  □ Application
   □ Photographs  □ Brochure
   □ Loss History  □ Other

W. Brad McGonagle, Ph. D.

Digitally signed by W. Brad McGonagle, Ph.D., "cmcninw@bradmcgonagle, Ph.D., D. email, email:bradmcgonagle@email.tamu.edu
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Signature  Date  5/12/08

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System Risk Management
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College Station, TX 77845-3424
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From: <postmaster@tamug.edu>
Date: Sun, Jun 8, 2008 6:44 PM
Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)
To: dschuhlein@gmail.com

This is an automatically generated Delivery Status Notification.

Delivery to the following recipients failed.

lobaughp@tamug.edu

Final-Recipient: rfc822;lobaughp@tamug.edu
Action: failed
Status: 5.1.1

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From: "David Schuhlein"
To: lobaughp@tamug.edu
Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2008 18:41:40 -0500
Subject: Press Release

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Brady,

Will you please have someone from Risk Management contact Nancy Stucky via email to confirm that the Cynthia Woods is insured and give an update on the status of the George Phydis?

Please push to complete this as soon as possible as Nancy would like to release the insurance they have on the boats.

Thank you!

Teri A. Fowlé  
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fowlf@tamug.edu
Lawson, Caroline

From: Jackie Robbins
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:24 AM
To: Brad McGonagle
Subject: Mitchell Boat

Brad, do you know on which departmental inventory the Cynthia Woods will go?

Jackie Robbins
Financial Management Supervisor
Financial Management Services
Texas A&M University at Galveston
Phone 409 740-4432
Fax 409 740-4460
From: Teri Fowlé
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2006 6:01 PM
To: R. Bowen Loftin; 'Dean.Bresciani@tamu.edu'; William Hearn; 'DENNIS@rec.tamu.edu'; 'Brian Hervey'; Jim Aitchley; Tammy Lobaugh; Jackie Robbins; Brad McGonagle
Cc: Cherie Coffman; 'Weldon, Amy'
Subject: Mitchell Boat Titles

Howdy everyone!

Mr. Mitchell was able to get the boats titled in North Carolina and has already signed all the paperwork to transfer title. Jackie Robbins has forwarded paperwork for the George Phydius to Todd Gregory in Property Management for his signature. We believe Todd has already signed off on the paperwork and submitted to TPWD for title. Jackie has signed the paperwork for the Cynthia Woods and has submitted to TPWD for title.

It looks like these boats will officially belong to Texas A&M when we christen them! WAHOO!!

Have a great weekend!

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From: Teri Fowle
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2006 4:15 PM
To: William Hearn; Brad McGonagle; Jim Atchley; Tammy Lobaugh; Jackie Robbins; R. Bowen Loftin
Cc: Cherie Coffman; Carmel Julian
Subject: Mitchell Boat Titles

Jackie Robbins is working very diligently to get the titles squared-away for the Mitchell boats. Mr. Mitchell now has North Carolina title to the boats and Jackie is filling out the forms for Mr. Mitchell's signature to title the boats in Texas in our name for the Cynthia Woods and in TAMU's name for the George Phydias. She will overnight the forms to Mr. Mitchell on Monday.

WAHOOO!!

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The TAMUG Offshore Sail Team will be competing in the Texas Race Week Regatta, April 26 thru April 28. The Cynthia Woods and Reveille, will be taking part in the regatta. The Texas Race Week Regatta is part of the Texas Ocean Racing Circuit competition for the Texas Navy Admiral's Cup. Races will be offshore along the beach front from the South Jetty to the Flagship T Head where top sailing teams from the Gulf Coast will be competing for this much sought after trophy. Best viewing will be from the Flagship Hotel T Head 1100 to 1500. Go out and watch our Offshore Team compete against the best.
The TAMUG and TAMU Offshore Sail Teams won 1st and 3rd Place respectively in the Heald Bank Regatta, a 60 mile race in the Gulf of Mexico, sponsored by Lakewood Yacht Club, Houston. The TAMUG Crew took First Place sailing "Cynthia Woods" and the TAMU Crew took third sailing the "George Phydias". Congratulations to the student crews for a job well done.
Lawson, Caroline

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Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2008 7:24 PM
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Subject: RE:

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I would love to, but I have an appointment with an attorney at 1:30 pm, so I can’t make it. Jim

-----Original Message-----
From: Tammy Lobaugh
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 11:37 AM
To: R. Bowen Loftin; William Hearn; James McCloy; Brad McGonagle
Cc: Jim Atchley
Subject: FW: 20th Annual Harvest Moon Regatta

Let me know if you would care to join Jim and I for the start of the race.
Tammy
Gypsy North –
Student Skipper:
Crew:

Safety Officer: Roger Stone

Returning crew members: Richard Hayes, Blake Boswell, Max Zamkow, Eli Priete, & Stephen Gray.

Excellent views may be had from the pier or along the seawall. So come out and cheer the Aggies to victory!

Tammy Lobaugh
Director Physical Plant & Marine Terminal Operations
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Tel: (409) 740-4547
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Lobauchtt@tamu.edu
From: Tammy Lobaugh  
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2008 12:47 PM  
To: Tammy Lobaugh; Brad McGonagle; Rodney P. McClendon; R. Bowen Loftin; Karen Bigley  
Cc: Jim Atchley  
Subject: RE:  

REGATTA de AMIGOS - SEAWALL VIEWING CANCELLED.  

Weather conditions have resulted in the start of the regatta now being conducted within the jetties. This will allow for more protected water at start times. The start can be seen from Boddoker road (N. most point of Seawall, take a right towards the beach front). If you can join us, please contact me for additional information.  
Regards,  
Tammy  

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From: Tammy Lobaugh  
Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2008 10:02 AM  
To: Brad McGonagle; Rodney P. McClendon; R. Bowen Loftin; Karen Bigley  
Cc: Jim Atchley  
Subject:  

Friday afternoon the TAMUG Offshore Sail Team and the sailboat Cynthia Woods will depart from the Flagship Hotel for the start of the 40th Regatta de Amigos. The offshore regatta is sponsored by the Lakewood Yacht Club and is the longest running and best established offshore race in the Gulf of Mexico. The TAMUG student crew and two safety officers will depart Galveston at 1400hrs (2PM) Friday afternoon June 06, 2008 for Vera Cruz, Mexico.  

Coach, Captain Jim Atchley, Safety Officers Steven Conway & Roger Stone and the TAMUG student crew has a great deal to be proud of. Detailed safety plans, scheduled trainings, vessel inspections and a described chain of command allows the TAMUG Offshore Team to participate in the 630 nautical mile voyage. This will be the second time TAMUG has participated in the Regatta de Amigos. Additional information may be obtained at web site http://www.veracruzregatta.com/.  

If you care to view the start of the race, please join us at the TAMUG Marine Terminal viewing area. We will be located on the back deck of Hooter's (Formerly known as the Ocean Grill) located at 23rd & Seawall.  
Tammy  

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Unfortunately we need new applications and schedule of vessels that TAMUG wants covered on the 2006-2007 policy period.

Thanks!!
Debbie

Debbie Smith, CIC, ACSR
Insurance Specialist

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From: Brad McGonagle
[mailto:mconagaw@tamug.edu]
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 9:58 AM
To: Jim Atchley; Debbie Smith
Subject: Boat Insurance

Debbie,
I received the faxed copy of last year's (2005) boat inventory including the Cynthia Woods from Capt. Jim. Do we need to complete the forms again for the vessels or can we use last year's. Nothing has changed with them to my knowledge but Jim will be better able to make that call.
Either way we will make sure we get the data to you by May 1. Let us know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Brad

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# TEXAS A&M SYSTEM BOAT APPLICATION

**System Member:** 

**Department Name:** 

**Department Contact:** 

**Phone Number:**  
**Fax Number:** 

**Email Address:** 

**Mailing Address:** 

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**Name of Vessel:** 

**Maximum Distance Traveled Offshore:** 
Include the MAXIMUM OFFSHORE DISTANCE requested to be covered by this insurance policy.

**Description/Type of Waters Traveled:** 
Specifically list any states that are traveled outside of Texas Coastline. A more detailed description of the waters traveled should be attached to application.

**Description of Boat Operations:** 
A more detailed description of your operations should be attached to application.

**Who Operates Boat?**  
☐ Employee  ☐ Student  Students are required to attend a training course in proper boat operation.

**Crew/Occupants Information:**  
Maximum Number of Crew On Board At One Time: ____  
Maximum Number of Occupants, other than Crew, On Board At One Time: ____  
According to Manufacturer Specification, Maximum Number of Persons Allowed in Vessel: ____

**Has your operation been subject to a safety audit?**  
☐ Yes  ☐ No  
*If yes, please give details of audit and recommendations, including whose advisory services were used and date when implementation took place. (Please use separate sheet)*

**SCHEDULE OF VESSELS ALONG WITH PICTURE OF VESSEL SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION**

**Please note:**  
This policy contains exclusions and limitations that need to be addressed according to your needs. Please be very specific in providing information on this application in order to address all activities performed with this vessel.

**Signature**  
**Date**

**Title**

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A&M System Building, Suite 1120 • 200 Technology Way • College Station, Texas 77845-3424  
Phone 979.458.6330 • Fax 979.458.6247 • Campus Mailstop 1262
March 27, 2006

VIA Email & Fax

Mr. Brad McGonagle  
Assistant Vice President for Administration  
Texas A&M University at Galveston  
Post Office Box 1675  
Galveston, Texas 77553-1675

RE: Boat Liability and Physical Damage Policy  
Texas A&M System

Dear Mr. McGonagle:

Texas A&M System’s boat policy is subject to expire on August 6, 2006. In order to receive a precise renewal quote and policy, we need to provide updated information to the insurance carrier well in advance of the policy renewal.

We are requesting the attached boat application be completed for each boat and returned with your schedule of vessels. In order to ensure your boats are covered properly, please be very specific as to the operations and waters traveled. This should also include any out of the ordinary operations or travel that should be covered by insurance during the policy period. These items can be addressed in an attachment. Please remember that this policy has distance limitations.

Texas A&M University at Galveston’s application(s) and vessel schedule should be submitted to us no later than May 1, 2006 via email to: inventory@tamu.edu. I have also attached a copy of your final 2005 schedule for you to reference.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please give us a call.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Debbie Smith, CIC, ACSR  
Insurance Specialist

Attachment(s)  
Boat Application  
Blank Schedule of Vessels  
2005 Inventory  
Policy Outline
Named Insured: Texas A&M University System

Company: Great American Insurance Company of New York

Policy Period: August 6, 2005 to August 6, 2006

Limit of Liability: P&I Limit for all vessels is $500,000.

Covered Territory: Warranted navigation confined to inland and coastal waters of the States of Texas and Louisiana, except that the vessel “Sammy Ray” and “San Antonio” may navigate up to 30 miles from the Nearest point of land in these states.

Deductible: P&I deductible are $1,000 for Bodily Injury and Defense Cost Claims and $500 for other P&I claims.

Exclusions: Crew and employees of the Insured are excluded from coverage Under P&I.

Terms and Conditions: Same as the expiring policy

Total Hull Renewal Premium: $18,551.
Total P&I Renewal Premium: $35,600.

TOTAL RENEWAL PREMIUM: $54,151.
POLICY PROCESSING FEE: $ 2,500. Fully Earned

TOTAL RENEWAL PREMIUM WITH FEE: $56,651.
Policy Description
Texas A&M Boat Coverage

Hull Coverage:

Covered Property: Scheduled Boats, Motors, and Trailers including hull, launches, lifeboats, rafts, furniture, bunkers, stores, supplies, tackle, fillings, equipment, apparatus, machinery, boilers, refrigeration machinery, insulations, motor generators and other electrical machinery permanently installed for use on board.

Covered Property does not include: Cargo Containers

Coverage: Fire, Lightning, Earthquake, Jettisons, Barratry of the master and Mariners and All Other Like Perils that shall to the hurt, Detriment, or damage of the vessel.

Major Exclusions: Capture or Seizure; Hostilities and Warlike Actions; Nuclear Weapons; War or Revolution; Piracy; Absolute Pollution; Nuclear Radiation.

Valuation Basis: Replacement Cost up to Agreed Value for Boats and Trailers Actual Cash Value up to Agreed Value for Motors

Limit: Per Schedule

Territory: Coastal and Inland Waters of the states of Louisiana and Texas

Deductible: Various
PROTECTION AND INDEMNITY COVERAGE:

Limit: $500,000 Per Occurrence

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Jim, I will go to TPWD tomorrow or early next week to get the registration cards and decals for the Cynthia Woods, the Rockport, and the Gypsy North. I do not have record of ever receiving the registration renewal notices. On 4/14 I did received the notice to renew the registration on the Smith Point. The notice indicates the current certificate expires 6/30/08. I will mail in the renewal notification to TPWD. It appears that you do not have the right decal on the Smith Point if the expiration date is May 07. Regarding the Sarge I am going to wait a few more days to see if the renewal notice comes in the mail. Regarding the Sea Ag it is too early for the renewal notice to have been sent. Regarding the George Phydias someone in College Station, I think in Financial Management Operations, will receive the renewal notice.

I will call you as soon as I have the cards and decals.

Jackie

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Jackie
I know everybody has a lot on their plates, I do not intend these comments to be derogatory, I am just commenting on facts. But we now have boats which can not operate at times because their TX numbers have expired. This was never the case when TX numbers were sent straight to me. Do you have any suggestions as to how we can simplify the process to ensure that renewals are received and issued in a timely fashion. Is there is anything we can do to lighten your load and get these TX numbers.

Tammy

---Original Message-----
From: Jim Atchley
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 1:11 PM
To: Jackie Robbins
Cc: Tammy Lobaugh; Brad McGonagle
Subject: Boat Registrations

Jackie-The following vessels Texas Registration have expired and/or will be expiring this year. In the past we have always received the new registration 90 days prior to expiring. Please advise me where stand on these renewals as the Cynthia Woods will be racing in a regatta to Veracruz, Mexico and must have a current registration in order to enter that country. Thanks.

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From: Teri Fowlé
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 9:48 AM
To: Jim Atchley
Cc: Tammy Lobaugh; Brad McGonagle
Subject: RE: Cape Fear 38 Cynthia Woods

Jim,

The title is in process. We have completed the paperwork for George Mitchell and have sent everything to him for signature. As I mentioned the other day, we can proceed with the CW – the boat is being titled for the first time so the title will come from the State – but George Mitchell has already given the boats to us and CS. We don’t have to wait until we physically have the title in hand. It is well along in process.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Jim Atchley
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2006 8:26 AM
To: Teri Fowlé
Cc: Tammy Lobaugh; Brad McGonagle
Subject: Cape Fear 38 Cynthia Woods

Teri–Have we received the title and registration for the Cynthia Woods? Thanks Jim
Lawson, Caroline

From: Teri Fowle
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2005 3:44 PM
To: Tammy Lobaugh; William Hearn; Brad McGonagle; Jim Atchley
Cc: 'LINDA BOMKE'; 'Barry E. Leavitt'
Subject: RE: CF 38's

Please see the email below regarding the George Phydias and Cynthia Woods. Capt. Atchley and Tammy Lobaugh are changing the locks on the boats to further secure them.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Tammy Lobaugh
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2005 3:06 PM
To: William Hearn; Brad McGonagle; Teri Fowle; Jim Atchley
Subject: CF 38's

I briefly spoke to Jim this morning.... he had just returned from Payco Marina and it seems that both GP and CW were broke into. Nothing seems to have been taken or broken. Jim was in the process of putting new pad locks on both.

Seems that somebody was very eager to see what was on the insides.... I have been entertaining the idea of adding additional fencing to the walkway leading to the floating dock in an effort to secure the floating dock. If the boats were broke into at a non-disclosed location, I am concerned of them sitting in the basin right off the channel. This type of unwelcome visitation further endorses restricting the berths.

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Lobaugh@tamug.edu
Mr. Trahan:

Thank you for the note. I also received the written estimate in today's mail. Dr. Brad McGonagle will process this and have a check issued to you as soon as possible.

Again, thank you for coming to our rescue. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to help us.

Bowen Loftin

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-----Original Message-----
From:       [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2006 6:10 PM
To: R. Bowen Loftin
Subject: Re: Cynthia Woods

Mr. Loftin,
I got an estimate to repair the damage to my boat (fiberglass repair), the cost to repair the fiberglass is $450.00 and additional $400.00 to buff & wax gel coat to match repairs for a total $850.00. I hope this is not too much. As far as gas goes, it's probably not that much about 5 to 10 gallons. I will mail invoice of written estimate for repairs. Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
James K. Trahan

----- Original Message -----
From: "R. Bowen Loftin" <loftin@tamug.edu>
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2006 7:35 pm
Subject: Cynthia Woods
To: "

> Mr. Trahan:
>
> Again, thank you for helping pull the Cynthia Woods off the shoals
> where she ran aground in the Houston Ship Channel on Saturday. We are
> very appreciative of all you did to get her off and for conveying the
> Woosley's back to our campus.
>
> Please send me an invoice (address below for mail or fax) for
> repairing any damages to your boat that were incurred during the rescue
> efforts. Also, just reply to this note with an estimate of the cost
> for the fuel that you expended. We are more than happy to compensate
> you for the damages to your boat and for the cost of fuel.
> Sincerely,
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>
Thank you! I'm heading out the door now.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Brad McGonagle  
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2006 4:39 PM  
To: Teri Fowle  
Subject: RE: Cynthia Woods

Teri,
She is down at the boat basin. She arrived yesterday. I specifically told the Physical Plant folks to call you as she was coming in so that you could come down and take pictures. I apologize that did not happen but she is definitely down there. I will find out what happened on that. Go ahead and go down and take all that you need. She is a nice boat to say the least.

Brad

-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowle  
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2006 4:36 PM  
To: Jim Atchley; Brad McGonagle  
Subject: FW: Cynthia Woods

Please let me know when the Cynthia Woods arrives on campus. I need to get a digital photo of the boat for Dr. Loftin.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----
From: R. Bowen Loftin  
Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2006 2:21 PM  
To: Teri Fowle  
Subject: Cynthia Woods

Teri:
Can you get me a digital image of the CW?

Thanks,

Bowen

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
Brad;

Haven't been able to find the results online. Can you help?

Thanks,

Rona

-----Original Message-----
From: Brad McGonagle [mailto:mconagle@tamug.edu]
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2006 2:51 PM
To:
Cc: Teri Fowle
Subject: FW: Cynthia Woods Tracking

Ms. Bomke and Rona,

Texas A&M University at Galveston's Cynthia Woods left the jetties in Galveston today at 2:15 p.m. on her way to Vera Cruz in the Regatta Di Amigos XX Race to Vera Cruz. We wanted Mr. Mitchell and Kent to be able to track her in the race which they can do by accessing the following website:

http://www.veracruzregatta.com/

Go to the far right of the page and click on iBoat Track Race Tracker then select Cynthia Woods.

The Cynthia Woods is a great sailing vessel and our students, faculty and staff very much appreciate all that Cape Fear Yacht Works and Mr. Mitchell has done for TAMUG.

Fair Winds.

Brad

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mconagle@tamug.edu
From: Steve Conway  
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2006 4:00 PM  
To: Brad McGonagle  
Subject: RE: Cynthia Woods Tracking - was this announced across campus??

Brad -
Can this be posted on MNET or send via aggnews? Others might be interested in keeping track as well. I haven't seen or heard this announced, Do you know if it was?

Cathy

-----Original Message-----
From: Brad McGonagle  
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2006 2:25 PM  
To: Bill Hearn (E-mail); Donna Lang (E-mail); fowlet@tamug.tamu.edu; Grant Shallenberger (E-mail); hollidat@tamug.tamu.edu; Jim McCloy (E-mail); R. Bowen Loftin; seitzb@tamug.tamu.edu; Steven Conway (E-mail); Susan Lee  
Subject: Cynthia Woods Tracking

The accompanying website will provide real-time tracking of the Cynthia Woods as they sail south to Vera Cruz. They were second at the start and Capt. Jim feels they have a great chance to win if all goes well. I will keep ya'll posted.

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From: R. Bowen Loftin
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2006 2:34 PM
To: Brad McGonagle
Subject: Re: Cynthia Woods Tracking

Please send this info to Kent and to Mr. Mitchell's assistant in his Houston office.

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----
From: Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>
To: Bill Hearn (E-mail) <hearnb@tamug.tamu.edu>; Donna Lang (E-mail) <langd@tamug.tamu.edu>; fowlet@tamug.tamu.edu <fowlet@tamug.tamu.edu>; Grant Shallenberger (E-mail) <shalleng@tamug.tamu.edu>; hollidat@tamug.tamu.edu <hollidat@tamug.tamu.edu>; JimMcCloy (E-mail) <mccloyj@tamug.tamu.edu>; R. Bowen Loftin <Loftin@tamug.edu>; seitzb@tamug.tamu.edu <seitzb@tamug.tamu.edu>; Steven Conway (E-mail) <conways@tamug.tamu.edu>; Susan Lee <lees@tamug.edu>
Sent: Fri Jun 02 14:24:51 2006
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ph: 979-458-6330

-----Original Message-----
From: Brad McGonagle [mailto:mcgonagw@tamug.edu]
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2006 4:41 PM
To: Walton, Matthew; Miller, Kathy
Subject: Fw: Cynthia Woods Tracking

Track the progress of the Cynthia Woods.

http://www.veracruzregatta.com/

Go to the far right of the page and click on iBoat Track Race Tracker then select Cynthia Woods.

The Cynthia Woods is a great sailing vessel and our students, faculty and staff very much appreciate all that Cape Fear Yacht Works and Mr. Mitchell has done for TAMUG.

Fair Winds.

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I figured I will drive to avoid any media detection. Thor said the Daily News has already started reporting the salvage operation and that the destination is undisclosed. He figures there will be media at the gate when we arrive. We can meet up at the Walmart parking lot in La Marque then take 2004 down to Freeport. Brown wants to go as well. Let me know yall's thoughts.

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-----Original Message-----
From: R. Bowen Loftin
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 12:47 PM
To: Brad McGonagle; Rodney P. McClendon
Cc: Cherie Coffman
Subject: Re: Freeport Launch Access Request - Confidential

DL# 05677976

Do you want to use university vehicle?

Rodney: Mr. Hanson?

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-----Original Message-----
From: Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>
To: Thor Jones
CC: Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon <mccclendr@tamug.edu>; R. Bowen Loftin <loftin@tamug.edu>; Brown, Jerry <JMBrown@tamu.edu>; Cherie Coffman <coffmanC@tamug.edu>
Sent: Tue Jun 10 12:35:03 2008
Subject: Freeport Launch Access Request - Confidential

Mr. Hoff and Thor,

The following individuals will be arriving tonight at the Freeport Launch front gate in an Gray Infiniti to view the hull of the Cynthia Woods. Thor, please provide acknowledgement for Mr. Huff. Thanks.
Brad

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From: Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>
To: Thor Jones <thorjones@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon <mcclemdr@tamug.edu>; R. Bowen Loftin <loftin@tamug.edu>; Brown, Jerry <JMBrown@tamu.edu>; Cherie Coffman <coffmanc@tamu.edu>
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From: Thor Jones
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 1:31 PM
To: Brad McGonagle; launch@freeportlaunch.com
Cc: Rodney P. McClendon; R. Bowen Loftin; 'Brown, Jerry'; Cherie Coffman; Ken
Subject: RE: Freeport Launch Access Request - Confidential

Brad,

As discussed, at this time the only persons allowed to grant access to the vessel are you, Mr. Kenneth Diers (my boss) or me. Mr. John Hoss will be the primary contact at Freeport Launch Service, Inc. – the other person in charge at that facility is Mr. Jeff Stanley.

Have just received an update advising that T & T Marine has successfully installed a lift bag inside the vessel and is preparing a towing bridle.

If you have any questions, please call.

Thanks,

Thor Jones

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Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 12:35 PM
To: Thor Jones;
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Jim,

The only way that I see that we can transition from wherther we are today to where we need to be is for you to work with our team and boat the same way you do with you team and boat. From a risk management point of view the insurance people and the lawyers consider our sailing teams as part of the same university. To me that means that we have one set of standards, procedures, etc. and we have one "expert" in charge. In my opinion that needs to be you. As far as equipping the boat, I would like you to be the responsible person. We will pay for the equipment, we just need to set up an account to handle these expenses. We should also set up a way to pay you for your time in working with our team. I know that it is possible to get paid in excess of 100%, but your supervisor would need to approve.

I would like you to begin working directly with our team members. I think it will get them on the boat sooner and with an understanding of your expectations. Sikarat Kazeem, Keith Joseph, James Welford, and I should be informed of any communications and of course we would need to approve expenses. We will supply you with a roster and the Personal Data forms soon.

We should probably set up a conference call to begin working on the details. I will have Christina set it up.

Dennis Corrington
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>>> "Jim Atchley" <atchleyj@tamug.edu> 05/01/06 4:15 PM >>>
James-I will be glad to furnish a list of the equipment needed to make George Phydius ready for sea. I think you are looking at $10M-$15M as far as costs and a month or two from the time we start to complete the outfiting. I think the best case would be to get the boat ready this summer for the fall regattas. Have the Personal Data forms been completed by each member of your team, the resume on Josh needed dates, name of boat he crewed on, and the name of the owner or skipper of the boats on which he crewed and their phone # or address. The only way you can evaluate at what level your team can compete is to know what their experience is and what training they will require. I think this is where you must start to get the ball rolling. Let me know if I can help.
Thanks Jim

-----Original Message-----
Dennis Corrington has asked me to ask the following questions:

During our conversation you mentioned that you would be willing to send me the info regarding the equipment you purchased and installed on the Cynthia Woods. I would really appreciate the info.

Additionally, Dennis Corrington and I met this morning and he has two questions. 1. What does it take to get the boat ready for sea?

2. Since TAMU is going to follow TAMUG as it relates to procedures for taking the boat out, how can we make it happen. I would like to get our student on the boat just to take it out and sail.

Again, fantastic show this past Friday.

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Lawson, Caroline

From: Nancy Stucky  
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2006 9:35 AM  
To: Brad McGonagle  
Subject: RE: Insurance on Cynthia Woods

Sounds like fun! Enjoy!!

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From: Brad McGonagle [mailto:mgonagw@tamug.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2006 9:29 AM  
To: Nancy Stucky  
Subject: RE: Insurance on Cynthia Woods

Most definitely. He will return your call and I will call him as well. Right now I know the Cynthia Woods has been cleared for use by Risk Management. We are planning on sailing her some this week and next weekend in preparation for the Vera Cruz regatta. Thanks.

Brad

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From: Nancy Stucky  
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To: Brad McGonagle  
Cc: Teri Fowle  
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From: Nancy Stucky
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Thanks Brad. How do I get in touch with Matt?

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To: Teri Fowle; Walton, Matthew
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Subject: RE: Insurance on Cynthia Woods

Matt Walton with System Risk Management has been working with us on the insurance for the two boats. He will be able to give you better information. He has been doing a great job in helping us with this project. Thanks.

Brad

W. Brad McGonagle, Ph.D.
From: Teri Fowlé  
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 5:03 PM  
To: Brad McGonagle  
Cc: 'Nancy Stucky'  
Subject: Insurance on Cynthia Woods  

Brad,

Will you please have someone from Risk Management contact Nancy Stucky via email to confirm that the Cynthia Woods is insured and give an update on the status of the George Phydius?

Please push to complete this as soon as possible as Nancy would like to release the insurance they have on the boats.

Thank you!

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Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 5:03 PM
To: Brad McGonagle
Cc: Nancy Stucky
Subject: Insurance on Cynthia Woods

Brad,

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Texas A&M University at Galveston
Lawson, Caroline

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Subject: RE: Insurance on Cynthia Woods

I will just call him. Thanks.

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From: Brad McGonagle [mailto:mgonagw@tamug.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2006 9:20 AM
To: Nancy Stucky
Subject: RE: Insurance on Cynthia Woods

His office number is 979-458-6234. He will be a great help. I apologize for not being of better help but you will be in good hands with Matt. I will be glad to conference call with yall as well. Just let me know. Thanks.

Brad

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-----Original Message-----
From: Brad McGonagle  
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2006 3:53 PM  
To: Donna Lang  
Subject: RE: Martyn Gunn - Dean of Undergraduate Studies

Is this good for us?

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-----Original Message-----
From: Donna Lang  
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2006 3:51 PM  
To: Allen Worley; William Hearn; William Seitz; R. Bowen Loftin; Brad McGonagle; Grant Shallenberger; James McCloy; Steve Conway; Susan Lee; Tammy Hollliday  
Subject: FW: Martyn Gunn - Dean of Undergraduate Studies

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-----Original Message-----
From: Gonzales, Janet H [mailto:janet-gonzales@tamu.edu]
The following is sent to you on behalf of Dr. Mark Weichold.

Janet

-----Original Message-----

From: Prior, David

to: EVP - Deans (All); EVP - Assoc & Asst Provosts; EVP - VP Meeting Group

Sent: Mon Nov 20 15:27:19 2006

Subject: Dean of Undergraduate Studies

All: pending approval of the Chancellor and the Board of Regents it is my pleasure to informally announce that Dr. Martyn Gunn has agreed to serve as the next Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Associate Provost for Academic Services. The Search Committee is gratefully acknowledged for its diligence and skill in bringing forward excellent candidates. Since Board approval is required their will be no formal announcement or press releases at this time.

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Lawson, Caroline

From: Jackie Robbins
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 2:20 PM
To: Brad McGonagle
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boat

Thanks.

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From: Brad McGonagle
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 2:00 PM
To: Jackie Robbins
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boat

Small Boat Basin/Marine Terminal

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From: Jackie Robbins
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2006 9:24 AM
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Subject: Mitchell Boat

Brad, do you know on which departmental inventory the Cynthia Woods will go?

Jackie Robbins
Financial Management Supervisor
Financial Management Services
Texas A&M University at Galveston
Phone 409 740-4432
Fax 409 740-4460
Sorry – Brian Hervey with Student Affairs!

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-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowlé  
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2005 10:43 AM  
To: William Hearn; Tammy Lobaugh; Jim Atchley; Brad McGonagle; Jackie Robbins  
Subject: FW: Mitchell Boats

Howdy everyone!

I want to bring you up to speed on the myriad of emails regarding the Mitchell boats. Here is a synopsis:

- Bob Walker will be handling the donation of the George Phydias
- We are handling the donation for the Cynthia Woods
- George Mitchell wants the entire gift process complete before we close the University for the holidays
- Cape Fear Yachts will issue a title for the boats to George Mitchell and he will turn title over to CS and us
- Brian Herbie from Student Affairs called me regarding the George Phydias
- To his knowledge, the CS Sail Team would like to house the George Phydias at our campus
- He is gathering up the appropriate team of people to travel to Galveston to meet with us and go over all the details of:
  - Costs
  - Access to boats
  - Any rules they need to follow

I will need a detailed list of costs we have incurred so far on the George Phydias and the Cynthia Woods. Please break out costs by boat and break down costs so the Foundation can see exactly what the costs are that were incurred.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowlé  
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2005 10:07 AM  
To: 'Barry E. Leavitt'; 'Cape Fear Yacht Works'
Good Morning Barry,

We have information for you regarding a contact person at main campus for the donation of the George Phydi's. Please address the letter to:

Dr. Robert Walker  
Vice President of Development  
Texas A&M University  
401 George Bush Dr.  
College Station, TX 77840-2811

Karen Pearce is the assistant to Dr. Walker and can be reached at (979) 845-8161. I have copied both Dr. Walker and Karen Pearce on this email so they will have your email address as well.

Dr. Walker will handle all the paperwork and the donation process for the George Phydi's. I can remain your contact for the Cynthia Woods and the letter for that vessel can be addressed to Dr. R. Bowen Loftin.

Thank you for all your work on this! I know that through the process we forget about how excited all the students are to receive this gift. I will tell you that everyone here is so very excited and the students can't wait to get the Cynthia Woods out for a sail!!

Take care,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Barry E. Leavitt  
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2005 9:37 AM  
To: 'Cape Fear Yacht Works'; Teri Fowler  
Cc: R. Bowen Loftin; 'Ron S. Webster'  
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Hi Rona,

Here are your answers, along with some follow-up comments.

1. The boats should be titled to George P. Mitchell personally.

2. The address should be:
   600 Travis, Suite 1850  
   Houston, Texas  77002

   When you mail them, please send them to my attention.

3. Regarding the date of transfer, I would be happy to have today's date for both boats.  
   a. As you know, the George Phydi's has been paid for in full, but a final payment  
      has not yet been made on the Cynthia Woods. To make things easiest on us from  
      Mr. Mitchell's standpoint, we would like to make the final payment now, before
the gift of the Cynthia Woods is made, just so we have all of the paperwork done in 2005. Mr. Mitchell has suggested that he just pay Cape Fear Yacht Works the same $121,472 that he paid for the George Phydias for a final payment and for CFYW to make that work for you. I spoke with Kent last week, and he said that your accountant had left and it was making things difficult to get the numbers together.

b. If this sounds OK to you, I can arrange to have that check made out ASAP.

In the meantime, I can continue to work with Teri Fowle and Dr. Loftin to get the transfer documents ready for the two different TAMU campus locations.

Thank you,

Barry E. Leavitt

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V.P. - Tax, Estate Planning, & Legal Affairs
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-----Original Message-----
From: Cape Fear Yacht Works
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2005 6:43 AM
To: 'Teri Fowle'; 'Barry E. Leavitt'
Cc: 'R. Bowen Loftin'
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Hi guys;

I just need to confirm that the boats are to be titled to Mr. Mitchell personally and not to GPM or other entity; the address; and the date that you'd like the title transfer, either pre or post today.

Thanks,

Rona

-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowle [mailto:fowlet@tamug.edu]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2005 5:31 PM
To: Barry E. Leavitt
Cc: R. Bowen Loftin; Cape Fear Yacht Works
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Hi Barry,

Here is the information I have on Rona (I have copied her on this email so you will have each other's email addresses):

Office #: (910) 395-0189
Fax #: (910) 395-0427
Email:
I can check with Capt. Atchley to see if he has a cell phone number for Rona – This is all I have. I did send Rona an email and request title for both boats and told her you needed a final bill for the Cynthia Woods.

Thanks,

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From: Barry E. Leavitt  
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2005 3:23 PM  
To: Teri Fowlé  
Cc: R. Bowen Loftin  
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Teri,

Thanks for the update. Would you please give me Rona’s phone number? Mr. Mitchell is quite adamant about donating both boats to TAMU this year (I spoke to him about it 10 minutes ago) and there are a couple of issues that need to be expedited if we are to get that done in time.

In the meantime, our attorney has drafted a Gift Deed that includes the technical description of the boat (for the George Phidias) and that also has some important wording for us. Once we get the correct person to acknowledge the gift – as you suggest, for the first boat it is likely Mr. Gates – and we have the hull number of the boat, the gift deed is ready. If title can not be obtained before the end of the year for some reason, that Gift Deed says that “donor shall execute such other documents as may be necessary to reflect the transfer of title to the Gifted Vessel to the Donee as stated herein.”

Let’s keep pushing forward to see if TAMU can receive both boats this year.

Thanks,

Barry

-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowlé [mailto:fowl@fowl@tamu.edu]  
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2005 3:16 PM  
To: Barry E. Leavitt  
Cc: R. Bowen Loftin  
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Hi Barry,

Yes, I will contact Rona and request a title for the George Phidias. I believe that the boat going to College Station should be addressed to
TAMU President Robert Gates. I have copied Dr. Loftin (our campus
Chief Executive Officer) to be sure this is correct. I will let you know.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Barry E. Leavitt
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2005 5:29 PM
To: Teri Fowlé
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Hi Teri,

Please push forward with the issue of title. We basically have the
documents ready to go for the George Phydias, but we cannot
proceed without title. If you do speak with Rona, please pass on
that we cannot donate the Cynthia Woods until they have sent us a
final bill to pay first, so we can get clear title.

Incidentally, since the George Phydias is going to the College
Station campus, could you please give us the complete and correct
address? Your draft (when you were suggesting a split gift rather
than the separate gift concept that we all now agree is better) just
had the partial address of:

Texas A&M University
Mail Stop_______
College Station, TX _______.

I am copying Ron Webster, our attorney who is working on this
project with me. If Ron should call you with any questions about
gifting either boat, please feel free to share everything with him.

Thanks,

Barry

-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowlé [mailto:fowl@tamug.edu]
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2005 5:12 PM
To: LINDA BOMKE; Cape Fear Yacht Works
Cc: Barry E. Leavitt; Nancy Stucky; Phyllis Lutz; William Hearn; Ron
Streibich; Jackie Robbins; Ann Lovett
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

Hi Barry!
Attached is a deed of gift and draft copy of a letter of intent to donate the George Phydas to the Texas A&M College Station sail team. In the draft letter, I only included the information required in the letter, feel free to add as other information as needed by the Mitchell's. Because we are dealing with the two campuses, I think it will be best to handle each boat as a separate gift.

I've already asked around about the title issue and I think Nancy is going to check with Rona to see if Cape Fear generates the title with the new boats. I'll let you know what I hear. I've also checked with Jackie Robbins and she can check into it if needed but also suggested the first step should be to check with Cape Fear to see if they generate the title.

I will be in the office on Monday so feel free to call if you have any questions.

Have a GREAT weekend!!

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Hi Tammy,

I have requested paperwork from Roana Garm and Linda Bomke. If I don't hear from them by tomorrow, I'll request it again.

I have already started moving forward on the christening ceremonies...we'll get together on this once I get settled.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Tammy Lobaugh  
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2005 11:32 AM  
To: William Hearn; Brad McGonagle; Teri Fowlé  
Cc: R. Bowen Loftin  
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

I agree that we need to sit tight and we will keep everybody  
Off the boats until everything title wise is in place.

My understanding was that the Mitchell group had asked that we  
place the the christening ceremony/reception on hold until spring.  
I would really like to do this up nice. I was thinking it would be nice  
to have food & drink under the tents at the point, time for Kent Mitchell  
to promote Cape Fear Yachts...and active participation of the Offshore  
Crew members (and them in shirts designed for the George Phydias  
and the Cynthia Woods). I think Teri might actually have the dates  
which the Mitchell's had suggetested.

May each of you and your families have a very Happy Thanksgiving!  
I'll see you on Monday. Tammy

I have asked Jim Atchley to hold off on bringing the vessels over until we get the titles or at least an offer letter in place. Teri found out that the Mitchell organization (Rona) is working with the TAMU development foundation on the offer. We definitely can not put students on board prior to receiving title because of the liability to Mr. Mitchell should there be an accident.
Have they been officially Christened? We need to explore an appropriate thank you venue.

Bill

-----Original Message-----
From: Tammy Lobaugh
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2005 11:38 AM
To: Teri Fowlé
Cc: Brad McGonagle; William Hearn; Jim Atchley; R. Bowen Loftin; Cherie Coffman
Subject: RE: Mitchell Boats

I have no paperwork, nor do I believe Jim to have any.
Tammy

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Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2005 11:37 AM
To: Tammy Lobaugh
Cc: Brad McGonagle; William Hearn; Jim Atchley; R. Bowen Loftin; Cherie Coffman
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Thanks Tammy - do you have any paperwork at all?

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Cc: Brad McGonagle; William Hearn; Tammy Lobaugh; Jim Atchley; R. Bowen Loftin; Cherie Coffman
Subject: Mitchell Boats

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• Copy of the vessels titles

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Happy Thanksgiving!

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To: 'cfowl@ec.rr.com'; LINDA BOMKE  
Cc: Brad McGonagle; William Hearn; Tammy Lobaugh; Jim Atchley; R. Bowen Loftin; Cherie Coffman  
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Bowen,

I spoke with Brad earlier today. For the actual gift process, you will have to sign. Dr. Walker cannot accept a gift to TAMUG. You, as the VP, will be ultimately responsible for the inventory and maintenance of the vessel so Ann Lovett will need the letter of acceptance signed by you.

Brad spoke with Dean Endler who works in contract administration. If Dean needs Dr. Walker’s signature as well on the University contract side, it should be no problem obtaining it. However, it would make more sense to me that due to the dollar value of the gift, it would be more appropriate to get Dr. Prior’s signature instead of another VP. Brad, will you please check again with Dean Endler to find out about the signatures? We will proceed on with Dean’s recommendation however the Foundation will need the letter of acceptance from Dr. Loftin.

Ann mentioned that she has received documentation on the Cynthia Woods. I will work with Capt. Atchley to get the letter of recommendation to you to accept the gift and then will draft a letter from you to accept the gift. After this paperwork is complete, we will work with Dean Endler to obtain the signatures he requires.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----
From: R. Bowen Loftin
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 1:57 PM
To: Teri Fowle
Cc: Brad McGonagle
Subject: Re: Mitchell- Cynthia Woods Sail Boat

Teri:

Please consult with Brad regarding the signature requirements.

Bowen

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowle <fowlet@tamug.edu>
To: 'Ann Lovett' <a-lovett@tamu.edu>
Hi Ann,

I will give you a phone call ... are you in your office?

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-----Original Message-----
From: Ann Lovett [mailto:a-lovett@tamu.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 1:43 PM  
To: Teri Fowel  
Cc: Tara Voskamp; Kristi Downey; Debora Voorhies; R. Bowen Loftin  
Subject: RE: Mitchell- Cynthia Woods Sail Boat

Teri,

We have the gift deed and the IRS form from Mr. Mitchell for the Cynthia Woods. Is this gift deed not accurate and are they going to send a new one when it is indeed gifted to TAMUG? What do you want me to do with the gift deed and all other paperwork?

Thanks!

From: Teri Fowel [mailto:fowl@tamug.edu]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 1:09 PM  
To: Ann Lovett  
Cc: Tara Voskamp; Kristi Downey; Debora Voorhies; R. Bowen Loftin  
Subject: RE: Mitchell- Cynthia Woods Sail Boat

Hi Ann,
We have not received the Cynthia Woods yet. She is still being put together. The paperwork sent to you is for the George Phydia and that boat should be received by Mr. Walker.

Let me know if there is something more I can do.

Thanks,

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----Original Message-----
From: Ann Lovett [mailto:a-lovett@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2005 4:33 PM
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To: Teri Fowlé
Cc: Tara Voskamp; Kristi Downey; Debora Voorhies; R. Bowen Loftin
Subject: RE: Mitchell- Cynthia Woods Sail Boat

Teri,

We have the gift deed and the IRS form from Mr. Mitchell for the Cynthia Woods. Is this gift deed not accurate and are they going to send a new one when it is indeed gifted to TAMUG? What do you want me to do with the gift deed and all other paperwork?

Thanks!

From: Teri Fowlé [mailto:fowl@tamug.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 1:09 PM
To: Ann Lovett
Cc: Tara Voskamp; Kristi Downey; Debora Voorhies; R. Bowen Loftin
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Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2005 11:38 AM  
To: 'Brian Hervey'  
Cc: DENNIS CORRINGTON; Karen Pearce; Robert Walker; Bresciani, Dean L.; William Hearn; Brad McGonagle; Tammy Lobaugh; Jim Atchley  
Subject: RE: Mitchell donation

Howdy Brian!

It was so good to hear from you! Mr. Bill Hearn here on our campus is working with our staff to be sure all the paperwork is in order for the process of using and maintaining the vessel once it arrives. We have been working on this for quite a while so here is an update with the most current information:

- Mr. George Mitchell has requested that the George Phylidas be used primarily by the CS sail team
- Mr. George Mitchell has requested that the Cynthia Woods be used primarily by the Galveston sail team
- Both boats are currently at Payco Marina in Galveston
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- The Cynthia Woods is still being put together and once complete can we move it to TAMUG
- Mr. Mitchell has requested that the entire gift process be completed by the time the University closes for the Holidays
- We are well on target with the Mitchell folks to meet Mr. Mitchell's deadline.

We are also ready to meet with you all as soon as time permits. We would love to have you visit our campus so you can see the boats and meet all of our marine terminal staff and then we'll sit down and talk about getting everything together for the use of the boats.

I know the end of the year is very busy, please let us know how your schedules look. I will be in College Station on Thursday if you need anything. I'll check with our Marine Terminal staff to see if we have a few photos we can email to you. We're looking forward to working with you and winning many races in these new boats!!

Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2005 11:19 AM  
To: Teri Fowlé  
Cc: DENNIS CORRINGTON; Karen Pearce; Robert Walker; Bresciani, Dean L.  
Subject: Mitchell donation

Howdy, Teri

Thanks for the information about the generous donation of a boat for the TAMU sailing team by George and Cynthia Mitchell. We will plan to meet in Galveston soon to discuss the details of the gift and usage guidelines.

Thank you very much for your work on this. Please let us know if we need to take any actions prior to the meeting in Galveston. At this point, my understanding is that the boat, George Phylidas, will be housed at the TAMUG marina, likely as soon as the end of this week, and Mr. Mitchell’s attorney has contact information for Dr. Robert Walker, TAMU VP for Development, as a contact for receipt of the title on behalf of Texas A&M University. The second boat will be owned by Texas A&M University, Galveston.
My office line is below, or I can be reached by cell phone at 979-255-0198 with any questions.

Gig ‘Em

Brian

Brian T. Hervey
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Fax 979-458-1691
Congratulations to all of you for bringing this along.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2008 9:23 AM  
To: Brad McGonagle  
Subject: RE: Offshore Sail Teams Win (all)

Thanks Brad, the students have worked very hard at practice and it paid off for them, hopefully we can do as well in the race to Veracruz. Jim

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From: Brad McGonagle  
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 2:39 PM  
To: Jim Atchley  
Cc: Bill Hearn  
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Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2006 4:43 pm
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From: Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>
Date: Thursday, July 20, 2006 10:01 am
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From: Tammy Lobaugh  
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 5:40 PM  
To: Susan Lee  
Cc: Jackie Robbins; Brad McGonagle; Jim Atchley; Kathy Mull  
Subject: FW: Research Vessels

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On another note, Chad Wooten has received a $35,000 check from the Frueauff Foundation. Unfortunately, they made the check payable to TAMUG. Can we sign the check over to the A&M Foundation? The letter from the Frueauff Foundation states that the donor wishes for part of the funds to be added to the endowment already in place but that some of the funds can also be used to give a scholarship to be awarded this spring during our awards ceremonies but will be applied to student financial aid in the fall. I say this hoping that will make it clear that they meant for the funds to go to the Foundation for the benefit of Galveston. Chad brought the check and letter from the Foundation to campus and I am including it in the package going to Bob Walker. If we can sign the check over to the A&M Foundation, I will try to get that taken care of and then get the check included in the information coming to you with an asset transmittal.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: TAMUG Dec 1-16 2005.XLS

Teri,

We will be sending copies of the documents to Sue Redman for the approval process and we will send the originals to Property Management once the approval process goes through, so you can send the originals to our office to get the paperwork started. We will have someone here over the holidays to receive mail and my staff and I will be here several days to process paperwork.

Thanks!

From: Teri Fowlé [mailto:fowlé@tamu.edu]
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To: Ann Lovett
Cc: Ron Streibich
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Here is the excel spreadsheet for the HUGE amount of gifts we received between December 1st and 16th. =)

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Sent: Friday, June 06, 2008 1:53 PM
To: Brad McGonagle
Subject: RE: Tracking of Cynthia Woods

This is cool! I look forward to tracking it. Thanks.

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---Original Message-----
From: Brad McGonagle
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2008 8:54 AM
To: Rodney P. McClendon
Subject: Tracking of Cynthia Woods

Rodney,
The accompanying website is the one used to track the Cynthia Woods as they sail to Vera Cruz. They will start from the end of the Galveston Ship Channel at 2:00 today and should arrive in Vera Cruz by Monday if all goes well. This is a bi-annual race. Four years ago bad weather forced them to drop out at Brownsville and two years ago they finished but it was two days after the race ended due to low or no wind during the race. This year Capt. Jim is hoping to win it and I think they have the crew to do so (Steve Conway is the Safety Officer on board). The other really nice thing about this year’s race is we have a student from College Station sailing from their sail team. This is huge because of all the Risk Management issues we had with their sail team and the George Phydias which is the boat Mr. Mitchell donated to the TAMU Sail Team that is docked in our boat basin.

http://charthorizon.com/races/2008_galveston_veracruz/htdocs/
Under Boat Control Panel 2. Choose which boats you wish to track, select Cynthia Woods and it will pull up the location of the boat. This is a really cool way to track their progress.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Brad

W. Brad McGonagle, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice President for Administration Texas A&M University at Galveston P.O. Box 1675
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(409) 740-4502
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mcgonagw@tamug.edu
Lawson, Caroline

From: McGinnis, Kevin [McGinnis@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2006 10:48 AM
To: Walton, Matthew
Cc: Brad McGonagle
Subject: RE: Update on the status of the Mitchell boats

Brad,

I have sent the gift agreement forward to be signed. Since your procedure and program are in order the vessel may be utilized by TAMUG.

Kevin

From: Walton, Matthew
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 11:54 AM
To: 'Kevin McGinnis'
Subject: FW: Update on the status of the Mitchell boats

FYI,

Looks like the title issue for both boats have been resolved and have been sent from North Carolina to Mr. Mitchell for his endorsement and our releasing him of his liability upon our acceptance.

Brad called again and has asked if they are cleared to sail this weekend. I again told him that you had notified those requesting clarification regarding our liability and that TAMUG had met our requirements to sail. He does not want to assume that he has been approved to move forward.

I told him that I understood you to mean that they were cleared to Sail On. Am I correct?

Matt Walton
Manager, Safety and Risk Assessment
The Texas A&M University System
Office of the Treasurer
Risk Management and Safety
A&M System Building, Suite 1120
200 Technology Way
College Station, Texas 77845-3424
ph: 979-458-6330

From: Brad McGonagle [mailto:mcgonaglw@tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2006 11:12 AM
To: Walton, Matthew
Subject: FW: Update on the status of the Mitchell boats

Here is the latest on the title for the boats. Hang on to this until we hear the titles are actually in our hands. Thanks.

W. Brad McGonagle, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice President for Administration
Texas A&M University at Galveston
P.O. Box 1675
From: Teri Fowle
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2006 2:45 PM
To: William Hearn; Brad McGonagle; Jim Atchley; Tammy Lobaugh; 'DENNIS@rec.tamu.edu'; 'Brian Hervey'
Cc: R. Bowen Loftin
Subject: FW: Update on the status of the Mitchell boats

For Your Information.

Teri A. Fowlé
Director of Communications
Texas A&M University at Galveston
(409) 740-4830
fowlet@tamu.edu

-----Original Message-----
From: Barry E. Leavitt
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2006 2:31 PM
To: Jackie Robbins; Teri Fowle
Cc: a-lovett@tamu.edu; 'Vassilakis, Spiros'; 'Cape Fear Yacht Works'; 'Nancy Stucky'
Subject: Update on the status of the Mitchell boats

Greetings to Teri and Jackie,

Here is an update on the status of the boats:

At the suggestion of Rona, I spoke with Eric Wohlford at Cape Fear Yacht Works. It turns out that early on CFYW had paid the North Carolina sales tax for both boats, since the amount is capped at $1,500 per boat and it was clear that both boats would reach the cap amount. It is too bad that we did not know that earlier, but at least we do now.

As a result, with Eric’s help I was able to complete the North Carolina title and registration forms for both boats, at a cost of $30 per boat. I checked with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission earlier this morning and the documents for both boats were mailed back to us a couple of days ago, so we should get them on Wednesday or Thursday. Based on what Jackie said below in her March 24 email, it looks like all we will need to do is have Mr. Mitchell endorse the title and registration documents and provide letters of donations. For our own added legal protection, we would also like to include a letter of indemnification releasing Mr. Mitchell of any future legal liability for the boats that are being donated.

With the boat christening rapidly approaching (it will happen on April 28th) I know that Mr. Mitchell is concerned about us getting the boats into A&M’s hands legally in time for the christening. It looks like we will now be able to do so. Once those documents arrive from North Carolina, I would like to review them with Jackie. So Jackie, would you please give me your phone number and fax number?
Thanks to everyone for their patience and their help in getting this done. In the end, after spending quite a bit on two boats, it is nice not to ask Mr. Mitchell to come up with another $48,000 or so in sales tax and penalties for the State of Texas.

Barry

Barry E. Leavitt - CPA, JD, MBA
V.P. - Tax, Estate Planning, & Legal Affairs
GPM, Inc. & Affiliates
713-377-5026 (phone)
713-377-5028 (fax)

-----Original Message-----
From: Jackie Robbins [mailto:robbins@tamug.edu]
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 1:51 PM
To: Barry E. Leavitt; Cape Fear Yacht Works
Cc: Teri Fowlé; a-lovett@tamu.edu; Vassilakis, Spiros
Subject: RE: Mitchell boats and sales tax woes

Barry, I spoke to Maria, another Texas Parks & Wildlife rep in Austin, moments ago. She said that if Mr. Mitchell titles or registers the boats (I do not know if the state titles or registers boats) in North Carolina then there will not be a tax issue in Texas. Mr. Mitchell will simply have to sign over his North Carolina titles/registrations to Texas A&M University and Texas A&M University at Galveston and provide letters of donations. I am not positive at this point but I believe he will have to sign PWD-143s, also, as the donor so TAMU and TAMUG can obtain titles in the schools’ names.

I suggest that Cape Fear Yacht Works be contacted about North Carolina titling requirements.

Please let me know if you run into any more road blocks or how I can be of further help.

Jackie

From: Barry E. Leavitt
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 12:23 PM
To: 'Cape Fear Yacht Works'
Cc: Teri Fowlé; Jackie Robbins; a-lovett@tamu.edu; 'Vassilakis, Spiros'
Subject: Mitchell boats and sales tax woes
Importance: High

Teri Fowlé, Jackie Robbins, and Ann Lovett,

Would you please look at Rona Garm’s email to me and respond? I must plead ignorance about boat transactions, but clearly this could be a better alternative. Mr. Mitchell purchased the boats in North Carolina, and it always seemed reasonable to me that we should have paid North Carolina sales tax, but that was never a part of the Cape Fear Yacht Works paperwork. As you can imagine, Mr. Mitchell is quite unhappy about having to pay the extra $46,000 or so, including penalties that are not deductible.

Jackie, I hate to burden you with this, but this request might entail you making another call to your contact at Texas Parks & Wildlife once we better understand what can be done.

It would be so nice for us to get this paperwork behind us before the christening of the boats on April 28\textsuperscript{th} and I know for certain that Mr. Mitchell would be very thankful to everyone on this
email correspondence if we could somehow save him some money on this transaction. Would each of you please respond with comments and recommendations?

Thank you all!

Barry

-----Original Message-----
From: Cape Fear Yacht Works
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 10:49 AM
To: 'Barry E. Leavitt'
Subject: RE: My FEDEX?

Barry;

Yes, I did see Fedex yesterday and will send back today. Before I do, is there any way to re-do so that the boats get "sold" and "registered" in NC ($1500 cap) and then just transfer registration to TX?

Rona

-----Original Message-----
From: Barry E. Leavitt
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2006 10:36 AM
To: 'Cape Fear Yacht Works'
Subject: My FEDEX?

Hi Rona,

Did you get the FedEx package that I sent you the other day? Unfortunately it looks like we have to pay sales tax on the boats—apparently Texas sales tax—since that was not part of the price that GPM paid to Cape Fear Yacht Works (do you agree?). The tax plus penalty and interest add up to around $23,000 for each boat. Needless to say, GPM is not particularly happy. The forms that I sent you were to take care of this, as well as the boat license and title.

Thanks, and have a good weekend...

Barry

-----Original Message-----
From: Cape Fear Yacht Works
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2006 1:45 PM
To: 'Teri Fowle'; aweldon@VPSA.TAMU.EDU; 'Brian Hervey'; 'William Hearn'; 'Tammy Lobaugh'; 'Jim Atchley'; 'Barry E. Leavitt'; DENNIS@rec.tamu.edu; Dean.Bresciani@tamu.edu; 'Gerard Coleman'; 'Steve Conway'; 'LINDA BOMKE'; p-cammack@tamu.edu; 'B. Greg Mitchell'; 'Joshua Knapp'
Cc: 'Cherie Coffman'; 'Carmel Julian'; s-crawford@tamu.edu; 'R. Bowen Loftin'
Subject: RE: Christening of Mitchell Boats

Tori;
Here's something for you – Kent thinks it would be nice to have the boats do a small match-race either that weekend, the first "Mitchell Cup". What do you think and how do I go about getting it organized? I'm good with planning regattas but this is something a little different!

Rona

-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Fowlie [mailto:fowlie@tamu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2006 5:59 PM
To: Teri Fowlie; aweldon@VPSA.TAMU.EDU; Brian Hervey; William Hearn; Tammy Lobau; Jim Atchley; Barry E. Leavitt; Cape Fear Yacht Works; DENNIS@rec.tamu.edu; Dean.Bresciani@tamu.edu; BJ Gorman; Gerard Coleman; Steve Conway; LINDA BOMKE; p-cammack@tamu.edu; B. Greg Mitchell
Cc: Cherie Coffman; Carmel Julian; s-crawford@tamu.edu; R. Bowen Loftin
Subject: Christening of Mitchell Boats

Howdy!

We have a date for the Mitchell boat Christening!

What: George Phydias and Cynthia Woods boat Christening

When: Friday, April 28, 2006

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Where: Texas A&M University at Galveston Marine Terminal

Amy Weldon and I will work together on the Christening Ceremony and a reception following on the Point at the Marine Terminal.

We will need to get invitations sent out fairly quickly. For those of you in College Station, please submit the names and addresses for people you want to invite to Amy Weldon at aweldon@vpsa.tamu.edu. In Galveston, please submit names and addresses to Teri Fowlie at fowlie@tamu.edu. Please submit this information by April 3rd.

I am sorry we couldn’t accommodate everyone’s schedules, this was the best we could do.

Thank you,

Teri A. Fowlé

Director of Communications

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fowlie@tamu.edu
Roger that.

-----Original Message-----
From: Jim Atchley <atchleyj@tamug.edu>
To: Brad McGonagle <mcgonaglw@tamug.edu>
Sent: Thu May 22 16:39:10 2008
Subject: RE: Vera Cruz Insurance

Brad-Looks good to me, this is the same coverage we had in 2006. Thanks Jim

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From: Brad McGonagle
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2008 3:20 PM
To: Kathy Mull; Jim Atchley
Subject: Fw: Vera Cruz Insurance
Importance: High

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From: Smith, Debbie <DebbieSmith@tamu.edu>
To: Brad McGonagle <mcgonaglw@tamug.edu>
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Lawson, Caroline

From: Kathy Miller [kathy-miller@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2006 2:28 PM
To: Brad McGonagle
Subject: Reminder - Insurance coverage for New Sailboats

Brad,

We spoke last week and you were going to get back with me this week on whether or not you Galveston wanted the insurance for the Sailboat, Cynthia Woods.
I will be out of the office tomorrow but back on Wednesday.

This is just a reminder. I need the authorization form signed and returned in order to secure coverage.

Thanks, Kathy

From: Brad McGonagle [mailto:mconagw@tamu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2006 10:02 AM
To: Miller, Kathy; Chavis, Karan
Cc: Walton, Matthew
Subject: RE: Insurance coverage for New Sailboats

Kathy,
I forwarded your email to Captain Jim yesterday for him to complete the form so you should get it back today. I am also working on the funding for this year and we will put in the budget for next year as well. Given the value of these boats, having them fully insured is the best approach. Thanks for all of your help.

Brad

From: Miller, Kathy [mailto:Kathy-Miller@tamu.edu]
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2006 5:21 PM
To: Brad McGonagle; Chavis, Karan
Cc: Walton, Matthew
Subject: Insurance coverage for New Sailboats
Importance: High

Brad and Karan,

As we discussed, I have attached the Quotation Proposal for insurance coverage on the two NEW SAILBOATS under the A&M System Boat Policy. Please note that the premium indicated is based on an annual premium and therefore should be pro-rated for the remainder of the policy period (around six months). For your review, I have also attached a copy of the Boat Policy Outline.

If coverage is desired, you will need to complete the attached authorization form and return to me for further handling.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call me.

Sincerely,
Kathy

Kathy R. Miller
Manager, Risk Management Audit and Central Support
The Texas A&M University System

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Brad,

I tried to call you. Here is an update on the insurance quest for the New Sailboats.

Captain Jim and I finally got together last week in order to clarify a few things regarding the Cynthia Woods for the underwriter.

We are currently waiting on quote proposals from our agent. My request for coverage has included both sailboats in an attempt to help us try and minimize the cost of the insurance:

George Phydis - Texas A&M University
Cynthia Woods - Texas A&M University at Galveston

As of last week, the underwriter was in the process of reviewing all the information. The insurance market is very limited due to the nature of our request: student racing sailboats. I hope to have more information to you by tomorrow. At least a tentative date we can expect the quotation.

Call me tomorrow if you have any questions. I will be leaving at noon tomorrow (flex time).

Sincerely,

Kathy

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Connie,

As we discussed, please add TAMUG sailboat, Cynthia Woods for full coverage under the A&M System's Boat Policy (based on the attached quote) effective March 23, 2006 to August 06, 2006. If you would, please pro-rate the premium to the remainder of the policy period and let me know the new premium cost for the coverage.

I will need confirmation of coverage as soon as possible.

FYI - I have not heard back from TAMU regarding coverage for the Geroge Phydias.

Thanks and call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Kathy

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THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
BOAT POLICY

QUOTATION PROPOSAL

Texas A&M University
College Station Campus and Galveston Campus

VESSEL: Cynthia Wood - 2005 Cape Fear 38ft Sailboat

Hull & Motor Value: $360,000.00@ 1.85% Rate
Annual Premium: $6,660.00
Deductible: $3,600.00

P&I limit: $500,000.00
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Navigation: Upper Galveston Bay along with Clear Lake and Minimum off shore.

All other policy terms and conditions apply.

as of March 07, 2006
Authorization for Insurance Coverage

Date: 3/23/06

System Component: Texas A&M University at Galveston

Department Name: Small Boat Basin

Department Contact: Capt. Jim Atchley Phone Number: 409-740-4892

Title: Marine Terminal Manager Email: atchley@tamu.edu

Mailing Address: 200 Seawolf Parkway, Galveston, Texas 77553

Type of Coverage:

- [X] New Coverage Effective 3/23/06 to 8/6/06
- [ ] Renew Coverage:
- [ ] Cancel Coverage:

"I certify that the insurance coverage described above has been requested and that the department/organization agrees to pay the expense for this coverage."

Print Name: Tammy Lobaugh Signature:

Date 3/23/06 Title Marine Terminal Director

This form is a request for coverage, it does not guarantee coverage. You should receive a separate confirmation after coverage has been secured.
A&M gets new offshore racing boats

By John Ira Petty
Correspondent

Published February 19, 2006

They’re new, shiny and look fast. A lot of Texas sailors may be seeing their sterns in races this year.

Texas A&M University has received two Cape Fear 38s donated by oilman, A&M graduate and university benefactor George Mitchell. One will be based at Texas A&M University of Galveston and sailed by the Galveston school’s offshore sailing team.

The other will be used by sailors from A&M’s College Station campus, but most likely will be based on Galveston Bay, possibly at the Galveston campus.

“They’re strictly racing boats,” said Jim Atchley, marine terminal manager who coaches the school’s Offshore Sailing Team. The boats are being fitted out at Payco Marina. Atchley says he hopes they will be in the water and ready to sail in March.

The Galveston boat is named Cynthia Woods, for George Mitchell’s wife. The name of the College Station boat is George Phydiass, Mitchell’s first and middle names. They were built by Cape Fear Yachts in Wilmington, N.C., a company owned by Kent Mitchell, George Mitchell’s son.

“The kids are so excited,” said Teri Fowle, a spokeswoman at the Galveston campus. “Once we can get George Mitchell and the boats here, we’ll have a formal christening, perhaps next month.”

The George Phydiass has been launched, while the Cynthia Woods is not yet in the water at Payco.

Fowle said the offshore sailing team’s successes were part of the reason for the donation. Mitchell heard about the team’s respectable finish in the 2004 Harvest Moon Regatta, a 152-mile race from Galveston to Port Aransas.
The team, now with about 40 participants, has built on that success. Using donated, decades-old boats, the team finished first in class and first in fleet in last year’s Harvest Moon, sailing a mid-1980s model New York 36. A woman’s team aboard a Whitby 42-foot ketch of similar vintage won the regatta’s Ladies’ Class.

For students studying to become Merchant Marine officers, sailing is more than just a sport.

“Offshore sailing is a lot of fun,” said Atchley. “But this is about training and education. Being out on the water in a sailboat gives them a real feeling for the ocean.”

They learn or develop many of the other skills required to get a boat — or ship — safely and efficiently from one place to another. Among the skills are navigation, seamanship and developing positive interactions with fellow crewmembers in tight quarters during 24-hour days.

Atchley, who also teaches a class called Competitive Offshore Sailing, said the team is perhaps the most active sailboat racing organization in Galveston. It plans to participate in this year’s Regata de Amigos, the biannual race from Galveston to Veracruz.

That 630-mile race usually sees the winning boats finish in a little under five days. Participants spend several days in Veracruz, Mexico’s leading port, before sailing back to the United States. Many stop at Tuxpan and nearby Isla Lobos.

The Cape Fear 38s draw more than 7 feet, which is a big reason the College Station boat is likely to be based on Galveston Bay. They’re rigged for asymmetrical spinnakers — no spinnaker pole. They’re light and narrow, with a beam of 11 feet. Accommodation is straight-forward and perhaps a little Spartan.

The new boats, each valued at more than $200,000, are likely to be serious contenders in Galveston-area offshore racers for years to come.

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John Ira Petty, a sailing instructor, licensed captain and charter sailboat owner, is the sailing columnist for The Daily News.

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Rodney,

The accompanying website is the one used to track the Cynthia Woods as they sail to Vera Cruz. They will start from the end of the Galveston Ship Channel at 2:00 today and should arrive in Vera Cruz by Monday if all goes well. This is a bi-annual race. Four years ago bad weather forced them to drop out at Brownsville and two years ago they finished but it was two days after the race ended due to low or no wind during the race. This year Capt. Jim is hoping to win it and I think they have the crew to do so (Steve Conway is the Safety Officer on board). The other really nice thing about this year's race is we have a student from College Station sailing from their sail team. This is huge because of all the Risk Management issues we had with their sail team and the George Phydius which is the boat Mr. Mitchell donated to the TAMU Sail Team that is docked in our boat basin.

http://charthorizon.com/races/2008_galveston_veracruz/htdocs/#

Under Boat Control Panel 2. Choose which boats you wish to track, select Cynthia Woods and it will pull up the location of the boat. This is a really cool way to track their progress.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Brad

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Friday afternoon the TAMUG Offshore Sail Team and the sailboat *Cynthia Woods* will depart from the Flagship Hotel for the start of the 40th Regatta de Amigos. The offshore regatta is sponsored by the Lakewood Yacht Club and is the longest running and best established offshore race in the Gulf of Mexico. The TAMUG student crew and two safety officers will depart Galveston at 1400hrs (2PM) Friday afternoon June 06, 2008 for Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Coach, Captain Jim Atchley, Safety Officers Steven Conway & Roger Stone and the TAMUG student crew has a great deal to be proud of. Detailed safety plans, scheduled trainings, vessel inspections and a described chain of command allows the TAMUG Offshore Team to participate in the 630 nautical mile voyage. This will be the second time TAMUG has participated in the Regatta de Amigos. Additional information may be obtained at web site [http://www.veracruzregatta.com/](http://www.veracruzregatta.com/).

If you care to view the start of the race, please join us at the TAMUG Marine Terminal viewing area. We will be located on the back deck of Hooter's (Formerly known as the Ocean Grill) located at 23rd & Seawall.

Tammy

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Dr. Loftin-

I am happy to report that USCG has graciously agreed to run a training exercise with their helo in conjunction with our recovery efforts of the CYNTHIA WOODS hull. This flight was scheduled for 1445 today and has been changed to 0930 in the morning. As you may know the possibility of our locating the hull is greatly increased with the “eyes in the sky”.

I have just learned that the USCG will be sending out Steve Caskey (investigator) on the ERIN T.

I will keep you updated as events unfold and will see you at 1700.

Regards,
Kelly Teichman
Brad,

See attached certificate of insurance and let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks!!
Debbie

-----Original Message-----
From: Smith, Debbie
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 1:46 PM
To: McGonagle, Brad
Subject: RE: Vera Cruz Insurance
Importance: High

Brad,

I just sent the request to ANCO. I will forward a Certificate of Insurance and invoice when they are received.

Let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thanks!!
Debbie

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From: Brad McGonagle [mailto:mconagw@tamug.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2008 1:36 PM
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Subject: Re: Vera Cruz Insurance

Go ahead and purchase it and bill us. Thanks

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Sailboat - total Value: $360,000 Serial No. UAR38007505 PI and Hull
Coverage/Deductible: $3600 applies. Traveled waters include: Galveston to Vera Cruz (Mexico Waters).

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER**
Texas A&M Galveston
Marine Terminal Operations
Brad McGonagle
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**CANCELLATION**

TAMUGAL

Should any of the above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, the issuing insurer will endeavor to mail 10 days written notice to the certificate holder named to the left, but failure to do so shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the insurer, its agents or representatives.

Authorized Representative

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On the line with the Coast Guard now.

No divers will deploy to save time for search.

Helicopter will begin a search pattern following the drift direction of the boat in hopes of locating the life raft. They will also work from two other anchor points derived from earlier transponder data. Close by oil platforms will also be checked.

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Subject: Loss of Contact with the Cynthia Woods  

Colleagues:  

Yesterday the Cynthia Woods departed Galveston for Veracruz as a participant in the Regata De Amigos XXI. Four TAMUG students are aboard, along with two Safety Officers. The Senior Safety Officer is CDR Steve Conway, USCG (ret). Steve is an extraordinarily capable officer and an experienced sailor.  

Standard procedures called for the Senior Safety Officer on board to make contact via satellite phone at 0800 today. No call was received. At 0906 CDT today the transponder on board showed its location as about 35 nautical miles South of Matagorda drifting at 0.4 knots to the North.  

The US Coast Guard was informed at 0820 of the failure of the crew to make contact. I have just been notified (1025) that they are dispatching a boat from their Freeport station to investigate.  

The independent emergency beacon on board has not been activated. Thus, it is the consensus here that the Cynthia is experiencing some mechanical/electrical problems but is not likely to be in danger. It is possible that the transponder has become separated from the boat.  

A command center has been established (per standard procedures) in our Physical Plant, and I am monitoring the situation.  

Again, we do not believe that we are facing a life-threatening event at this time, but there is cause for concern.  

I will update you when we have any significant change.  

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Sent: Sat Jun 07 16:53:01 2008
Subject: Re: Sixth Update on the Cynthia Woods

Okay. Jason, what are your thoughts on what we should do regarding communicating this to the news media should the worst happen?

Elsa

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I suppose at this point there's nothing for me to do (as you noted), but I got back to town ASAP and will stay at the campus residence just in case, but to assure I have email and phone access (residence # is 979-845-4738, and the cell PHONE still seems to work:

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Subject: FW: Eighth Update on the Cynthia Woods
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This is a long line of emails, and you should read from the bottom up.
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Subject: Seventh Update on the Cynthia Woods

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Now for the hard part-waiting.

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Yeager, Susan

From: Office Of The President
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2008 10:42 PM
To: Office Of The President
Subject: Message to the Aggie Family Regarding Missing Galveston Sailing Team

June 7, 2008

Message to the Aggie Family:

It is with the deepest regret that I inform you that four Aggies — three from the Galveston campus and one from the main campus — and two safety officers are missing in the Gulf of Mexico after their 36-foot sailboat apparently capsized early Saturday morning while they were participating in the Regata de Amigos, a race from Galveston to Veracruz, Mexico. The Coast Guard-led search is continuing.

The Galveston students are identified as Steven Guy of The Woodlands, Joe Savana of Sugar Land and Travis Wright of League City, and the one enrolled on the main campus is Ross James Busby of The Woodlands. The two safety officers are Steve Conway of Texas A&M at Galveston and Roger Stone, a Galveston resident.

Texas A&M President Elsa Murano and other key university officials from College Station flew here to Galveston to be with family members of the students and the two safety officers who were aboard the sailboat and to lend support to us.

The most detailed currently available information is posted on both the TAMUG website, www.tamug.edu, and the Texas A&M University website, www.tamu.edu, and those websites will be updated as additional information becomes available.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the missing and their families.

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There are many people with the families. Maybe later. Be thinking of worse case. How can we assist the families, Bowen and the community?

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To: Cross, Russell; Strawser, Jerry R
Sent: Sat Jun 07 22:34:07 2008
Subject: RE: Update

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Sent: Sat Jun 07 17:00:25 2008
Subject: Seventh Update on the Cynthia Woods

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Sent: Sat Jun 07 16:45:16 2008
Subject: Sixth Update on the Cynthia Woods

Still awaiting word from the Coast Guard.

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McGonagle <mgonagw@tamug.edu>
Sent: Sat Jun 07 15:38:25 2008
Subject: Fifth Update on the Cynthia Woods

The aircraft dispatched from Corpus Christi spotted an overturned sailboat in the vicinity of
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McGonagle <mgonagw@tamug.edu>
Sent: Sat Jun 07 15:27:29 2008
Subject: Fourth Update on the Cynthia Woods

The transponder did update at 15:07 after missing the last five updates.
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McGonagle <mgonagw@tamug.edu>
Sent: Sat Jun 07 13:58:30 2008
Subject: Third Update on the Cynthia Woods

The aircraft dispatched from Corpus Christi hit a bird and had to return to base. A second
aircraft has now been sent.
Parents of all four students have been notified as well as families of the two Safety Officers.

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Subject: Second Update on the Cynthia Woods

The Coast Guard has recalled its boat to Freeport due to sea conditions.
A Falcon has been launched from Corpus Christi to scan the location of the last transponder
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Sent: Sat Jun 07 11:55:02 2008
Subject: Update on the Cynthia Woods

The position transponder has not updated over the last two hours (since 0906). The Coast
Guard is enroute to its last reported position. No other news. I'll keep you posted.

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Sent: Sat Jun 07 10:33:30 2008
Subject: Loss of Contact with the Cynthia Woods

Colleagues:

Yesterday the Cynthia Woods departed Galveston for Veracruz as a participant in the Regata De Amigos XXI. Four TAMUG students are aboard, along with two Safety Officers. The Senior Safety Officer is CDR Steve Conway, USCG (ret). Steve is a extraordinarily capable officer and an experienced sailor.

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Sent: Sat Jun 07 15:38:25 2008
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The aircraft dispatched from Corpus Christi spotted an overturned sailboat in the vicinity of
the last reported transponder location. A helicopter has been sent and should arrive at that
location in 30 minutes.

Bowen

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From: R. Bowen Loftin <Loftin@tamug.edu>
To: 'eamurano@tamu.edu' <eamurano@tamu.edu>; 'jstrawser@tamu.edu'
The transponder did update at 15:07 after missing the last five updates. We are still awaiting word from the Coast Guard.

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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon <mccleandr@tamug.edu>; Brad
McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>
Sent: Sat Jun 07 15:27:29 2008
Subject: Fourth Update on the Cynthia Woods

The aircraft dispatched from Corpus Christi hit a bird and had to return to base. A second aircraft has now been sent.

Parents of all four students have been notified as well as families of the two Safety Officers.

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The Coast Guard has recalled its boat to Freeport due to sea conditions. A Falcon has been launched from Corpus Christi to scan the location of the last transponder transmission.

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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClenond <mcclenond@tamug.edu>; Brad
      McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>
Sent: Sat Jun 07 11:55:02 2008
Subject: Update on the Cynthia Woods

The position transponder has not updated over the last two hours (since 0906). The Coast
Guard is enroute to its last reported position. No other news. I'll keep you posted.

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From: R. Bowen Loftin <Loftin@tamug.edu>
To: Elsa A. Murano <eamurano@tamu.edu> <eamurano@tamu.edu>; Jerry Strawser
      (jstrawser@tamu.edu) <jstrawser@tamu.edu>; Russell Cross
      (hrcross@tamu.edu) <hrcross@tamu.edu>; Cook, Jason (jason.cook@tamu.edu)
      <jason.cook@tamu.edu>
CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClenond <mcclenond@tamug.edu>; Brad
      McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>
Sent: Sat Jun 07 10:33:30 2008
Subject: Loss of Contact with the Cynthia Woods

Colleagues:

Yesterday the Cynthia Woods departed Galveston for Veracruz as a participant in the Regata De
Amigos XXI. Four TAMUG students are aboard, along with two Safety Officers. The Senior
Safety Officer is CDR Steve Conway, USCG (ret). Steve is an extraordinarily capable officer
and an experienced sailor.

Standard procedures called for the Senior Safety Officer on board to make contact via
satellite phone at 0800 today. No call was received.
At 0906 CDT today the transponder on board showed its location as about
35 nautical miles South of Matagorda drifting at 0.4 knots to the North.

The US Coast Guard was informed at 0820 of the failure of the crew to make contact. I have
just been notified (1025) that they are dispatching a boat from their Freeport station to
investigate.

The independent emergency beacon on board has not been activated. Thus, it is the consensus
here that the Cynthia is experiencing some mechanical/electrical problems but is not likely
to be in danger. It is possible that the transponder has become separated from the boat.

A command center has been established (per standard procedures) in our Physical Plant, and I
am monitoring the situation.
Again, we do not believe that we are facing a life-threatening event at this time, but there is cause for concern.

I will update you when we have any significant change.

Bowen

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June 8, 2008

Message to the Aggie Family:

I'm pleased to inform you that five of the six missing crew members of the Texas A&M University at Galveston sailboat that capsized while participating in a race from Galveston to Veracruz, Mexico were safely rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard at approximately 2 a.m. Sunday. Four Aggies - three from the Galveston campus and one from the main campus - and one safety officer are all being treated at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston for sunburn and dehydration. They are all listed in good condition.

I spoke briefly with the rescued students and the safety officer this morning and they spent approximately 26 hours in the water with four life vests amongst the five crew members. After hearing their stories, I can say that these are professional mariners and true Aggies. Their training and preparation, along with their Aggie Spirit, allowed them to overcome this challenging ordeal.

The Galveston students are Steven Guy, Joe Savana and Travis Wright, and the student enrolled on the main campus is Ross James Busby. The rescued safety officer is Steve Conway, a retired Coast Guard commander and current Texas A&M at Galveston staff member. For more information and video of the rescue provided by the Coast Guard, please go to: http://cgv1.uscg.mil.

While media coverage has been extensive, President Murano and I urge you to visit the Texas A&M at Galveston website at www.tamug.edu or the Texas A&M University website at www.tamu.edu for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

The Coast Guard-led search continues for the vessel's second safety officer and our sixth team member, Roger Stone, a Galveston resident. We ask that you continue to keep the Stone Family in your thoughts and prayers.

R. Bowen Loftin
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Jason

They found the boat, which they said was floating again. The body of Mr. Stone was inside. Elsa thinks we should recover the boat so that we can determine what happened. I agree. Jason, can you contact Bowen and let him know about the boat salvage?

Thanks.

Russell

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Welcome to Aggieland
I will take care of it.

Jason Cook  
VP for Marketing and Communications  
Texas A&M University

----- Original Message -----  
From: Cross, Russell  
To: Cook, Jason  
Cc: Strawser, Jerry R  
Sent: Sun Jun 08 17:42:47 2008  
Subject: Boat

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Welcome to Aggieland
June 8, 2008 (7:45 p.m.)

To The Aggie Family:

We are saddened to learn and notify you that the body of the only remaining missing member of the Galveston sailing team crew was recovered Sunday afternoon.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Mrs. Linda Stone, the Stone’s two children, and members of Roger Stone’s family. Words cannot adequately express the depth of our condolences as they cope with the loss of their loved one. We hope they can take some comfort in knowing all five survivors of this tragic accident credit Mr. Stone with heroic efforts that were instrumental in making possible their survival. We now know that Roger Stone died a hero in the classic sense of the word.

While we continue to mourn the loss of his life, we are relieved and grateful beyond words for the rescue of the sailboat’s four students—Steven Guy, Joe Savana, Travis Wright and Ross Busby—and Steve Conway, who, like Mr. Stone, was serving in the capacity of safety officer. I know that I speak on behalf of their families and friends when saying how thankful we are for their safe return.

I must emphatically thank the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard who responded so quickly and professionally to the call for help in the search for those aboard the Cynthia Woods. I know that same sentiment has been expressed by President Elsa Murano and others who came here to Galveston from the main campus to lend support.

We thank all of those who participated in the rescue effort, the Aggie Family, and all those who offered their prayers and support.

R. Bowen Loftin  
Vice President & CEO  
Texas A&M University at Galveston
Given the recent accident experience by the Galveston vessel Cynthia Woods, please immediately suspend all use of the TAMU sister vessel, the George Phydis, until we are sure of its safety and cleared to do so.

db
Yeager, Susan

From: Bresciani, Dean [Dean.Bresciani@tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 7:48 AM
To: Strawser, Jerry R; Cross, Russell
Subject: Accident

Please call me at your convenience but by 11am if possible, so that I can provide some background on my email just now sent. Direct line is 845-4720.
I would like to order Kelly to proceed with these arrangements, with the understanding that we may choose another location for the delivery other than the one suggested.

Can I proceed?

Bowen

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From: Kelly M. Teichman [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 10:11 AM
To: R. Bowen Loftin
Cc: Tammy Lobauugh
Subject: CYNTHIA WOODS

Dr. Loftin-

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The USCG has deployed a data buoy that has been transmitting location to their office. This information will be sent to our office and compared to our last known location of the hull and track to determine accuracy of the information. Hopefully with this information the hull can be located. This is not a guarantee that we will be successful with locating however.

At this time we are in the process of mobilizing assets in order to give you an accurate ETA for departure. The M/V ERIN T has been reserved for our use and will be available when all assets are ready to deploy. This vessel and Captain were utilized in the recovery operations performed Sunday and are familiar with the CYNTHIA WOODS, dive operations, and conditions.

I have contacted our M&R and have found a location that is capable of hauling out the sister vessel to the CYNTHIA WOODS. This facility is located in Bolivar and I understand that they have adequate space for the placement of most
likely BOTH of the vessels. I will include their contact information in this email and would be happy to contact them on your behalf for the CYNTHIA WOODS as we would have to coordinate with them for the righting process.

Please advise that the University and T & T Marine are on the same page as far as job tasking and immediate deployment of assets (including cutting the mast free).

Regards,
Kelly Teichman

PORT BOLIVAR MARINE INFORMATION:
Johnny De Foute
409-684-7600
Yeager, Susan

From: Cross, Russell
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 10:45 AM
To: Loftin, R. Bowen; Murano, Elsa A; Strawser, Jerry R
Cc: Pletzer, Mary
Subject: RE: CYNTHIA WOODS

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Russell

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Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 10:45 AM
To: Murano, Elsa A; Cross, Russell; Strawser, Jerry R
Cc: Pletzer, Mary
Subject: FW: CYNTHIA WOODS
Importance: High

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Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 10:58 AM  
To: Cross, Russell; Murano, Elsa A; Strawser, Jerry R  
Cc: Pletzer, Mary  
Subject: Re: CYNTHIA WOODS

Russ:

I have already talked to General Cxounsel about location. I would like to proceed with the recovery. We do have a day or so to decide on location.

Bowen

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To: R. Bowen Loftin <Loftin@tamug.edu>; Murano, Elsa A <eamurano@tamu.edu>; Strawser, Jerry R <jstrawser@tamu.edu>  
CC: Pletzer, Mary <m-pletzer@tamu.edu>  
Sent: Mon Jun 09 10:44:36 2008  
Subject: RE: CYNTHIA WOODS

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Kelly Teichman

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Kelly:

You are authorized to proceed with the recovery as you propose. We will advise you as soon as possible of the location to which to deliver the vessel.

Bowen Loftin

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Yeager, Susan

From: Loftin, R. Bowen  
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 6:29 PM  
To: Murano, Elsa A  
Cc: Cross, Russell; Strawser, Jerry R  
Subject: Request for Indepenendent Investigation  
Importance: High  

Please see the attached document.

Bowen

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Michael D. McKinney, Chancellor
The Texas A&M University System

THROUGH: Dr. Elsa Murano, President
Texas A&M University

SUBJECT: Request for an Independent Investigation of the Sinking of the Cynthia Woods

On Friday, June 6, 2008 the sailing vessel Cynthia Woods capsized in the Gulf of Mexico. An intensive search and rescue effort by the U.S. Coast Guard ultimately led to the rescue of five of the six crew members of the Cynthia Woods. The body of Safety Officer Roger Stone was recovered from the overturned vessel on Sunday, June 8, 2008.

While we rejoice in the successful rescue of five sailors, the tragic loss of Mr. Stone demands that we ask how this event happened and what can be done to prevent its recurrence.

I respectfully request that you arrange for an independent investigation to determine the cause of this accident.

R. Bowen Loftin
Vice President and Chief Executive Officer
Texas A&M University at Galveston
FYI. My understanding is that parents are all in/on way to Galveston, as are Murano, Cross and Cook.

On behalf of the entire community, I wanted to keep you updated on the progress of the situation.

Please be aware of the following:

- The students are safe and have been contacted.
- They are currently at TAMU-Galveston, and the plan is to have them in Galveston by the evening.
- The students have been contacted and are aware of the situation.
- The families have been notified and are currently waiting to hear from their children.
- The students are expected to be in Galveston within the next few hours.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Jerry

Jerry Strawser | Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Texas A&M University | 979.845.4016 | jstrawser@tamu.edu

-----Original Message-----
From: Strawser, Jerry R [mailto:jstrawser@tamu.edu]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2008 7:11 PM
To: Bresciani, Dean
Cc: Murano, Elsa A; Cross, Russell; Cook, Jason; Loftin, R. Bowen
Subject: FW: Eighth Update on the Cynthia Woods
Importance: High

Dean:

This is a long line of emails, and you should read from the bottom up. To get to the chase, we have lost contact with a sailboat that is participating in a regatta from Galveston to Veracruz. The members of this crew included four students and two safety officers; one of the students (Ross James Busbee from the Woodlands) is from TAMU-College Station; the rest of the students are from TAMU-Galveston. All of their families have been contacted and are either in Galveston or will arrive shortly.

Presently, Elsa, Russell, and Jason are going to Galveston and I will be here to handle anything that may come up. Other than prayers, I don't know if there is a lot you can do at the moment, but wanted to put you into the loop since one of our students is involved. Bowen has been on top of things and they are being handled extraordinarily well.

Jerry

Jerry Strawser | Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Texas A&M University | 979.845.4016 | jstrawser@tamu.edu

-----Original Message-----
From: R. Bowen Loftin [mailto:Loftin@tamug.edu]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2008 5:13 PM
To: Murano, Elsa A; Strawser, Jerry R; Cross, Russell; Cook, Jason  
CC: Bigley, Karen; Rodney P. McClendon; McConagle, Brad  
Subject: Eighth Update on the Cynthia Woods  
Importance: High  

On the line with the Coast Guard now.  

No divers will deploy to save time for search.  

Helicopter will begin a search pattern following the drift direction of the boat in hopes of locating the life raft. They will also work from two other anchor points derived from earlier transponder data. Close by oil platforms will also be checked.

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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon <mccleland@tamug.edu>; Brad McConagle <mcconagw@tamug.edu>  
Sent: Sat Jun 07 17:00:25 2008  
Subject: Seventh Update on the Cynthia Woods  

The Coast Guard helicopter has located the overturned sailboat but cannot identify the vessel (markings not visible). No sign of life on or near the boat. We do not know for sure if this is the Cynthia Woods, but the other descriptive information suggests that it is likely the Cynthia Woods. A boat has been dispatched but will take some time to arrive on the scene.

We have asked that a diver be put in the water to confirm the boat's identity. We don't know if they will do so.

The boat carried a life raft. It is possible that the crew deployed the raft and became separated from the Cynthia Woods.

Karen is talking to Jason about formulating our information to the families.

Bowen  
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From: R. Bowen Loftin <Loftin@tamug.edu>  
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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon <mccleland@tamug.edu>; Brad McConagle <mcconagw@tamug.edu>  
Sent: Sat Jun 07 16:45:16 2008  
Subject: Sixth Update on the Cynthia Woods
Still awaiting word from the Coast Guard.

Bowen

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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon <mcclendr@tamug.edu>; Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>  
Sent: Sat Jun 07 15:39:25 2008  
Subject: Fifth Update on the Cynthia Woods

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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon <mcclendr@tamug.edu>; Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>  
Sent: Sat Jun 07 15:27:29 2008  
Subject: Fourth Update on the Cynthia Woods

The transponder did update at 15:07 after missing the last five updates. We are still awaiting word from the Coast Guard.

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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon
mcclendon@tamug.edu>; Brad Mgonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>
Subject: Second Update on the Cynthia Woods

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Sent: Sat Jun 07 11:55:02 2008
Subject: Update on the Cynthia Woods

The position transponder has not updated over the last two hours (since 0906). The Coast Guard is enroute to its last reported position. No other news. l'll keep you poste.

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(jstrawser@tamu.edu) <jstrawser@tamu.edu>; Russell Cross
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Standard procedures called for the Senior Safety Officer on board to make contact via satellite phone at 0800 today. No call was received. At 0906 CDT today the transponder on board showed its location as about 35 nautical miles South of Matagorda drifting at 0.4 knots to the North.

The US Coast Guard was informed at 0820 of the failure of the crew to make contact. I have just been notified (1025) that they are dispatching a boat from their Freeport station to investigate.

The independent emergency beacon on board has not been activated. Thus, it is the consensus here that the Cynthia is experiencing some mechanical/electrical problems but is not likely to be in danger. It is possible that the transponder has become separated from the boat.

A command center has been established (per standard procedures) in our Physical Plant, and I am monitoring the situation.

Again, we do not believe that we are facing a life-threatening event at this time, but there is cause for concern.

I will update you when we have any significant change.

Bowen

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Teaff, Jo Ann

From: Waldron, Michael
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2008 4:44 PM
To: Reber, Tom; Corrington, Dennis; Joseph, Keith; Hall, Rick
Cc: Teaff, Jo Ann; Bresciai, Dean; Parrott, Dave
Subject: RE: Public Information Request 08-171 Ralph Haurwitz/Austin American Statesman

Attached are the only correspondence which I have concerning the Cynthia Woods. They are the emails sent by Dr. Loftin last weekend.

Mike W.

June 8, 2008 (7:05 p.m.)

To The Aggie Family:

We are saddened to learn and notify you that the body of the only remaining missing member of the Galveston sailing team crew was recovered Sunday afternoon.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Mrs. Linda Stone, the Stone’s two children, and members of Roger Stone’s family. Words cannot adequately express the depth of our condolences as they cope with the loss of their loved one. We hope they can take some comfort in knowing all five survivors of this tragic accident credit Mr. Stone with heroic efforts that were instrumental in making possible their survival. We now know that Roger Stone died a hero in the classic sense of the word.

While we continue to mourn the loss of his life, we are relieved and grateful beyond words for the rescue of the sailboat's four students—Steven Guy, Joe Savana, Travis Wright and Ross Busby—and Steve Conway, who, like Mr. Stone, was serving in the capacity of safety officer. I know that I speak on behalf of their families and friends when saying how thankful we are for their safe return.

I must emphatically thank the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard who responded so quickly and professionally to the call for help in the search for those aboard the Cynthia Woods. I know that same sentiment has been expressed by President Elsa Murano and others who came here to Galveston from the main campus to lend support.

We thank all of those who participated in the rescue effort, the Aggie Family, and all those who offered their prayers and support.

R. Bowen Loftin
Vice President & CEO
Texas A&M University at Galveston
June 8, 2008

Message to the Aggie Family:

I’m pleased to inform you that five of the six missing crew members of the Texas A&M University at Galveston sailboat that capsized while participating in a race from Galveston to Veracruz, Mexico were safely rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard at approximately 2 a.m. Sunday. Four Aggies - three from the Galveston campus and one from the main campus - and one safety officer are all being treated at the University of Texas Medical Branch in

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Galveston for sunburn and dehydration. They are all listed in good condition.

I spoke briefly with the rescued students and the safety officer this morning and they spent approximately 28 hours in the water with four life vests amongst the five crew members. After hearing their stories, I can say that these are professional mariners and true Aggies. Their training and preparation, along with their Aggie Spirit, allowed them to overcome this challenging ordeal.

The Galveston students are Steven Guy, Joe Savana and Travis Wright, and the student enrolled on the main campus is Ross James Busby. The rescued safety officer is Steve Conway, a retired Coast Guard commander and current Texas A&M at Galveston staff member. For more information and video of the rescue provided by the Coast Guard, please go to: http://cgvi.uscg.mil.

While media coverage has been extensive, President Murano and I urge you to visit the Texas A&M at Galveston website at www.tamug.edu or the Texas A&M University website at www.tamu.edu for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

The Coast Guard-led search continues for the vessel's second safety officer and our sixth team member, Roger Stone, a Galveston resident. We ask that you continue to keep the Stone Family in your thoughts and prayers.

R. Bowen Loftin
Vice President & CEO
Texas A&M University at Galveston

June 7, 2008

Message to the Aggie Family:

It is with the deepest regret that I inform you that four Aggies — three from the Galveston campus and one from the main campus — and two safety officers are missing in the Gulf of Mexico after their 38-foot sailboat apparently capsized early Saturday morning while they were participating in the Regata de Amigos, a race from Galveston to Veracruz, Mexico. The Coast Guard-led search is continuing.

The Galveston students are identified as Steven Guy of The Woodlands, Joe Savana of Sugar Land and Travis Wright of League City, and the one enrolled on the main campus is Ross James Busby of The Woodlands. The two safety officers are Steve Conway of Texas A&M at Galveston and Roger Stone, a Galveston resident.

Texas A&M President Elsa Murano and other key university officials from College Station flew here to Galveston to be with family members of the students and the two safety officers who were aboard the sailboat and to lend support to us.

The most detailed currently available information is posted on both the TAMUG website, www.tamug.edu, and the Texas A&M University website, www.tamu.edu, and those websites will be updated as additional information becomes available.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the missing and their families.

R. Bowen Loftin
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6/16/2008
From: Reber, Tom
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 2:57 PM
To: Corrington, Dennis; Joseph, Keith; Waldron, Michael; Hall, Rick
Cc: Teaff, Jo Ann; Bresciani, Dean; Parrott, Dave
Subject: FW: Public Information Request 08-171 Ralph Haurwitz/Austin American Statesman
Importance: High

Please provide any information you have to me by the end of this week. If we have other staff that might have information please pass this on to them. Please understand that this request is for the Cynthia Woods boat.
Thanks, Tom

From: Yeager, Susan [mailto:s-yeager@tamu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 2:09 PM
To: Reber, Tom; Boleman, Larry; Sherylon J. Carroll
Cc: Parrott, Dave; Teaff, Jo Ann; DiSanto, Kathy; Lane B. Stephenson; Skaggs, Misty; Callcott, Diane; Kelly, Scott; Lawson, Caroline
Subject: Public Information Request 08-171 Ralph Haurwitz/Austin American Statesman
Importance: High

Tom (Response from Student Affairs was added), Sherylon (Response from VP Communications was added) and Dr. Boleman (Just to make sure EVP for Operations is included since we just recently confirmed that the President’s Office would handle requests associated with that Office and its reporting units): These additions were made to the distribution based on information received from the Provost Office. Thanks for your help. Suzy

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6/16/2008
---Original Message-----
From: Corrington, Dennis
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2008 9:32 AM
To: Reber, Tom
Subject: FW: Eighth Update on the Cynthia Woods
Importance: High

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Welcome to Aggieland

---Original Message-----
From: Bresciani, Dean
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2008 9:25 PM
To: Parrott, Dave; Reber, Tom; Corrington, Dennis; Joseph, Keith
Cc: Binzer, Carol; Bierman, Risa
Subject: FW: Eighth Update on the Cynthia Woods
Importance: High

FYI. My understanding is that parents are all in/on way to Galveston, as are Murano,
Cross and Cook.

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From: Strawser, Jerry R [mailto:jstrawser@tamu.edu]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2008 7:11 PM
To: Bresciani, Dean
Cc: Murano, Elsa A; Cross, Russell; Cook, Jason; Loftin, R. Bowen
Subject: FW: Eighth Update on the Cynthia Woods
Importance: High

Dean:

This is a long line of emails, and you should read from the bottom up.
To get to the chase, we have lost contact with a sailboat that is participating in a
regata from Galveston to Veracruz. The members of this crew included four students
and two safety officers; one of the students (Ross James Buzbee from the Woodlands)
is from TAMU-College Station; the rest of the students are from TAMU-Galveston. All
of their families have been contacted and are either in Galveston or will arrive shortly.

Presently, Elsa, Russell, and Jason are going to Galveston and I will be here to handle
anything that may come up. Other than prayers, I don't know if there is a lot you can
do at the moment, but wanted to put you into the loop since one of our students is
involved. Bowen has been on top of things and they are being handled extraordinarily
well.

Jerry

Jerry Strawser  |  Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Texas A&M University  | 979.845.4016  |  jstrawser@tamu.edu
On the line with the Coast Guard now.

No divers will deploy to save time for search.

Helicopter will begin a search pattern following the drift direction of the boat in hopes of locating the life raft. They will also work from two other anchor points derived from earlier transponder data. Close by oil platforms will also be checked.

Bowen
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The Coast Guard helicopter has located the overturned sailboat but cannot identify the vessel (markings not visible). No sign of life on or near the boat. We do not know for sure if this is the Cynthia Woods, but the other descriptive information suggests that it is likely the Cynthia Woods. A boat has been dispatched but will take some time to arrive on the scene.

We have asked that a diver be put in the water to confirm the boat's identity. We don't know if they will do so.
The boat carried a life raft. It is possible that the crew deployed the raft and became separated from the Cynthia Woods.

Karen is talking to Jason about formulating our information to the families.

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Subject: Sixth Update on the Cynthia Woods

Still awaiting word from the Coast Guard.

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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon <mccleandr@tamug.edu>; Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>
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Sent: Sat Jun 07 15:27:29 2008
Subject: Fourth Update on the Cynthia Woods

The transponder did update at 15:07 after missing the last five updates. We are still awaiting word from the Coast Guard.

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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon
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Subject: Second Update on the Cynthia Woods

The Coast Guard has recalled its boat to Freeport due to sea conditions.
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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon <mccldnr@tamug.edu>; Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>
Sent: Sat Jun 07 10:33:30 2008
Subject: Loss of Contact with the Cynthia Woods

Colleagues:

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Teaff, Jo Ann

From: Reber, Tom
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2008 10:29 AM
To: Teaff, Jo Ann
Subject: FW: Message to the Aggie Family Regarding Missing Galveston Sailing Team
Importance: High

From: Corrington, Dennis
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Welcome to Aggieland

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Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2008 11:00 PM
To: bstackman@tamu.edu; Goodman, Ann; a-reber@tamu.edu; carolb@tamu.edu; Woods, CJ; Hernandez, Cynthia; Parrott, Dave; Sweeney, David; d-corrington@tamu.edu; Fontenot, Di; VanAlstyne, John; c-chastedt@tamu.edu; Kelley, Patty; Jackson, Kevin; ilekowski@tamu.edu; l-altendorf@tamu.edu; molona@tamu.edu; Jacobsen, Merna; Sasse, Ron; Osters, Sandi; Reber, Tom
Subject: FW: Message to the Aggie Family Regarding Missing Galveston Sailing Team
Importance: High

FYI; for those involved aready, please note spelling change of single involved College Station student.

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6/16/2008
From: R. Bowen Loftin [mailto:president@tamu.edu]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2008 10:42 PM
To: president@tamu.edu
Subject: Message to the Aggie Family Regarding Missing Galveston Sailing Team

June 7, 2008

Message to the Aggie Family:

It is with the deepest regret that I inform you that four Aggies — three from the Galveston campus and one from the main campus — and two safety officers are missing in the Gulf of Mexico after their 38-foot sailboat apparently capsized early Saturday morning while they were participating in the Regata de Amigos, a race from Galveston to Veracruz, Mexico. The Coast Guard-led search is continuing.

The Galveston students are identified as Steven Guy of The Woodlands, Joe Savana of Sugar Land and Travis Wright of League City, and the one enrolled on the main campus is Ross James Busby of The Woodlands. The two safety officers are Steve Conway of Texas A&M at Galveston and Roger Stone, a Galveston resident.

Texas A&M President Elsa Murano and other key university officials from College Station flew here to Galveston to be with family members of the students and the two safety officers who were aboard the sailboat and to lend support to us.

The most detailed currently available information is posted on both the TAMUG website, www.tamug.edu, and the Texas A&M University website, www.tamu.edu, and those websites will be undated as additional information becomes available.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the missing and their families.

R. Bowen Loftin
Vice President & CEO
Texas A&M University at Galveston

6/16/2008
-----Original Message-----
From: Corrington, Dennis
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2008 9:31 AM
To: Reber, Tom
Subject: FW: Final Message Regarding Galveston Sailing Team

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From: R. Bowen Loftin [mailto:president@tamu.edu]
Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2008 7:37 PM
To: president@tamu.edu
Subject: Final Message Regarding Galveston Sailing Team

June 8, 2008 (7:45 p.m.)

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I must emphatically thank the men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard who responded so quickly and professionally to the call for help in the search for those aboard the Cynthia Woods. I know that same sentiment has been expressed by President Elsa Murano and others who came here to Galveston from the main campus to lend support.

We thank all of those who participated in the rescue effort, the Aggie Family, and all those who offered their prayers and support.

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From: Brescia, Dean  
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 7:45 AM  
To: Reber, Tom; Corrington, Dennis; Joseph, Keith  
Cc: Charley Clark (Clark@vpfn.tamu.edu); Chris Meyer (c-m-meyer@tamu.edu); Jerry Strawser (jstrawser@tamu.edu); Cross, Russell; Bowen Loftin (loftin@tamu.edu); Rodney P. McClendon  
Subject: Cynthia Woods/George Phydias

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I was in the phone conference with Drs. Cross and Loftin. I just got off of a couple of long conference calls; thus the delay. Dr. Loftin is having a media availability at 1:30 today and the primary purpose is to talk about the salvage operation. Keith already has been very helpful.

Noted on Dr. Murano and the announcement of the review.

Rodney

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Subject: 2 things-important

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From: Cross, Russell
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 11:57 AM
To: Murano, Elsa A
Cc: Cook, Jason
Subject: Cynthia Woods

Elsa

The information below summarizes a recent call this morning with Bowen and Rodney. I have also been briefed by Bowen about his call to you this am:

- First priority is to remove CW from the water and place it in a secure location. This location should be under the control of a third party in order to maintain chain of evidence. Video will be used to document condition, etc during the process.
- CW will be covered in the secure area until a decision is made on the third party investigation.
- All files and documentation will be placed under the control of the police.
- I recommend that the sister boat be moved to the same site. It is already out of the water.
- You will decide whether you wish to have a third party commission look into the event. I would assume that you would want that commission to report to your office. Scott would recommend that we just employ one or two experts not connected to the university. He thinks we should visit with Jay about this.

Let me have your thoughts and we will proceed as you desire.

Russell

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From: Cook, Jason
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 11:26 AM
To: mcclendon@tamu.edu
Subject: 2 things-important

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From: Cook, Jason
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 2:59 PM
To: Crawford, Sandy L
Subject: FW: Galveston Daily News

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From: Cook, Jason
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 8:54 AM
To: Wootton, Chad
Subject: Galveston Daily News

Connection to Mitchell established...

The Cynthia Woods is named for the wife of island native, billionaire and philanthropist George Mitchell. Mitchell, a graduate and longtime supporter of the Texas A&M University system, donated the Cynthia Woods and another sailboat, the George Phydias, to the island campus in 2006.

University officials said Mitchell had been informed about the accident.

Five rescued, one dead in boat sinking

By Laura Elder
The Daily News

Published June 9, 2008

GALVESTON — There would be no movie-perfect ending to the story of sailboat Cynthia Woods, which cleared the Galveston jetties Friday with a crew of six on a race to Veracruz.

Only five of those crew members would return alive. Divers found the body of Roger Stone, 53, about 3:47 p.m. Sunday in the sunken craft as Texas A&M University at Galveston officials were celebrating the safe return of the five of who survived.

They spent 26 hours adrift in life jackets after the boat capsized and sank 27 miles southeast of Freeport.

Stone leaves behind his wife, Linda, a daughter, 12, and a son, 14, who live in the Clear Lake area.
"He was a hero," son Eric Stone said on a sailing blog.

"He did his job as safety officer. He got those kids off the boat. He’s in a better place now.

"Thanks to everyone who prayed and prayed and prayed. I can’t begin to describe how grateful I am to you guys. Keep my mom, my sister, me and the entire Stone family in your prayers."

Meanwhile, four Texas A&M University students and an instructor used textbook survival techniques that led to their rescue and reunion with family. And officials had hoped Stone, a seasoned sailor, would also be reunited with his.

"Well, it’s obviously bittersweet," said R. Bowen Loftin, vice president and CEO of Texas A&M University at Galveston. "We’ve been able to celebrate the recovery of five individuals from the Cynthia Woods and mourn, along with his family, the loss of Roger."

Loftin, relaying accounts from other crew members, said Stone, a safety instructor, acted selflessly.

"He made sure everybody got out," Loftin said. "Being last, he didn’t have time to get out himself."

None of Stone’s five crewmates, Ross James Busby, 22, of The Woodlands; Joseph Savana, 18, of Sugar Land; Steven Guy, 20, of the Woodlands; Travis Wright, 22, of League City; or safety officer Steven Conway were available Sunday for interviews. The sunburned and dehydrated survivors rested Sunday at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

Stone was believed to have been below decks with two students about 11 p.m. Friday when the boat’s keel came off and it capsized in seconds. What caused the keel to fail wasn’t yet known Sunday.

Stone, the vessel’s second safety officer, was a volunteer coach with Texas A&M Galveston’s Offshore Sailing Team and logistics representative at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

But university officials, learning of the crew’s harrowing tale, said they did all the right things.

Loftin credits Conway, a Texas A&M employee and retired Coast Guard commander, with instilling confidence and calm in the students, who also are seasoned sailors.

"He really understood the Coast Guard’s process for rescue," Loftin said.

Conway told his young charges how the Coast Guard search and rescue effort would unfold, Loftin said.

"Everything he said came to pass," Loftin said.

The five found themselves overboard with only four life jackets. They took turns with the vital survival gear so that no one became exhausted, Loftin said.

Heartwarming Reunion

Marcia Laughrey, a registered nurse at the medical branch was in the John Sealy Hospital Emergency Room about 3 a.m. when the five were reunited with family.

"It was heartwarming," she said. "I think they all realized how lucky they are."

Everyone was in good spirits, but very tired and kept falling asleep, she said.

One of the five said the group had spotted an oil rig and headed to it with a plan to break in and look for food and water, Laughrey said.

Beam From Above
About 1 a.m. Sunday, more than a day into their ordeal, a Coast Guard helicopter flew near the group. One of them shined a flashlight skyward, got the beam of floodlight in return, and their rescue was under way.

The castaways did everything right, Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Lionel Bryant said.

“They even spread themselves out in a line so they would be easier to see,” he said.

A rescue swimmer from the Dolphin helicopter helped the five into a basket lowered on a cable, and they were hoisted to safety, he said.

Search Continued

The Cynthia Woods cleared Galveston's jetties about 1 p.m. Friday in the Regata de Amigos, a race to Veracruz, Mexico. The university lost transponder contact with the boat about 10 p.m. Friday, Loftin said. A second transponder, communicating with a Web site that tracks sailboats, kept a signal until about midnight, however.

University officials called the Coast Guard when the crew failed to make a routine radio check at 8 a.m. Saturday, Loftin said.

The Coast Guard station at Freeport dispatched a rescue boat, but it had to return because of bad weather.

The Coast Guard air station at Corpus Christi launched a Falcon jet crew, and the cutter Manowar was also dispatched to assist in the search.

Bryant said seas were running 6 to 8 feet when the boat capsized. The rough water hampered the search.

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Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2008 11:01 PM
To: Cook, Jason
Subject: Fw: Press coverage

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From: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>
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Sent: Sun Jun 08 21:46:50 2008
Subject: RE: Press coverage

Sherry - Per your discussion with Rodney - Mr. Stone have been employed with TAMUG since June 1, 2004. He was a sailing and safety officer.

Below is the statement that Dr. Loftin read earlier this evening.

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He never gave up on a student or a friend, and these qualities are evident in his most recent selfless actions.

This is a very sad time for the Stone family. The family needs private time with each other, we ask that the media respect their needs for privacy.

From: Carroll, Sharylon [mailto:s-carroll@tamu.edu]
Sent: Sun 6/8/2008 9:42 PM
To: Rodney P. McClendon
Cc: Donna Lang; Karen Bigley
Subject: Re: Press coverage

We will handle on this end

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Sent: Sun Jun 08 20:20:50 2008
Subject: Fw: Press coverage

Sherry--please see the note below and assist if possible. Thanks!

-----Original Message-----
From: Donna Lang <langd@tamug.edu>
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Sent: Sun Jun 08 20:14:30 2008
Subject: Press coverage

We talked earlier today but did not follow up. Can TAMU record the variety of press pieces in the morning? Is this necessary or desirable? If not, do you want me to make arrangements? Dr. Donna Lang
Asst. VP for Academic Affairs
Texas A and M University at Galveston
From: Cook, Jason
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 3:00 PM
To: Crawford, Sandy L
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This is a long line of emails, and you should read from the bottom up. To get to the chase, we have lost contact with a sailboat that is participating in a regatta from Galveston to Veracruz. The members of this crew included four students and two safety officers; one of the students (Ross James Bubbee from the Woodlands) is from TAMU-College Station; the rest of the students are from TAMU-Galveston. All of their families have been contacted and are either in Galveston or will arrive shortly.
Presently, Elsa, Russell, and Jason are going to Galveston and I will be here to handle anything that may come up. Other than prayers, I don’t know if there is a lot you can do at the moment, but wanted to put you into the loop since one of our students is involved. Bowen has been on top of things and they are being handled extraordinarily well.

Jerry

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-----Original Message-----
From: R. Bowen Loftin [mailto:Loftin@tamug.edu]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2008 5:13 PM
To: Murano, Elsa A; Strawser, Jerry R; Cross, Russell; Cook, Jason
Cc: Bigley, Karen; Rodney P. McClendon; McGonagle, Brad
Subject: Eighth Update on the Cynthia Woods
Importance: High

On the line with the Coast Guard now.

No divers will deploy to save time for search.

Helicopter will begin a search pattern following the drift direction of the boat in hopes of locating the life raft. They will also work from two other anchor points derived from earlier transponder data. Close by oil platforms will also be checked.

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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon <mclendr@tamug.edu>; Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>
Sent: Sat Jun 07 17:00:25 2008
Subject: Seventh Update on the Cynthia Woods

The Coast Guard helicopter has located the overturned sailboat but cannot identify the vessel (markings not visible). No sign of life on or near the boat. We do not know for sure if this is the Cynthia Woods, but the other descriptive information suggests that it is likely the Cynthia Woods. A boat has been dispatched but will take some time to arrive on the scene.

We have asked that a diver be put in the water to confirm the boat’s identity. We don’t know if they will do so.

The boat carried a life raft. It is possible that the crew deployed the raft and became separated from the Cynthia Woods.

Karen is talking to Jason about formulating our information to the families.

Bowen
R. Bowen Loftin
Still awaiting word from the Coast Guard.

Bowen

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The aircraft dispatched from Corpus Christi spotted an overturned sailboat in the vicinity of the last reported transponder location. A helicopter has been sent and should arrive at that location in 30 minutes.

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The transponder did update at 15:07 after missing the last five updates. We are still awaiting word from the Coast Guard.

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       McGonagle <mcgonag@tamug.edu>
Sent: Sat Jun 07 13:58:30 2008
Subject: Third Update on the Cynthia Woods

The aircraft dispatched from Corpus Christi hit a bird and had to return to base. A second
aircraft has now been sent.

Parents of all four students have been notified as well as families of the two Safety
Officers.

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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon <mccleldr@tamug.edu>; Brad
       McGonagle <mcgonag@tamug.edu>
Subject: Second Update on the Cynthia Woods

The Coast Guard has recalled its boat to Freeport due to sea conditions. A Falcon has been
launched from Corpus Christi to scan the location of the last transponder transmission.

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Sent: Sat Jun 07 11:55:02 2008
Subject: Update on the Cynthia Woods

The position transponder has not updated over the last two hours (since 0906). The Coast
Guard is enroute to its last reported position. No other news. I'll keep you poste.
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Sent: Sat Jun 07 10:33:30 2008
Subject: Loss of Contact with the Cynthia Woods

Colleagues:

Yesterday the Cynthia Woods departed Galveston for Veracruz as a participant in the Regata De Amigos XXI. Four TAMUG students are aboard, along with two Safety Officers. The Senior Safety Officer is CDR Steve Conway, USCG (ret). Steve is a extraordinarily capable officer and an experienced sailor.

Standard procedures called for the Senior Safety Officer on board to make contact via satellite phone at 0800 today. No call was received. At 0906 CDT today the transponder on board showed its location as about 35 nautical miles South of Matagorda drifting at 0.4 knots to the North.

The US Coast Guard was informed at 0820 of the failure of the crew to make contact. I have just been notified (1025) that they are dispatching a boat from their Freeport station to investigate.

The independent emergency beacon on board has not been activated. Thus, it is the consensus here that the Cynthia is experiencing some mechanical/electrical problems but is not likely to be in danger. It is possible that the transponder has become separated from the boat.

A command center has been established (per standard procedures) in our Physical Plant, and I am monitoring the situation.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Cook, Jason
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2008 5:48 PM
To: Bigley, Karen
Subject: RE: Family Notification

Karen -- This looks good. It's the facts as we know them. Continue to focus on the facts and the information that we have in hand.

You may want to give Bowen a heads up that Drs. Murano, Cross, Strawser and myself are meeting at 6:30 to discuss next steps. We will give you guys a call in this timeframe.

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From: Karen Bigley [mailto:bigleyk@tamug.edu]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2008 5:47 PM
To: Cook, Jason
Subject: Family Notification
We have received word from the Coast Guard that there is a sail boat in the vicinity of the last known transponder report. That sail boat is overturned. It does have a blue hull similar to the blue hull on the Cynthia Woods. At this point we do not have official confirmation that this is the Cynthia Woods. The helicopter is on site and the coast guard is sending additional resources to the location to continue to search for individuals in the water and/or the liferaft.

In the meantime, we would like to invite you to come to campus. We have set up a location where you can wait with us for reports from the Coast Guard. Otherwise, we will continue to update you by phone.

Our contact at the Coast Guard is Todd Gatlin. He would be happy to speak with you as well. His number is 713-678-9057.

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Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2008 5:23 PM
To: Murano, Elsa A; Loftin, R. Bowen; Strawser, Jerry R; Cross, Russell
Cc: Bigley, Karen; 'mccclenr@tamu.edu'; McGonagle, Brad
Subject: Re: Sixth Update on the Cynthia Woods

First step will be communicating the situation with the families. Re: media - We'll need to coordinate with Coast Guard protocol for events of this nature.

Jason Cook
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Cc: Bigley, Karen; 'mccclenr@tamu.edu' <mccclenr@tamu.edu>; McGonagle, Brad
Sent: Sat Jun 07 16:53:01 2008
Subject: Re: Sixth Update on the Cynthia Woods

Okay. Jason, what are your thoughts on what we should do regarding communicating this to the news media should the worst happen?

Elsa

----- Original Message ----- 
From: R. Bowen Loftin <Loftin@tamu.edu>
Still awaiting word from the Coast Guard.

Bowen

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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamu.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon <mccclendn@tamu.edu>; Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamu.edu>
Sent: Sat Jun 07 15:38:25 2008
Subject: Fifth Update on the Cynthia Woods

The aircraft dispatched from Corpus Christi spotted an overturned sailboat in the vicinity of the last reported transponder location. A helicopter has been sent and should arrive at that location in 30 minutes.

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Sent: Sat Jun 07 15:27:29 2008
Subject: Fourth Update on the Cynthia Woods

The transponder did update at 15:07 after missing the last five updates. We are still awaiting word from the Coast Guard.

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CC: Karen Bigley <bigleyk@tamug.edu>; Rodney P. McClendon <mccleldr@tamug.edu>; Brad McGonagle <mcgonagw@tamug.edu>
Sent: Sat Jun 07 13:58:30 2008
Subject: Third Update on the Cynthia Woods

The aircraft dispatched from Corpus Christi hit a bird and had to return to base. A second aircraft has now been sent.

Parents of all four students have been notified as well as families of the two Safety Officers.

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Sent: Sat Jun 07 11:55:02 2008
Subject: Update on the Cynthia Woods

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