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SBX vessel – Sea Based X-Band Radar



The SBX vessel, a self-propelled semi-submersible modified oil-drilling platform, was modified and payloads installed at shipyards in Brownsville and Corpus Christi, Texas. The initial sea trials took place in the Gulf of Mexico to ensure maneuverability and control of the vessel. In addition, the sea trials may include full power operation for satellite and calibration device tracking. Following the sea trials, the completed platform would transit from the Gulf of Mexico to its primary support base at Adak, Alaska. SBX performs tracking, discrimination, and assessment of target missiles in support of missile defense tests, as well as, operation of the GMD system. Rd. Editors Note: Above information was current as of 2005.



The Missile Defense Agency reports in December 2010 that the SBX is due for overhaul on her propulsion systems and the work will start at Todd Pacific Shipyard in March 2011. The

"vessel" is 25 stories tall and looks like a giant, floating golf trophy. Wonder of this vessel has any markings?

USCG Barque Eagle to mark 75th anniversary with cruise to Hamburg

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1939 post card of German tall ship SSS Horst Wessel, now USCGC Eagle

New London, Conn. — The U.S. Coast Guard announced Tuesday the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle's 2011 summer training deployment to Northern Europe, Iceland, Canada and the northeastern United States.

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of its 1936 construction at Blohm and Voss Shipyard in Hamburg, Germany, the USCGC EAGLE will sail from its New London home port on May 7, 2011, to visit the following international and domestic ports in conjunction with its training mission: Waterford, Ireland, May 27 to 30; Hamburg, Germany, June 3 to 6; London, England, June 10 to 13; Reykjavik, Iceland, June 24 to 27; Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 15 to 18; Boston, Mass., July 22 to 25; New Bedford, Mass., July 29 to Aug. 1; and New York, N.Y., Aug. 5 to 8.

"This is a great opportunity to tie the Eagle's rich history directly into the annual cadet summer training at sea," said Capt. Eric C. Jones, the Eagle's commanding officer. "By the time the ship arrives in Hamburg, the cadets will have shared in an experience that the Coast Guard Academy has shared with prospective officers for 65 years

- learning to live and work on the ocean aboard a tall ship."

The Eagle is the largest tall ship flying the United States flag and the only active square-rigger in U.S. government service. A three-masted barque, the Eagle provides an unparalleled at-sea leadership and professional development experience for future officers of the U.S. Coast Guard. A permanent crew of six officers and 49 enlisted personnel guides the trainees through a rigorous underway and in-port training curriculum dedicated to the skills of navigation, damage control, watchstanding, engineering and deck seamanship.

Ed. Note: The release does not mention that the EAGLE was a war prize after WWII, the former German school training ship SSS HORST WESSEL.

Kuwaiti Soldier Killed In Clash With Iraqi Sailors

(AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE 10 JAN 11)
KUWAIT CITY - A Kuwait coast guard was killed on Monday in a shootout with Iraqi sailors inside Kuwait's territorial waters, the interior ministry said. The clash broke out when an Iraqi boat entered Kuwait waters and refused orders from a coast guard patrol to stop, it said in a statement. The coast guard was killed while the Iraqi boat was destroyed and an unspecified number of Iraqis arrested, the interior ministry said. Kuwait's coast guards often seize Iraqi fishing boats and detain Iraqi fishermen for illegal entry into its waters. In October, Kuwait arrested 13 Iraqi fishermen. There was no immediate comment from Baghdad on the latest incident.

Decatur Chapter Meeting

March 6 - 1 PM

Bucs-Mont Stamp Club Show
Benjamin Wilson Senior Center,
580 Delmont Ave.
Warminster PA

There will be a postal station with a pictorial baseball theme cancel.

Check out the naval items on eBay. Proceeds go to Decatur Chapter. Seller: CGCOVERGUY

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