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### Glacier Society Restoration Log 46 09.01.2006

**MAYDAY! MAYDAY! MAYDAY! THIS IS GLACIER!**

**REQUEST IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE!**

I wanted to send a note out to all of you to provide an update of the recent events regarding the Glacier. Many of you have dedicated much time, energy and dollars to our grand vision for the Glacier as a Medical Assistance and Research Ship (MARS), and for that we are grateful. In the final hours leading up to closing, our financing package fell apart. The crew has remained in a state of shock since the transaction collapsed. Four years of work evaporated in hours as the parties to the transaction failed to reach agreement in written documents that were meant to reflect the negotiated terms and draft agreements.

MARAD has to economize its operations and has notified Glacier Society that Glacier is headed to the scrap pile soon unless, by some miracle, we can acquire immediate assistance. Please contact your local Congressman or Senator with the request that they, too, support us by asking MARAD for an extension for the Glacier Society. Senator Joe Lieberman has already sent his request to MARAD and Senator Chris Dodd will be mailing a letter next week.

Captain George B. Newton, Jr., USN (Ret.) and President Bush's former Director of the Arctic Research Commission, has volunteered and is working hard to find fresh financing sources and help find a new port to moor Glacier.

We met last week and discussed alternative options for finding the funding to continue the GLACIER MARS project, and it seems the best approach would be to break it down to a simpler plan that would:

1. Secure the ship!!
2. Begin seeking funding from organizations and foundations.
3. Move the ship from MARAD to a private berth on the west coast, or to Boston.
4. Establish a platform from which to gather interest and support.

The Emergency Survival Plan is to seek refuge in the Boston Harbor (Glacier's original home port). We have held meetings in Boston and several more are scheduled for September and October. The short-term goal is to have Glacier berthed there as a museum until funding is secured.

The Glacier volunteers have restored Glacier to the point where she is secure and can be easily modified for display and would be a great asset for the South Boston community where she was berthed from 1955 to 1966.

Today we received a call from a financing source that is capable of offering a line of credit; hopefully this bulletin will induce others to step forward.

We are seeking the support of community leaders in Boston such as Bud Ris of the New England Aquarium, and the Mayor. PLEASE HELP US TODAY TO CONTACT ANY INFLUENTIAL

PEOPLE; POLITICIANS AND/OR ORGANIZATION(S) THAT CAN HELP SECURE PORT SPONSORSHIP IN BOSTON.

We hope to have fresh, and yes, positive, news shortly after the Labor Day weekend.

Thanks again for your help!

Ben Koether  
Chairman, Glacier Society