

From: Assistant Officer in Charge, American Promise Block II
To: CSNTS Awards Board

Subj: CSNTS BING SIMPSON MAINTENANCE AWARD NOMINATION ICO
MIDN 3/c Xxx Xxxxxx

1. Midn Xxxxxx's professionalism impressed me from the day we met. He was assigned as American Promise's engineer for Block II Summer 2002. He immediately began learning AP's systems by searching for any and all documentation of the vessel.

2. Once the training block started he continued to improve his knowledge of the boat by conducting a full inventory as normally required and then took it upon himself to take a step further. He went thru all the spares checking for correct fit. He ensured the parts onboard fit the boat and parts that did not were removed. When the required spares were not available at the Cutter Shed or the Naval Station he located them out in town and made the purchase. His determination and hard work paid off greatly. Several of the spares were worn, used or broken. Midn Xxxxxx saw to it that we sailed with everything we needed.

3. During the entire cruise Midn Xxxxxx always had a good attitude and plenty of energy and enthusiasm for any task. He was an outstanding example for the other midshipmen on the boat. He worked hard, was always looking for things to be done, and loved to fix or try to improve the design of AP's systems. He was never afraid to get dirty, in fact, I only had to make a suggestion and he would get to work. During the cruise, just prior to entering the town cut at St George's, Bermuda, the diesel quit running. Midn Xxxxxx immediately gained access to the engine and began investigating. He got into the bilge and bled the hot engine several times enabling us to safely enter the harbor. Once pier side he continued to investigate the fuel problem by going thru the fuel system from tank to injectors. His diligence led us to filtering the remaining fuel and transferring it to the after fuel tanks.

4. In summary, Midn Xxxxxx was one of the most impressive midshipmen with whom I have ever worked. He is knowledgeable, responsible and mature beyond his years. He spent countless hours ensuring the engineering spaces were kept in top operating and spotless condition. His efforts ensured a safe and fulfilling cruise. He is an excellent sailor, an outstanding engineer and a perfect candidate for the Bing Simpson Maintenance Award.

Very respectfully submitted,

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