



THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

(US Coast Guard Auxiliary Version)



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Twas the night before Christmas, all across the Seas,
Not a current was stirring, not even the breeze;
The patrol boats were moored to the docks with great care,
In case of a winter storm that could soon be there;

Auxiliary sailors and seaman lay snug in their beds,
Thoughts of victims and rescues were fresh in their heads;
Then suddenly, in the harbor, there came such a sound,
The coxswains and crew searched, but nothing could be found;

When, there at the horizon there rose a great sight,
With red and green lights, even a three sixty white;
The roar of her engines were nothing to compare,
Against the jolly laughter of the helmsman there;

The odd vessel approached us at juggernaut speed,
And sped through a no-wake zone, which it did not heed;
Boat crews, both Silver and Gold, ran on to the pier,
To see the strange craft as it drew ever so near;

The Captain at the wheel wore red with white trim,
A jolly face, white beard, and a belly, not thin!
A fur coat, hat, gloves, and orange PFD,
Completed this Sailor for everyone to see;

He spoke to those present in a deep merry voice,
"You serve others and this is a wonderful choice,"
For you all have responded to your brothers call,

You rush out to save them during tempest and squall;
It is time to deliver my message to you,
That you all should receive this Bravo Zulu;
It's now time for me to get underway,
The time we were together, was special today;

He started the engines with a twitch of his nose,
"All Ahead Full", his orders crescendoed and rose;
As pulled from the dock, oh what a wonderful sight,
He shouted, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!"

Auxiliarist Alan J.P. Miles

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Tides for Moriches Inlet starting with December 14, 2011

Day	High/Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise/Sunset	Moon Time	% Moon Visible
Wed. 14	Low	2:35 AM	0.1	7:07 AM 4:24 PM	Set 9:49 AM Rise 8:42 PM	89
	High	8:46 AM	3.1			
	Low	3:20 PM	-0.1			
	High	9:36 PM	2.6			
Thur. 15	Low	3:18 AM	0.1	7:08 AM 4:24 PM	Set 10:21 AM Rise 9:49 PM	82
	High	9:35 AM	3.0			
	Low	4:01 PM	-0.1			
	High	10:28 PM	2.7			
Fri. 16	Low	4:09 AM	0.2	7:09 AM 4:25 PM	Set 10:51 AM Rise 10:57 PM	73
	High	10:29 AM	3.0			
	Low	4:49 PM	0.0			
	High	11:21 PM	2.8			
Sat. 17	Low	5:11 AM	0.2	7:09 AM 4:25 PM	Set 11:21 AM	62
	High	11:26 AM	2.9			
	Low	5:47 PM	0.0			
Sun. 18	High	12:15 AM	2.9	7:10 AM 4:25 PM	Rise 12:06 AM Set 11:51 AM	51
	Low	6:24 AM	0.2			
	High	12:24 PM	2.8			
	Low	6:51 PM	0.0			
Mon. 19	High	1:12 AM	3.0	7:10 AM 4:26 PM	Rise 1:16 AM Set 12:24 PM	40
	Low	7:36 AM	0.2			
	High	1:26 PM	2.7			
	Low	7:53 PM	0.1			