

# *SLINGIN' HASH AND HAULIN' OIL*



# CASTIN' OFF

## **1. Middle of Somewhere (prelude)**

- Reflections on becoming a sailor on a tugboat hauling an oil barge, examination of the sense of place.



## 2. The Call

- My evolution to sailor, at 51. The difficulties inherent to one with no connections in the maritime field attending seamanship school.



### 3. Sea Change

- The interview and process of becoming a seafarer on a commercial petroleum hauling tug and barge.





## 4. Tug Immersion School

- Touch down in Alaska. The fear and excitement of arriving on the Tug Sioux. The scope of Crowley Maritime's influence.



# REFINERY HOSES



## 5. Stores

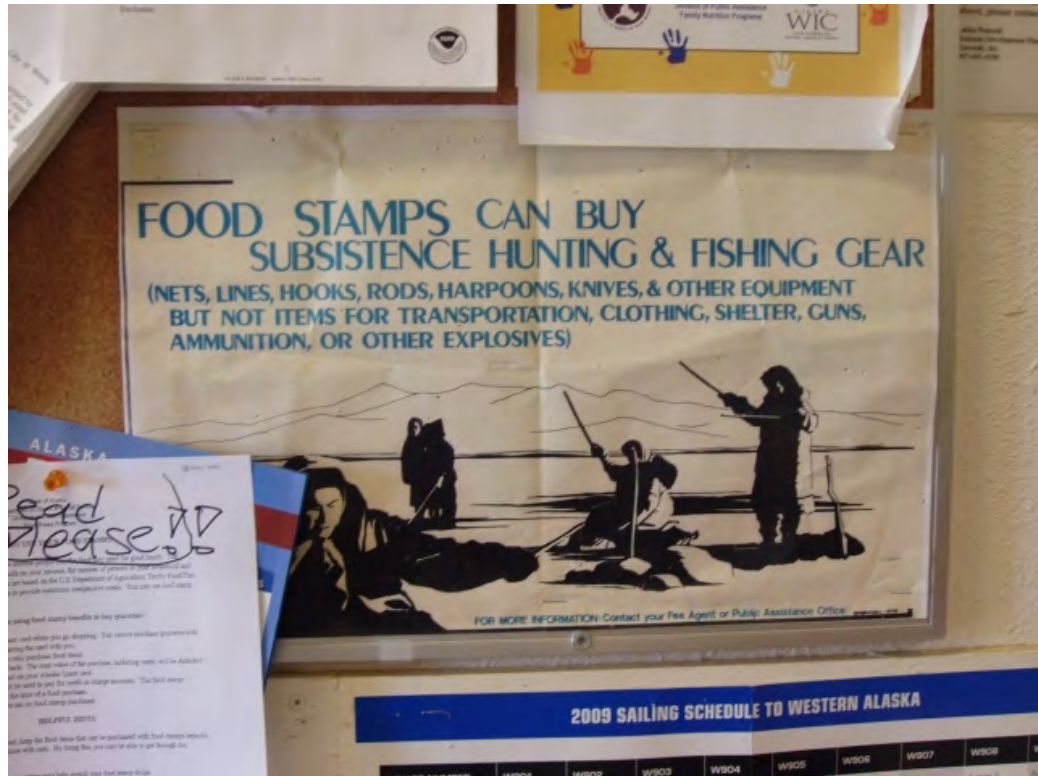
- The desperate circumstances of a boat with no food as I arrive just before Christmas in Valdez, AK.





## 6. Shopping in Koz

- Shopping above the Arctic Circle. Native Alaskan lifestyle & culture.





## 7. Changing Course

- The year of tragedy which jettisoned my life into sailing the sea for solace.



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## 8. Gearing Up

Considerations and planning for 28, 45 or 60 days at sea.





## 9. My Day

- The activities of a cooking day in the tugboat galley, the challenges of storage and working on the water.





## 10. The Anti-Christ Stove pg. 52

- Equipment woes and Machiavellian corporate purchase procedures.



# 11. The Benefits of Rough Weather

- The bright side, inside a forty-foot long tugboat in swells of 20 feet and winds of 90 miles or more.



# 12. Staying in Bed

- Tricks for staying in bed, cooking, showering and walking at sea in rough weather.





# 13. Saucy Work

- The spunk, resilience and persistence of my personality win over the NRA.



## 14. What's @ Steak

- Why I cook on the tugboat, the fulfillment, challenges and joys.



# 15. Smokin' Fish

- The irony of barbequing and smoking fish on a tugboat fifty feet from a petroleum barge.







# HAULIN' OIL

## 16. Words to Live By

- A psychological picture of tug crew interactions



# 17. ATB or Awfully Tall Boat

- The benefits and foibles of improved tugboat design. A reflection of modern life.





## 18. Wally the Whirlwind

- How a funny, wildly energized crewmember enriched my boating life.



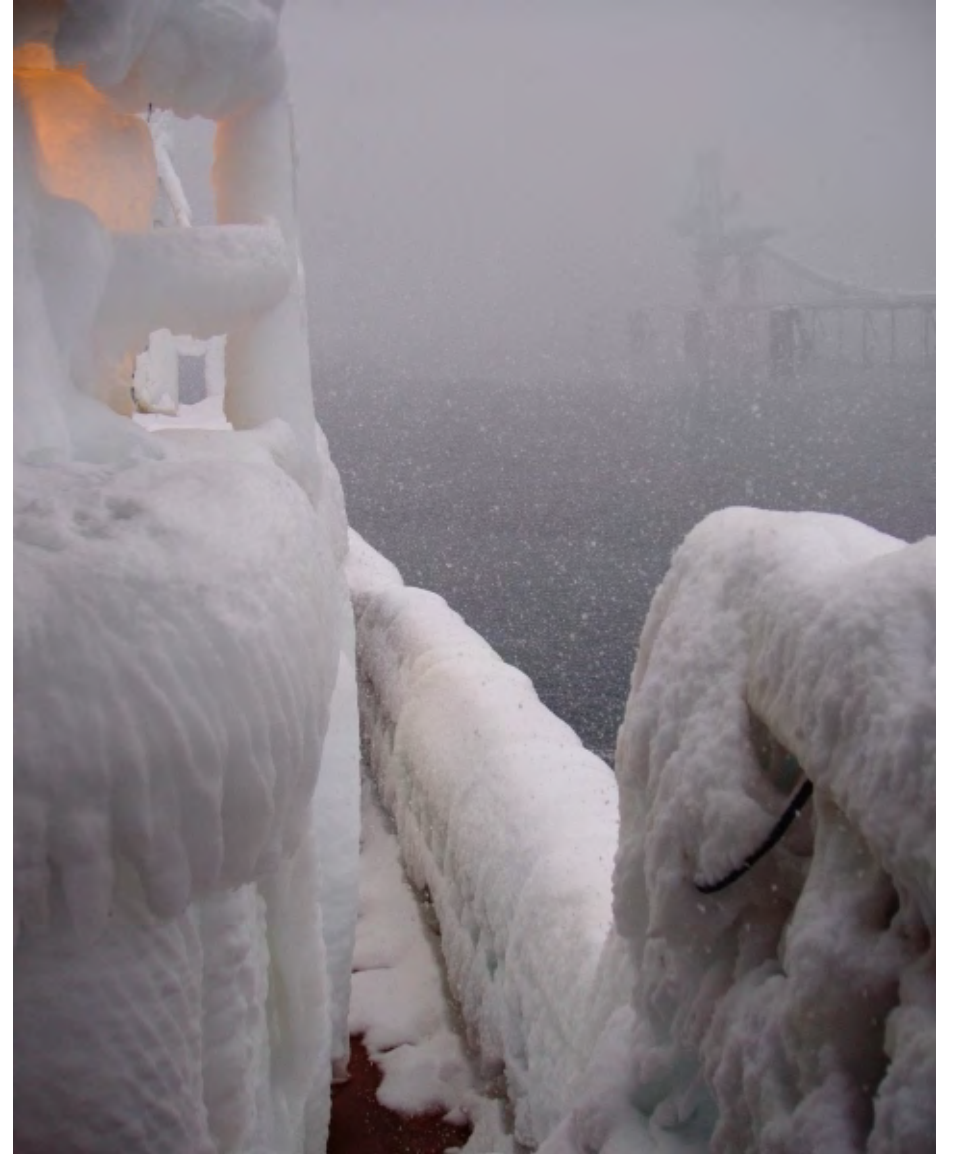
# 19. In it for the Money

- Some folks work only for the money of a high paying job, with no love for it. Happens on the sea too, with dire consequences.



## 20. Guardsman and Gladiator Death & Destruction Tour 2009

- Ill equipped, in dire straits, we survive destruction and death to sail again.





## 21. Musk Ox

- Security breach above the Artic. Mayhem and hilarity among the crew.



## 22. Cribbage, Not Just a Game

- Like the title says...



## 23. Mt Redoubt I'll Get to Work

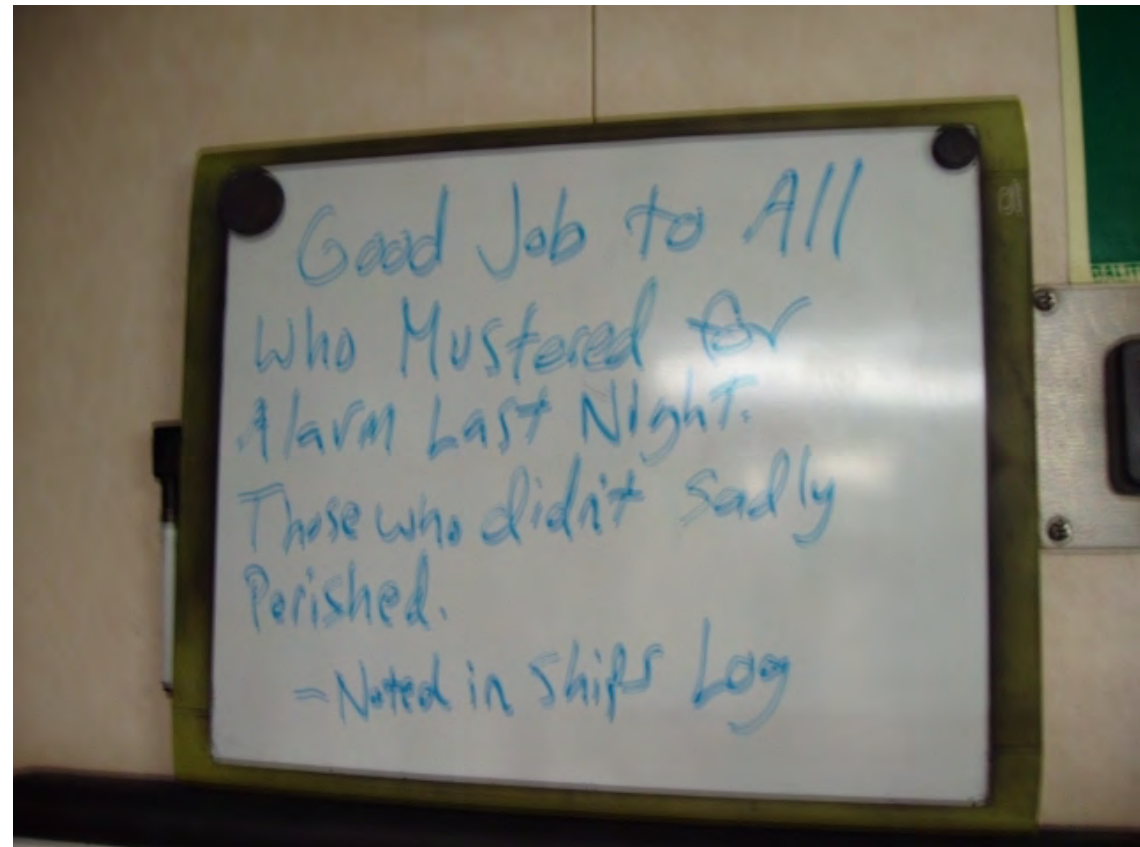
- Most folks have to deal with rush hour in their commute. I have to deal with volcanic eruptions and blizzards.





## 24. For Those Who Perished...

- Safety Drills; Man Over Board and Fire, in the middle of the night



## 25. Goin' Home pg. 112

- Preparing for the turnover of crew. What reentry to land life is like.



## 26. The End





# Slingin' Hash and Haulin' Oil

Three Sections – Castin' Off, Slingin' Hash and Haulin' Oil

26 Chapters

32 Photos

Recipes Included

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