

ATON Support at Noyo River

Noyo Harbor and River at Fort Bragg is the only safe harbor and refueling resource on the north coast of California between Bodega Bay and Humboldt Bay. The narrow bar entrance to Noyo and the River and mooring basins have a wide range of aids to navigation for mariners ranging from the three major channel buoys off shore to the multi color range light at the narrow jetty entrance to the lighted day marks in the river.

While the large buoys are served by the Coast Guard Buoy Tender Aspen twice a year maintenance of the other aids is the responsibility of the ATN Team at Group Humboldt Bay. Recently Flotilla 87 has been called on to assist the ATN Team in accessing the day marks on dolphins in the Noyo River. In July assisted ATN team in accessing Day mark #8 and replacing the wooden day marks on both side of the aid. Required landing the ATN technician to the aid ladder and raising and lowering equipment to the aid platform. This required skilled and well timed close quarter



LCDR Twomey working on the Noyo River entrance range light.

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maneuvering with AUXFAC Angelena with Bruce Rogerson Coxswain, Bob Gerbi and Harold Hauck crew.



In August we were again requested to provide transport to the Harbor Entrance Range Light for LCDR Twomey from the District 11

to install special

GPS equipment to verify the location of this key aid to navigation. Again this involved landing LCDR Twomey to the dolphin ladder and sending up and recovering equipment both of which were successfully completed using AUXFAC Angelena and crew.

