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Above: CYPRESS working a large offshore NOAA weather buoy. These buoys transmit critical weather information throughout the Gulf of Mexico and are particularly important during hurricane season.

Departing Shipmates:

1. LTJG White
2. CWO4 Witbracht
3. ET1 Butterfield
4. HS1 Culpepper
5. DC2 Rigby
6. SK2 Smith

GUESS THAT SHIPMATE!

-ENS Paul Dell'Isola

This transfer season started off with exciting operations including: a month long patrol to the Caribbean, Blue Angels support operations, a Texas NOAA ATON trip, and an planned ATON trip that turned into an unplanned migrant operation! During all of the hard work keeping the waterways safe, there have been quite a few additions to the CYPRESS crew! We welcomed aboard 13 new shipmates from all over the United States. The new crew have seamlessly transitioned to buoy tender life and have already made a lasting impact on their shipmates! So... let's see how well our readers know our newly reported crew members!



HINTS:

- His previous unit was the oldest ship in the CG.
- Born and raised in Cajun Country
- Die Hard New Orleans Saints Fan!

Who's This Shipmate!?

HINTS:

- This shipmate's previous location was boot camp.
- Wants to go to HS A-school.
- Before the Coast Guard he attended barber school!

Who's This Shipmate!?

HINTS:

- Her previous unit a large white hull on the west coast.
- Can be seen riding her new motorcycle around NAS Pensacola
- Recently advanced!

Who's This Shipmate!?

Guess That Shipmate Bank:

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| 1. SN Yun | 2. BM2 Pullins | 3. CWO4 Stiers | 4. DC2 Burluson |
| 5. FN Barton | 6. DC3 Toscano | 7. FS3 Krauss | 8. BM2 Jurgens |
| 9. MK1 Milligan | 10. HS2 Delph | 11. ET1 Williams | 12. SK2 Doty |
| 13. EM1 Griffitt | | | |

Ask a Shipmate on USCGC CYPRESS for the answers!

3ND Quarter of 2014 CGC CYPRESS

"THE STRONG ARM OF THE GULF"



Blue Angels Air show!



July 12th, 2014 USCGC CYPRESS was the center point during the Blue Angels Air show off Pensacola Beach. We worked in conjunction with Santa Rosa Island Authority, CGC BONITA and STA Pensacola to maintain a security zone and ensure safety inside the aerial box.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Special thanks to the crew for the outstanding job they did during Q4 inspections. All visits went well and the crew received outstanding feedback.

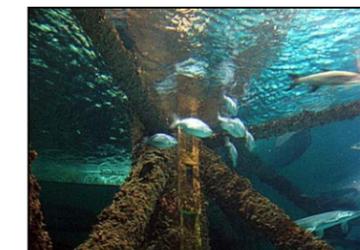
- Deck Dept: Buoy Deck Training Team
- Galley Staff: Food Service Assessment Team

Artificial Reef - CYPRESS Helping the Environment -by ENS Stephanie Knaup

While sounds of "Sinker Away" and laughter are heard emerging from the buoy deck, CYPRESS sets a total of four non-serviceable sinkers totaling almost 50,000 pounds over the side. Meanwhile, this morale building activity is actually benefitting the environment!

Why did we drop these blocks of concrete into the Gulf of Mexico? These sinkers were released into a Fish Haven off the coast of Mobile, Alabama to help build an artificial reef. Weighing approximately 12,000 pounds each, these concrete sinkers that typically provide an anchor for buoys will create a fantastic platform for marine growth. Once the algae grow on the sinker, it provides a food source and encourages the growth of barnacles, corals, and oysters. In turn, marine life is attracted to the sinkers as these artificial reefs become a source of shelter and food. The artificial reefs increase both sea life and recreational opportunities by becoming fishing and scuba diving attractions. As natural coral reefs do not form in the Gulf of Mexico, these man-made artificial reefs can simulate the benefits and remain as productive habitats for 100 to 500 years. Artificial reef projects began in the 1950s and common platforms include shipwrecks, capped off oilrigs, military tanks, and bridge rubble.

The artificial reefs we created off the coast of Alabama will attract marine life such as Angler fish, Red Snapper, Grey Triggerfish, Amberjack, and King Mackerel, as seen in the photo below. By having fun on deck and freeing ourselves of corroded blocks of concrete, CYPRESS was able to help the environment and provide a new underwater habitat in the Gulf of Mexico!



Above photo from Splash Magazine



 **CGC CYPRESS**
WLB (210)

3rd Quarter Recognitions:

Departed Crew Members:

"May the wind always be at your back and the sun upon your face. And may the winds of destiny carry you aloft to dance with the stars."

- LTJG Nathaniel White
Achievement Medal
- CWO4 Chad Witbracht
Commendation Medal

Crew Member Awards:

Thank you to all those that strive to create a safe, professional, and hardworking work environment onboard CYPRESS. Your hard work and good conduct has not gone unnoticed!

- SN Avans
Sailor of the Quarter
3rd Quarter FY 2014
- SN Brown
Sea Service Ribbon
- FS3 Bahn
Good Conduct Award
- BM3 Stoddard
Good Conduct Award
- EM3 Watkins
Good Conduct Award
- FS1 Cochran
Good Conduct Award

Captain's Corner:

-by CDR Amy Florentino

Greetings CYPRESS family and friends!



Welcome back to the Captain's Corner. CYPRESS had a very busy 3rd quarter and performed exceptionally well in all mission areas. We were finished up a successful District Seven ATON patrol in support of CGC OAK's mid-life availability. We also conducted planned ATON ops and unplanned migrant ops in the Gulf of Mexico. We completed an unprecedented NOAA buoy run, servicing almost every weather buoy in the Gulf of Mexico in one quarter. We were a highly lauded public affairs and security asset for the 2014 Blue Angels air show and participated in NAS Pensacola's 100 year celebration. We hosted RADM Cook for a unit visit and award presentation to the Dining Facility. The quarter was so busy, that I don't have room to write much and would rather share the pictures. Thanks again for all of your commitment and hard work.



Above: CYPRESS deck force relaxes after off-loading thousands of pounds of ATON gear in St. Petersburg, FL.



Above: CYPRESS towing a 10-meter NOAA weather buoy from 200 miles offshore to Corpus Christi, TX.
Left: CYPRESS' Law Enforcement team working in conjunction with CGC VIGILANT and their LE teams during an offshore migrant case.
Below: CYPRESS moored mid-patrol in District 7 at Sector San Juan, Puerto Rico. CYPRESS will be supporting CGC OAK again in January.



Above: CYPRESS conducting an astern refueling exercise with CGC PELICAN during an offshore migrant case.
Below: CYPRESS crew member BM1 Liuzzi assists 1/c Cadet Rossi during pyrotechnics training.



Insignia Investigation –by ENS Lindsay Grim

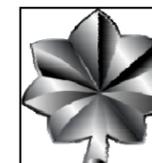
The additional responsibilities and expectations that come with promotion and advancement are not as easily identifiable as the change in insignia on members' collars. But where do those symbols come from? Highlights of certain insignia histories are found below.



Petty Officers wear a combination of chevrons with a shield. Chevrons, derived from the French word for roof, were originally used on shields and coat of arms for knights in the 12th century, but were adopted by the U.S. military in the 19th century. In the Coast Guard, chevrons point downwards. The shield above the chevrons is symbolic of the Revenue Cutter Service, one of the many services that were combined to form the United States Coast Guard.



Chief Petty Officers wear a shield over a fouled anchor. The fouled anchor is a popular naval symbol, dating back to the 16th century, where it was used as the seal for the Lord Admiral of England, and later for British Navy as a whole. It is not documented when the fouled anchor became a symbol for Chief Petty Officers, but it can be estimated to be in the last century, as the rank was not established until 1920. As with Petty Officer insignia, the shield signifies the Revenue Cutter Service.



Commanders wear a silver oak leaf. The oak leaf has been used as a military symbol since the 18th century where it is theorized that use in German uniforms influenced the British military to adopt it. Other theories credit the symbol to King Charles II who escaped from his enemies in 1650 by hiding in an oak tree, or to American Naval Officers who wanted to honor the oak lumber used to create ships.



Congratulations to DC2 Heather Burleson, MKC Matt Stewart, and CDR Amy Florentino for their advancements and promotions this quarter!

CYPRESS VISITORS

We welcomed with open arms, shared experiences, and said our goodbyes. Let us remember those that sailed with or visited Cutter CYPRESS this past quarter.

- RADM Cook
- CAPT Palmer
- NOAA Techs!
- BOSN Cassisa

UPCOMING EVENTS

October:

*CYPRESS 3rd Annual Haunted Ship, downtown Pensacola at Plaza De Luna : Friday October 24th & Saturday October 25th. POC is ENS Knaup at (850) 452-9044.

December:

*Holiday Party: December 12th
*Breakfast with Santa: TBD

March:

*Pensacola Tough Mudder: start training and sign up with the Morale Officer.

TBD: Family & Friends Ice Flyers morale hockey event.

