

USCGC CYPRESS

1ST QUARTER 2016
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Captain's Corner

Greetings from the Captain's cabin. It was another busy few months for the crew with multi-mission ops throughout the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. The cutter racked up some great statistics this quarter and should be proud of the work accomplished:

- Underway Hours: 670
- Miles Steamed: 5,605
- Aids Serviced: 36
- Crane Lifts: ~806K lbs
- LE Boardings: 11
- Small Boat Sorties: 22
- SAR Cases: 2



Above: CYPRESS transported a boating safety trailer for the Auxiliary from Key West to San Juan.

Thanks for your continued hard work!
- **CDR Amy Florentino**

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Above: Members of PSU 313, from Everett, WA embark to observe GTMO ATON operations.

MARSECDET GTMO

Wow! That is a mouthful and just what does it stand for? The answer is Joint Task Force Guantanamo Maritime Security Detachment. Coast Guard Port Security Teams have been patrolling the waters in GTMO, Cuba for several years. These teams deploy for nine months to a year and hold watch over the water much like their Marine Corps counterparts do along the wire. But like many things at GTMO, their mission is multi-faceted. While their primary focus is to provide anti-terrorism force protection patrols off-shore, they also provide security zones during commissionings of suspected terrorists and escort vessels through the bay. Most recently, 24 JTF members learned a little about buoy tending while CYPRESS was at work fixing buoys and lights in GTMO.

Search & Rescue

After a lengthy patrol in District Seven, CYPRESS started her steam home for the holidays. As we rounded the Florida Keys, Sector St. Petersburg hailed on the radio. There was a sailing vessel in distress 100 miles off shore. The vessel had been damaged in the heavy wind and seas and could no longer make progress east. A heavy current was setting them toward Cuba and without our help the vessel and two crew would have been in severe distress. With the help of an HC-144 aircraft, CYPRESS located the vessel and took them into tow ensuring they were safely home for the holidays as well.



Above: S/V Renaissance in tow

NEWS FLASH

- SN James Towe

Its official! As another amazing, exciting, FUN quarter comes to an end, the mighty Cutter CYPRESS and her crew set the standard for the phrase "HARDWORK!" With so much going on, including a law enforcement patrol, a BUSY Charlie period, and a successful D7 ATON trip, it may be easy to forget about everything else. So hold on tight for a BLAST FROM THE PAST! **Did you know?** Pensacola was named after the Panzacola North American tribe that inhabited the region. Named by Ensign Juan Jordan de Reina, he described the Pensacola Bay as "the best that I have seen in my life." Good call sir! With so much to say about Pensacola this leads me to this quarter's...#BREAKINGNEWS. On October 2, 2015 a Pensacola resident found artifacts on a construction site that were proven to be from the 16th century expedition led by Tristan de Luna. Historians have since concluded that Pensacola was in fact the location of the Luna Settlement. Started in 1559, the Luna Settlement was America's first multi-year settlement, and preceded Jamestown, VA by 48 Years. In 1561 the Luna Settlement was destroyed by a hurricane, leaving evidence to be found only centuries later. **True Story!** During a Blue Angels show on December 1, 2004, LT Ted Steelman ejected from his F/A-18A Hornet plane as it struck the water one mile off the coast of Perdido Key. While Mr. Steelman walked away from the accident with minor injuries, the 36,000 pound hull quickly sank. Plane crash in Pensacola? #CHALLENGEACCEPTED. In no time CYPRESS was on scene and after a lengthy three day evolution working with the Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit, the plane was recovered. Way to go CYPRESS! **Fun Facts!** Rabbits can't sweat. The name Wendy was created for the 1904 play *Peter Pan*.

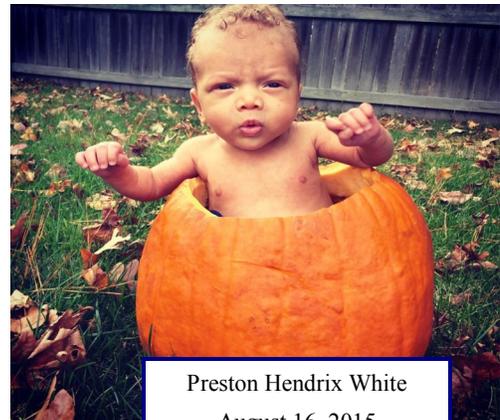
Welcome to the Coast Guard Family!



Charlotte Quinn Anderson
September 26, 2015
Daughter of BM1 Paul Anderson



Zoe Rae Lauer
October 23, 2015
Daughter of FS1 Clark Lauer



Preston Hendrix White
August 16, 2015
Son of ENS Tevin White



Riley Grace Wideman
August 16, 2015
Daughter of BM3 Jeffrey Wideman



Sean Martin McDonnell
December 4, 2015
Son of ET2 Michael McDonnell

CYPRESS Fantasy Football

- DC2 Nicholas Toscano

Every year the beginning of fall calls for back to school supply shopping and warmer clothes for a new season with its changing temperatures. This time of year also brings something special for the “grown-up” kids. It marks the start of fantasy football season. USCGC CYPRESS kicked off her annual fantasy season with a twelve team league where twelve crew members battled week to week for ultimate bragging rights. The members of the draft include LTJG Dell’Isola, BM1 Anderson, ET1

Picou, EM1 Griffitt, MK1 Milligan, MK1 Gross, DC2 Toscano, BM2 Whitehead, MK2 Martin, MK3 Hall, BM3 San Diego, and BM3 Wideman. The draft was held and hosted at a Pensacola area Buffalo Wild Wings chain. This year, MK1 Milligan assumed the duties and responsibilities of the league commissioner. As “commish,” MK1 governed the rules and set the scoring for the league. Friends and shipmates became foes for an evening at the draft table, ridiculing and judging one another’s picks as the best athletes in the National Football League came off the board one by one. Once the smoke cleared from the draft room, teams were set to square off as each general manager held out hope for fantasy glory come the last week of December 2015. Our twelve man league is now down to a four team play-off between the teams belonging to EM1 Griffitt, MK1 Milligan, BM1 Anderson and LTJG Dell’Isola. Trades, waiver wire pickups, and questionable collusion-like methods to gain victory were aplenty; however, so too is the desire for the triumph and privilege that comes with dubbing oneself CYPRESS Fantasy Football Champion!



The Running of the Bulls

- LTJG Dell’Isola



The honorary position of “Bull Ensign” was passed from LTJG Knaup to ENS Benson following the promotion of three Junior Officers to LTJG in November. The Bull Ensign is the senior Ensign of a Coast Guard command. In addition to normal duties, the Bull Ensign assumes various additional responsibilities, such as teaching less-experienced Ensigns about life at sea. The Bull Ensign is responsible for preventing junior Ensigns in his or her command from embarrassing themselves and the Coast Guard. Though the position often has little formal authority, the Bull Ensign serves as the focal point for the unit’s expression of spirit and pride. A Bull Ensign will often be recognized by his or her uniform’s oversized gold ensign collar device engraved with the word “Bull.” ENS Benson grabbed the bull by the horns following taking over by quickly qualifying as an underway Officer of the Deck (OOD)! She also wasted no time and began indoctrinating our newest Junior Officer, ENS White, to life aboard the mighty CYPRESS. Ole!!!



CYPRESS POWER & LIGHTING

- ENG4 Bryan Stiers, Engineering Officer



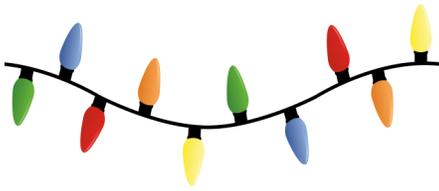
It has been another fun filled and action packed three months for what I feel is the best group of engineers I have had the pleasure of working with in my career. While on the October patrol, the #1 Main Diesel Engine (MDE) had a raw water pump fail. The raw water pump keeps the engines cool (similar to a car radiator). The main challenge with replacing the pump is its size and weight, about 1,500 LBS. Because of its size, it has to be lowered into the engine room using chain falls, a very time consuming process. The main propulsion division

had the daunting task of overseeing five contractors take both ship service generators down to the bare block (all parts removed) and then rebuilding the engine with all new parts. To explain the purpose of the generators in simple terms, they provide electricity for the ship while it is underway. The generator end (part that makes electricity) is rated for 450KW which is connected to a CAT 3508 Diesel Engine. The engine turns the generator at a constant speed so electricity can be produced. The overhaul involved separating the engine from the generator



and reinstalling all new pistons, cylinder liners, and turbo chargers. The contractors worked 12 hour days, 7 days a week for 3 weeks. Main Prop also found a faulty fuel injector on the #2 MDE — something not too complex to repair. We installed a new injector; however, we again had the same problem. After about a day and a half of troubleshooting we determined the new injector was also bad. A second new injector was the trick and the #2 MDE has been problem free since. The Electrical division spent long days and nights chasing electrical grounds. Electrical grounds occur when small amounts of electricity shorts to the hull causing long term corrosion and potential equipment damage. The Electrical Division also installed an exhaust fan in the damage control shop, allowing vapors from grinding or hot work to escape outside. The Damage Control division were the cutter's handymen — repairing a garbage disposal, repairing drain lines, renewing a tank vent line, and completing other plumbing and welding jobs. In their off time and at night underway they also conducted damage control training. This training is essential for all, because each and every crewmember has a vital role for response to emergencies while underway. A trained crew is the best defense. Last but not least, the auxiliary division, has been busy maintaining the crane, the small boat crane and davit, and the air conditioning and refrigeration systems. During November, the changing temperatures and high humidity had the auxiliary division on their toes trying to keep the ventilation balanced to reduce condensation and manage crew comfort. Wishing all the members of the CYPRESS family a Happy New Year.





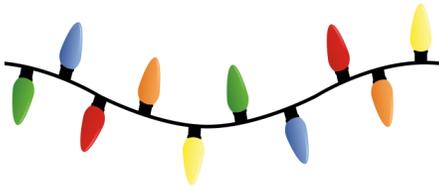
Save the Date!

CYPRESS Annual Holiday Party

Friday, January 8th, 2016 @ 1800

5000 Lillian Highway, Pensacola

Food, Fun, and Festivities!



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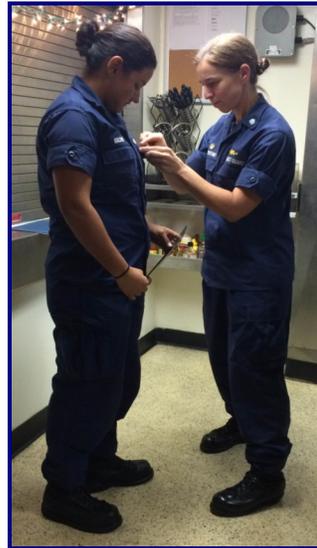
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Welcome Aboard!

ENS White
SK2 Picard
BM3 Hampton
SA Bradlaw
SA Guldán
SA Mines
SA Wheeler



Fair Winds and Following Seas!

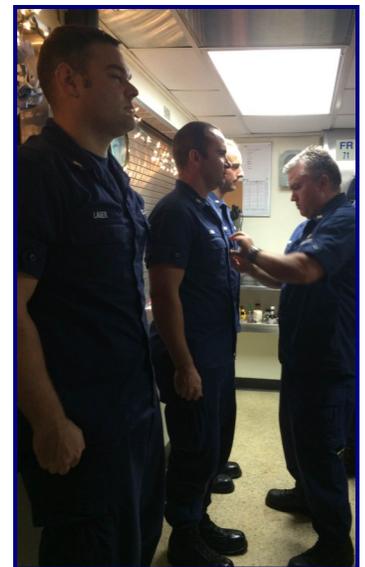
SN Brown
SN O'Brien
SN Towe



Congratulations
LTJG
Dell'Isola,
LTJG Grim &
LTJG Knaup
on your
promotion!

Mission of the Cuttermen Association

- To actively contribute to the continuation & preservation of the history and recognition of Coast Guard Cuttermen.
- To promote interest in the Coast Guard cutter community both internally & externally.
- To maintain an informational liaison between present and past Coast Guard Cuttermen and the operational fleet.
- To promote interaction and camaraderie between all Coast Guard Cuttermen and supporters of the Coast Guard's cutter fleet through periodic gatherings, fraternal in nature, both national and regional in scope.
- To provide a common link for all past and present Cuttermen to strengthen the afloat community for present and future Cuttermen.



Congratulations to LT Mulcahy, MK1 Milligan, FS1 Lauer, BM2 Luman, BM3 San Diego, and BM3 Stoddard for earning your permanent cuttermen pins!

