

Shore Ties Holiday Edition

VOLUME 18

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2009

From the Cabin

IN THIS ISSUE:

Message from the Executive Officer	2
Message from the Command Chief	3
Thanksgiving aboard CGC HARRIET LANE	4
Rescue and Assistance	5
Drug Bust	6
Patrol Pictures	8
Operations with 6606	11
Awards, Promotions and Advancements	12
Family Shout Outs	14
Qualifications	18

Seasons Greetings HARRIET LANE family and friends! This edition of Shore Ties comes as we make our way home for the holidays. Decorations are prominently displayed throughout the ship (including these on the cabin door!), and the spirit of the season is certainly in the air. All that's left is to rejoin you! Another quick, but productive patrol is coming to a close and again I have to tip my cap to the impressive performance of the crew, and the unwavering support we've gotten from you back home.

We started the patrol doing that most-satisfying Coast Guard mission: Search and Rescue. We were diverted hundreds of miles off the East Coast to assist a sailboat in distress. The boat's sails had been damaged in high winds. Our team boarded the boat, provided fuel, and assisted the five sailors aboard with continuing their journey. We spent the next phase of the patrol on the lookout for migrant smugglers. We flew our embarked helicopter, and deployed our small boats nearly everyday. During this period we were treated to a superb Thanksgiving meal prepared by our Food Services Division, then served by the officers. Luckily we had a TV signal and were able to enjoy Thanksgiving Day football games! The highlight of the patrol came shortly after a quick stop in Key West when we interdicted a cargo ship, then discovered nearly three tons of cocaine on board!

What followed was ten days of continuous boarding, boat operations, towing the vessel and detaining its' 11 crewmen. The entire time we fought high winds and big seas. Your HARRIET LANE sailor was outstanding! The challenging case went off without a hitch, and we have been receiving congratulations from all over the Coast Guard since.

Operations didn't give us the chance to rest or call home as much as we would have liked, and port visits to Key West, Guantanamo Bay and Mayport, FL combined work with very little R & R. No one is complaining though, and the satisfaction of a job well done is carrying us home in high spirits!

Please join me in wishing fair winds to Jessica Goff, one of our fine Ombudsmen. Jess and her husband MK2 Dakota Goff are off to their next assignment. Thank you Jess for all the support you've provided the HARRIET LANE family! Soon Sarah Michelle Rice will be relocating as well. Let Sarah Michelle or the XO

know if you are interested in volunteering for this important job.

From Darlene, Hailey, Madison and I, best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season!

J.C. VANN
Commanding Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE



Message from the Executive Officer

To Friends and Family Members of
HARRIET LANE:

Home for the Holidays! HARRIET LANE returns home following a very successful patrol. The achievements were even recognized and lauded by the White House!

The Assignment Year 2010 process is in full swing and many of our shipmates are receiving their number one pick – a credit to their professionalism and hard work on board. HARRIET LANE shipmates will transfer to exciting positions on board other cutters and even oversee operations in the Bahamas. All the best to our shipmates who are still waiting for the phone call or e-mail advising them where they are headed.

HARRIET LANE has completed the cycle of shorter length patrols – and certainly the crew's accomplishments are disproportionate to the amount of time spent at sea. Soon after we headed to sea, we completed vertical insertion training, as tactical law enforcement team members fast-roped from a Coast Guard helicopter onto our decks multiple times. Thereafter we responded to a sailing vessel in distress. The response effort is always a humbling experience, as the sea can be a very unforgiving force of nature. Thanks to the HARRIET LANE crew, the sailing vessel was able to resume its journey bound for the United States. Certainly though, our biggest accomplishment was the location and follow-on seizure of 2.6 metric tons of

cocaine bound eventually for the streets of America. The ten-day operation proved to be a great team effort.

Looking ahead, at press time we still await a decision as to where we are headed for our drydock availability. Once a decision is known – we will be sure to forward the information to everyone. This extended maintenance period will be an excellent opportunity for HARRIET LANE to receive some much needed attention in order to support all tasking in the future.



With the permanent transfer of MK2 Cody and Mrs. Goff, Mrs. Sarah Michelle Rice will be your point of contact for all Ombudsman issues. If anyone is interested in filling the role in 2010, please e-mail me at: adam.b.morrison@uscg.mil.

We also say goodbye to the following shipmates: Seaman Scott Linder, Seaman Spencer Braid, and Seaman Mario Monreal. Seaman Linder and Seaman Braid are both headed off for formal schooling and Seaman Monreal heads north to the Coast Guard Academy to transition into becoming a commissioned officer. All the best to you three.

Finally, Cami, Cora and I wish you all the best during the holiday season. Please travel safe.

Very respectfully,
LCDR Adam Morrison
Executive Officer

Message from the Command Chief

For a Chief Petty Officer, few ceremonies bring about a greater sense of pride than observing a shipmate's advancement. The opportunity to place a hat bearing the Chief's Anchor on the head of a deserving crewmember is especially meaningful. This patrol, we had the opportunity to do just that. The Chiefs' Mess would like to welcome our newest member. Congratulations to OSC Rob Miller on his recent advancement to Chief Petty Officer! Chief Miller has served in the Coast Guard for 8 years. Previous assignments include GROUP MILWAUKEE, WI, and SECTOR MOBILE, AL. Chief Miller, his wife Sarah, and children Alena, Alex, and Ainsley, will depart HARRIET LANE this summer to begin a unique assignment in Nassau, Bahamas. Something tells me they will have no shortage of company!

Joining us upon our return to port will be OSC Aaron Presson. Chief Presson has accumulated 9 years of Coast Guard service aboard CGC ALEX HALEY, Coast Guard Communications

Area Master Station Atlantic (CG CAMSLANT), CGC NORTHLAND, SECTOR HAMPTON ROADS, and the Coast Guard Ninth District in Cleveland, OH. OSC Presson has two daughters, Emma and Madison, and a son, Landen.

Four HARRIET LANE Chiefs participated in the Tidewater Chiefs' Mess Fall 2009 Chief's Call to Indoctrination (CCTI). Throughout the September to October patrol and well into this past inport period, MKC Daniels, BMC Kiser, ETC Petty, and OSC Tidey showed great enthusiasm for this time-honored tradition as they were formally introduced to their neighboring Chiefs in Portsmouth, as well as those throughout the Coast Guard. Indoctrination serves to reinforce the responsibility of the entire chiefs' corps to serve as leaders and mentors. It also provides each Chief with a better understanding of

how the camaraderie between Chief Petty Officers aids in furthering personal, unit, and organizational goals, while strengthening our Coast Guard Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.

Congratulations to our shipmates who were recently selected to join the Maritime Enforcement Specialist (ME) Rating! MK1 Jaime Roach, EM2 Josiah Pennington, and FS3 Taylor Huttenloch will be among the first 1,053 Coast Guard members to join the ME Rating as of January 1, 2010. The Maritime Enforcement Rating represents the first and only law enforcement specialty for active duty Coast Guard members. These individuals are true pioneers who will have the opportunity to shape the future of the ME Rating.

Finally, the HARRIET LANE Chief's Mess would like to wish everyone at home a very safe, memorable, and happy Holiday Season! While the 90-degree Caribbean heat doesn't exactly make it feel like the Holidays, we are certainly aware that they are

just over the horizon. We are all looking forward with great anticipation to our return to Portsmouth and the opportunity to reunite with friends and loved ones.

FSC Kipp Rice
Command Chief
Food Service Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE

Members of the Chief's Mess

MKC David Noel ♦ MKC Thomas Daniels
OSC Jeremy Gaylord ♦ OSC Joshua Tidey
ETC Patrick Petty ♦ EMC Daniel Webster
FSC Kipp Rice ♦ BMC Chad Kiser
OSC Rob Miller



Quote of the Month

“In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future.” - [Alex Haley](#), Chief Journalist (Ret), USCG

Thanksgiving on HARRIET LANE



A big thanks goes out to our wonderful Food Service staff: Food Service Specialist Chief Kipp Rice, First Class Petty Officer Keith Brown, Third Class Petty Officer Andrew Masi, Third Class Huttenloch, Third Class Wernicke and our temporary Petty Officer Ashton West. getting the pies and fixings provide a delicious dinner



Food Service Specialist Third Class Nicholas Wernicke excited about his specialty dinner!

Class Petty Officer Taylor Petty Officer Nicholas They started the night before ready and worked all day to for the crew.



Wow! Look at that spread!



Boatswain's Mate Second Class Jeremiah Peplow and Seaman Mario Monreal have their eyes on the prize!



Uh oh... the Wardroom is serving dinner!

Rescue and Assistance

It was only hours after HARRIET LANE departed Portsmouth before we received the message that we needed to help a vessel in need of assistance. The sailing vessel LAZY JACK was en route to Beaufort, North Carolina from St. John's Virgin Islands when she suffered damage to her sails and rigging as a result of high winds.

HARRIET LANE sent over a boarding team consisting of Gunner's Mate First class Joshua Jaques, Lieutenant Junior Grade Jason Himsey and Gunner's Mate Second Class Chad Clafshenkel. While conducting a safety boarding of the sailing vessel, Boatswain's Mate First Class Ryan Dawson and Machinery Technician Second Class Frank Levitsky made multiple trips between HARRIET LANE and LAZY JACK to transfer sufficient fuel for her to resume her trip.



Our boarding team approaching Lazy Jack.



Sailing Vessel Lazy Jack with our boarding team alongside.

Motor Vessel Olympiakos

Good Guys:2

Bad Guys: 0

HARRIET LANE's second drug bust in two patrols!

Coast Guard seizes 6,000 pounds of cocaine

MIAMI – Crewmembers from the Coast Guard Cutter Harriet Lane seized nearly 6,000 pounds of cocaine from a St. Vincent and the Grenadines-flagged vessel in the Caribbean Sea, Dec. 3.

While conducting a routine law-enforcement patrol, the crew of a Customs and Border Protection surveillance aircraft spotted the Olympiakos, a 242-foot coastal freighter, and notified the crew of the Harriet Lane. Crewmembers intercepted the vessel, located the contraband, and detained 11 suspects. The contraband and detainees were turned over to U.S. law-enforcement authorities. Disposition of the vessel is still being determined.

The seized cocaine has an estimated U.S. street value of more than \$83 million.



Motor Vessel Olympiakos

We could list the names of everyone on the boarding teams, but that would leave out everyone who kept the watch going on HARRIET LANE during the boarding and the people that helped with all of the personnel and supply transfers, security watches, additional and extended meals, etc. This was an all hands operation which HARRIET LANE handled with extraordinary professionalism and enthusiasm.



Patrol Pictures



It was nice to pull into Key West after these seas



Flight Operations Bridge Team



The outstanding boarding team of HARRIET LANE



MK2 Frank Levitsky is ready for anything!

Patrol Pictures (cont.)



Food Service Specialist Third
Class Petty Officer Taylor
Huttenloch



Fireman Eric Dittenhafer
gives a thumbs up to
Thanksgiving



Health Specialist First Class
Petty Officer Josh Garcia is
super excited for
Thanksgiving Dinner!!

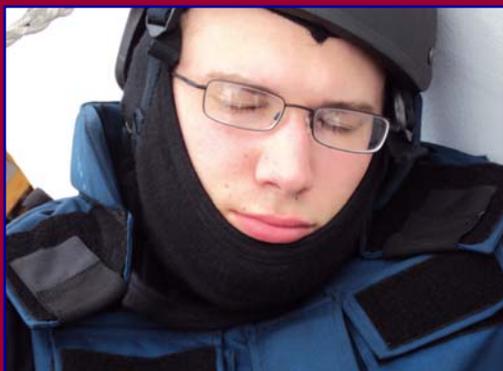


Seaman Spencer Braid getting his
Thanksgiving Dinner

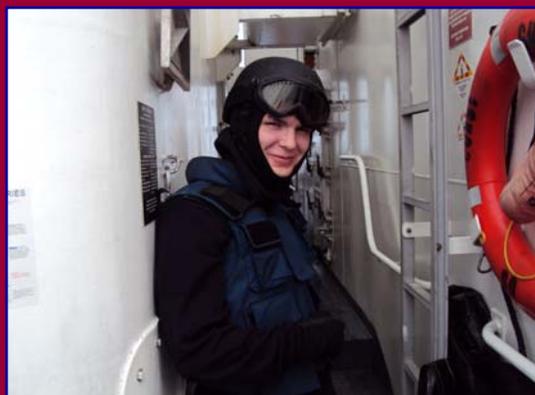


Little too much time at sea for
Ensign Paula Fillion.

Patrol Pictures



Seaman Information Technician Shawn Blackwelder taking a quick nap before .50 cal shoot.



Seaman Gunner's Mate Chris Carney taking it all in during his first .50 cal shoot aboard HARRIET LANE



Food Service Specialist Third Class Petty Officer Taylor Huttonloch is ready to get underway



Nope, the new ENSIGNS are not extremely annoying, we really can't figure out how we got that reputation

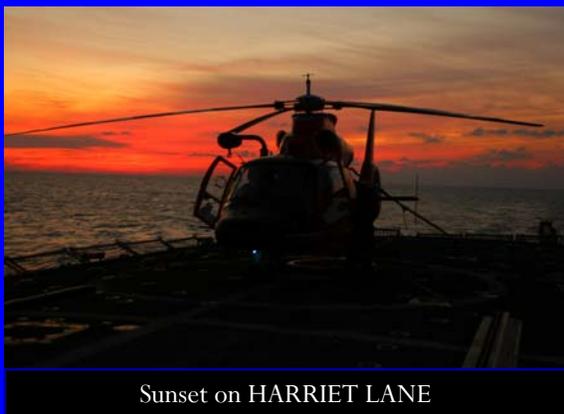
Ship-Helicopter Operations with HH-6606



Taking off with Seaman Mario Monreal in the passenger seat



Best Tie Down Crew Around



Sunset on HARRIET LANE



6606 with a perfect landing

Awards, Advancements and Promotions



Left to Right: Machinery Technician Third Class Travis Chapman, Machinery Technician Third Class Jason Seraphin, Boatswain's Mate Third Class James Wyle, Boatswain's Mate First Class Ryan Dawson and Seaman Mario Monreal receive their designation as Boarding Team members.



Boatswain's Mate Second Class Rico Tyler receives a Good Conduct Award.



Yeoman Third Class Tyler Pepin receiving a Good Conduct Award.



Electronics Technician Third Class James Smith receives his first sea service ribbon.

Awards, Advancements and Promotions



Ensign Paula Fillion is the new BULL ENSIGN! You go girl!



Ensign Caleb McWaters is promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade thanks to the excellent example that his sea daddy and sea uncle gave him over the last year and a half.



Ensign Daniel Hilburn was promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade.



Fireman Apprentice Stone was advanced to Fireman Stone, Congrats!

Family Shout-Outs

The Mortimer Family,

To my loving wife, Nichole, and my two wonderful kids, Michaela and Buddy. I just wanted to say thank you for your never ending support and sacrifice, always allowing me to freely do my job the best that I can. I could not do any of it without your constant love. Thank you. I look forward to getting home soon and spending some quality time with you over the holidays. I love and miss you all very much. See you soon and Merry Christmas! Love, Joel (Dad)

Happy Holidays Darlene, Hailey and Madison! I can't wait to see you.

All my love, Dad

Peace, Love, TIGERS! (from your biggest fan)

Sarah Michelle and Meg,

Thank you for your steadfast love and support. Your strength is a constant source of inspiration. I can't wait to begin our California adventure!

To Vanessa and Alyssa,

My special ladies!! I am continually humbled by the sacrifices you make throughout the year; working full-time, going to school, dancing, caring for our home, and the many things that occupy the day. You both make these sacrifices without skipping a beat. I want you to know that I love you so very much and you are my motivation to do what I do.

To Mom, Dad, Josh, Meg, Family, Friends, Shipmates, and Brethren,

There are so many things to say this time of year. Come winter and the world is covered with a white sheet of snow. Kids welcome winter by catching the first few snowflakes in their mouth. For adults, winter brings a slew of festivities like skiing, snowboarding, candy apples, and many others. Then there is Christmas. Christmas brings families closer as they cozy up around a warm hearth. Revel in the joys of winter! Some words from Bob Hope come to my mind each winter, "My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?" I feel blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful people - Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!

Family Shout Outs

Babycake,

Thanks for the support through the rough times. You are always there for me. Love you and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Juj

Merry Christmas to Pop, Connie, John, Christian, Reese and Carrie! I miss you all and look forward to getting back home! Love, Dad

Cora Lily and Mrs. XO,

Famed American poet Ella Wheeler Wilcox reminds us "tis the set of our sails, and not the gales, that tells the way we go".

Together, we will go forward - forward into 2010:

Forward with a sense of common goals.

Forward with a renewed love for one another.

Forward with a commitment to others and ourselves.

Forward with a reminder of the past.

Forward with a thought of the future.

Forward we go, hand in hand.

Love,

XO

MKC Noel would like to wish Michelle, Stephanie, Christine, and Matthew a Merry Christmas. A special shout out for all the girls in THE COASTAL BENGAL'S MIDGET NOVICE at the Pop Warner National Competition. Good luck!

Mom, Dad, Patrick and Amelia,

Thanks so much for supporting me! I love hearing from y'all when I am out here and I am so excited to be going home for Festivus this year! Love ya!

Monze

Family Shout-Outs

Jess, you've made everything I've ever done onboard this ship easier by always being there for me and I can't possibly thank you enough for that, I love you.

Dear Mom, Dad, Erin and Alli,
Thanks for all your love and support! I can't wait to see you at Christmas!
Love, Jeannie

Wrapping Presents each December,
It's not fun without you all.
The first Christmas I remember,
I sang in circles till I'd Fall,
But now I'm underway, and just wanted to say,
That I love you more then ever,
And I rapp-ed this song for Christmas Day.
Love, Charlotte

To my wife Dawn and to my daughter Kyliana,
I love you and I can't wait to be home with you for the holidays.
To the rest of the Family...Happy Holidays!
Love, Jay

I love you Jess and Dez, can't wait to see you when I get back home!

Hey Sweetheart, I'm thinking about you lots and can't wait to see you. Be home soon! Xoxo —BRAD

Dear mom and dad,
Not a day goes by that I don't think of you both! I love you so much and feel lucky to have as my parents. Thank you for all of the support and encouragement! Looking forward to seeing you during the holidays! XOXO
Love you heaps!
Paula Marie

Family Shout Outs

Hi baby, I am absolutely excited to be seeing you soon. I love you with all my heart!- Jorge A. Solano

Stepping onboard to when ever I leave has been very exponential steps forward in my career. From the FS's and all of support to the engineers every one has been very welcoming and supportive. This has been a great TAD trip for me. -FS3 ASHTON WEST

To My wife Nichole and my little Elly Belly,
Thanks for making this job worth doing. Happy Holidays.
Love
Joey/Daddy

Dara and Nathan,

Happy Hanukkah!!! Although I am not home to celebrate Nathan's first Hanukkah with you guys, know that you are always in my thoughts, and I will be home soon enough for a late celebration. The sacrifices you guys make have not gone unnoticed, and I am grateful for having such a great family.

Love you guys,

Chris

Hola Mi Morena, I miss you so much. I will be by your side very soon baby. I love you. - Tu Mario.

Taryn, thank you for sticking by my side and never letting go. I love you, don't forget that ever.
Your Hubby,
Spencer

Qualifications and Awards

Underway Officer of the Deck

BMC Chad Kiser

Auxiliary Watchstander

MK1 John Bowles

EM3 Sanders

Temporary Cutterman

LTJG Jason Himsey

HS1 Josh Garcia

Helm/Lookout

SN Daniel Harding

SN Joel Brosius

Inport Security Watchstander

SN Jon Burt

SN Daniel Harding

CIC Watch Stander

OS3 Raul Roman

CIC Watch Supervisor

ET3 Ky Nyguen

OS3 Nick Campbell

Throttleman of the Watch

MK1 John Bowles

MK3 August Reddick

MK3 Travis Chapman

MK3 Jason Seraphin (recertified)

Deck Watch Officer Exam

BM2 Rico Tyler

SAR Fundamentals Exam

OS3 Nick Campbell

Sea Service Ribbon

ET3 James Smith

Good Conduct

DC2 Greg Douthit

BM2 Rico Tyler

YN3 Tyler Pepin

ENS Dan Hilburn Promoted to LTJG

ENS Caleb McWaters Promoted to LTJG

OS1 Rob Miller Advanced to Operations Specialist Chief

FA George Stone Advanced to Fireman

Boarding Team Member

BM3 James Wyle

SN Mario Monreal

MK3 Travis Chapman

BM1 Ryan Dawson (recertified)

Basic Damage Control

EM3 Kurt McIntrye

SN Daniel Harding

SN Joel Brosius



USCGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC 903)

4000 Coast Guard Blvd

Portsmouth, VA 23703

Phone: 757-483-8720

Fax: 757-483-8725

E-mail: Catherine.m.gillen@uscg.mil

Website: www.uscg.mil/lantarea/cgcHarrietLane/

“The Desired Effect”

USCGC HARRIET LANE is a multi-mission Coast Guard cutter, responsible for a variety of Coast Guard missions, including: Search and Rescue, Enforcement of Laws and Treaties, Maritime Defense, and Protection of the Marine Environment. The versatility of the Famous class cutter makes it a very cost effective platform in carrying out national objectives.

HARRIET LANE’s modern command, control, and communications capabilities, including satellite communications, make the cutter an important asset for long range off-shore missions. HARRIET LANE can effectively coordinate the efforts of multiple ships and aircraft while conducting missions over large areas of ocean.

Combined Federal Campaign

We raised nearly \$7,000 in contributions!!!

Ports of Call

Ω 27 November 2009 Key West, FL

Ω 11 December 2009 Guantamano Bay, Cuba

Ω 15 December 2009 Mayport, FL

Great American Smoke Out:

Congratulations to our shipmates who have kicked the habit during this patrol.

Other Recognition (cont.)

Thanks to YN3 Pepin for taking the majority of the pictures featured in this issue.

FS3 Huttenloch for contributing pictures for this issue.

ENS Paula Fillion for her awesome editing.