

Shore Ties

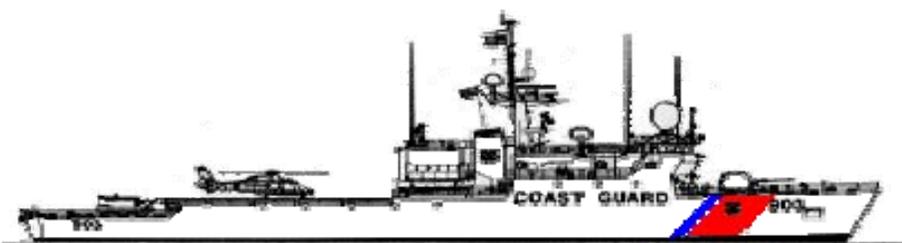
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Happy New Year family and friends of HARRIET LANE! Just a few more days and we'll be home with you. This is always an exciting time aboard ship... counting the hours now, packing our bags to move off the ship... we're all anxious to see you again.

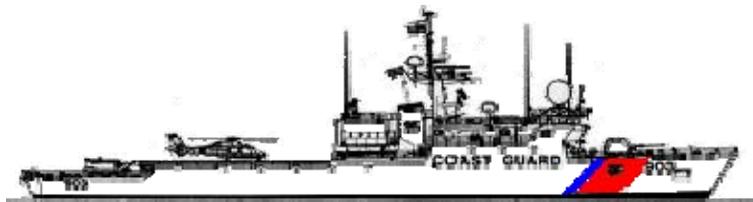
Since Shore Ties Edition 23, we've accomplished much. The patrol will wrap up with your HARRIET LANE sailor having participated in three search and rescue cases, and nearly forty living marine resource (fish!) enforcement boardings.

When the weather was too sloppy to go aboard fishing boats, we dutifully patrolled the New England fishing grounds, enforcing closed fishing areas and the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone, and providing search and rescue response for the offshore fishing fleet. Through much of the patrol, we coordinated the operations of other ships, patrol boats and aircraft. We found time to study and train in preparation for end of course tests, the upcoming service-wide exam, and our March Tailored Ship's Training Availability in Little Creek. We visited New London, CT, home of the Coast Guard Academy and famous tall ship EAGLE, and enjoyed a ship's party compliments of our newly promoted LTJGs. Finally, we called on Halifax, Nova Scotia where the crew enjoyed delicious local seafood, the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, brewery tours and Halifax Mooseheads hockey games!

We're in the midst of assignment season. Many shipmates have already received orders. Best of luck to those still waiting to hear! This crew continually impresses me with their professionalism, positive attitudes and dedication to duty. I've told many of my shipmates that I'd gladly stay aboard HARRIET LANE with them if I could, but my assignment is coming to a close. I've cherished working with each of them, and getting to know many of you. I could not be happier with the Coast Guard's choice to relieve me. CDR Adam Wasserman will join the team from Afloat Training Group Atlantic where he headed up the training of all LANTAREA major cutters. His broad experience, keen perspective, and positive outlook will be great additions. Please join me in welcoming CDR Wasserman, his wife Carmen and son Isaac this summer.

Our success continues to depend so much on the support and love you all provide. Thank you, and see you soon!

J. C. Vann
Commanding Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE



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Chit Chat with the Executive Officer



Hello HARRIET LANE Friends and Family:

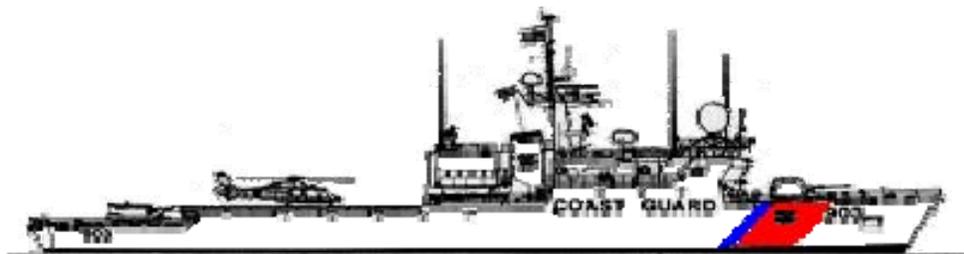
We are coming home! There are few better experiences in life than returning safely to our family and friends. The excitement and anticipation is apparent through the entire crew. We all have an extra spring in our step, talk a little more lively, a smile on our face and added motivation in every task we do. These are all symptoms of the great feeling we share in knowing we will be reunited in only a few days.

As I reflect on our patrol, I share with you a quote from the novelist William Faulkner that resonates well:

*I believe that man will not merely endure: he will prevail.
He is immortal, not because he alone among creatures
has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul,
a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance.*

The patrol has certainly been challenging and we have endured long hours, deployment over the holidays, cold days, even colder nights and rough weather throughout. However, years from now when we think back on our experiences we won't clearly remember the cold nights, rough seas or long work hours, rather we will remember the friendships, the successes, and the sense of accomplishment that comes with knowing that we stood the watch so that others could live, work and rest safely. We will tell stories about this patrol for years to come. When we tell those stories we will embellish the minor details and the wave heights will grow and the amount of snow will increase over time, but as you patiently listen to us relive these experiences you will hear our passion and excitement. We stand the watch because we know it is the honorable thing to do. Our soul is heartened as we help others; our spirit is strengthened as we endure and our compassion is fostered through the personal sacrifices that we make. Thank you for supporting us in what we do. We know it is not easy without us nearby; but knowing you are there waiting for us to return is what makes coming home so exciting.

John D. Cashman
Executive Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE



Chief's Call

Dear HARRIET LANE Family and Friends,

Well here we are again, coming to the end of another successful patrol. We appreciate all of the support from our family and friends back home throughout this stressful time over the holidays.

We have tried to stay busy to make the time go by. We completed numerous fisheries enforcement boardings, conducted training in preparation for our upcoming training period this in port, and to be honest, I believe we have set a new standard for the District 1 operational area!

It has been very cold and rough throughout our time in the Northern Atlantic (just look at my picture if you don't believe me!). We have had to adjust to doing things most of us would never have considered, such as knocking the ice build up off of the decks, shoveling snow off the ship and exercising extreme caution just walking around due to the ice on deck. Overall I believe we have done a great job and I am proud to be a part of the HARRIET LANE crew because of the reputation we have earned.

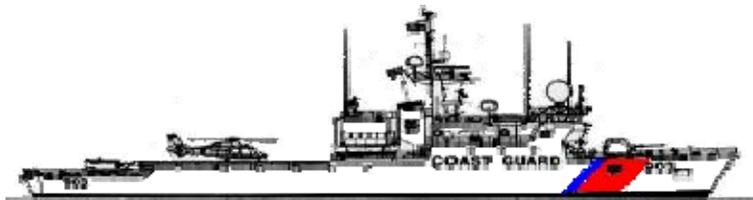
Now, we look towards home and spending time with friends and family, a well deserved break! We have had numerous members earn new qualifications during this patrol. To start with let's recognize the new Permanent Cuttermen onboard: HS1 Josh Garcia, ET1 Mike Trumbo, and FSC Chantel Schmitt. The Permanent Cutterman Pin recognizes 5 years of sea duty and is no small accomplishment. Congratulations to all of them, now let's recognize the new temporary Cuttermen: Ltjg Charlotte Delorey, SN Dan Harding, SN Tim Appelbaum, SN Nick Morle, SN Chris Pastuf, OS1 Eric Gedick, BM2 Carleton Johnson, OSC Chris Chiaro, Ensign Tim Cassel, SN Lindsey Bourke, SN Joel Brosius, MK2 Jason Seraphin, MK3 Juli Martin, BM2 Jeremiah Peplow, and SN Tim Koebel. The Temporary Cutterman recognizes at least 6 months of sea duty and fully qualified in their watch stations, so congratulations to all of our new Temporary Cuttermen. We have 2 new qualified underway OOD's, congratulations to Ensign Jim Brendel, and Ensign Kevin Novick.



As a crew, despite rough weather conditions outside, there has been a lot of work accomplished on professional development courses. I would just like to say congratulations to everyone who has passed their end of course tests, EPME tests, and any other courses that have enhanced their careers and chances for advancement.

We will be home very soon! Thank you all again for the support you give all of us out here: we would not be able to do what we do without you.

BMC Chad Kiser
Command Chief
USCGC HARRIET LANE



"To most men, experience is like the stern lights of a ship, which illumine only the track it has passed."

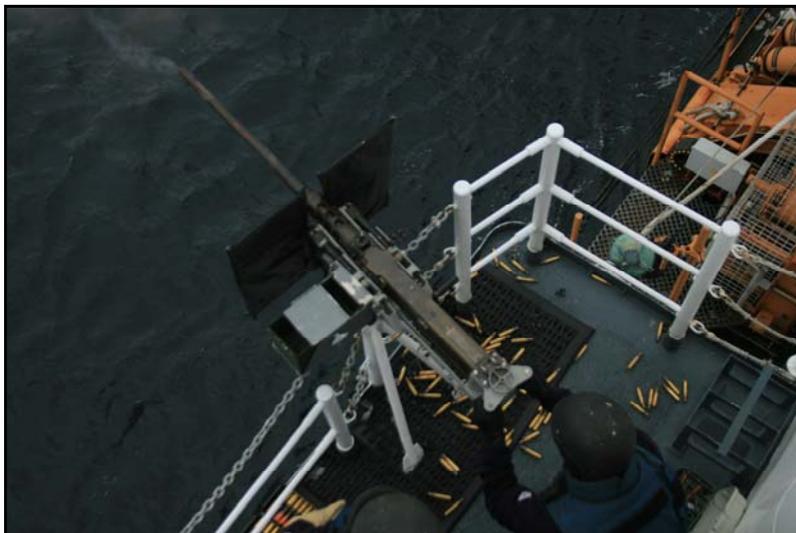
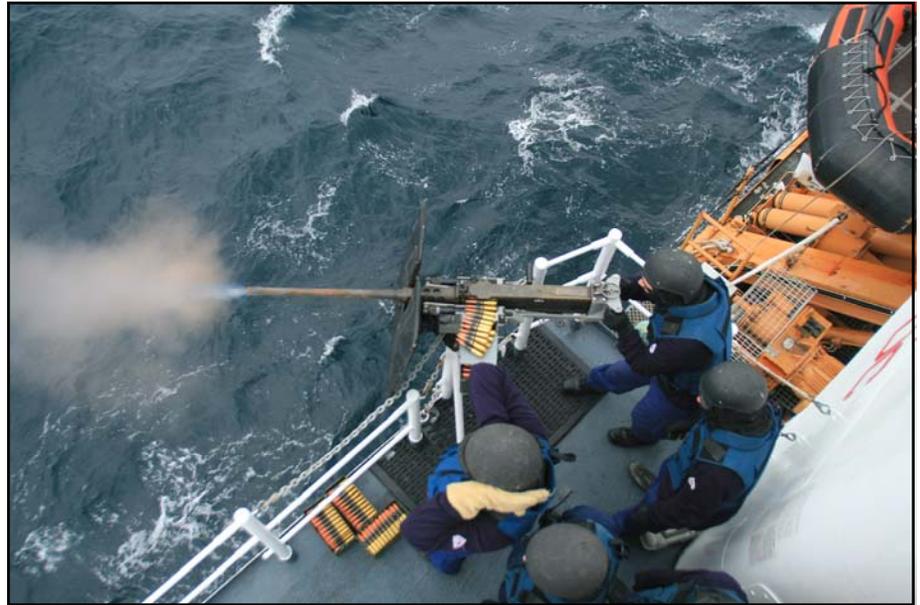
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Members of the Mess

- *BMC Chad Kiser*
- *MKC David Noel*
- *OSC Chris Chiaro*
- *MKC Tom Daniels*
- *OSC Aaron Presson*
- *EMC Barbara Vakselis*
- *FSC Chantel Schmitt*
- *ETC Derek Campbell*

.50 Caliber Gunnery Exercise

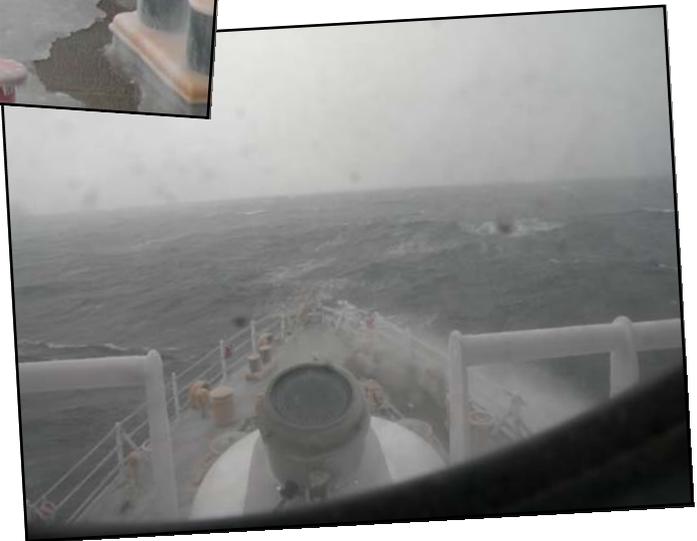
Thanks to everyone's teamwork, we were able to conduct another successful gunnery exercise. Members of the .50 cal Gun Crew include: Gunner's Mate First Class Craig Gibson, Gunner's Mate Second Class Nate Shook, Gunner's Mate Third Class Chris Carney, Information Systems Technician Third Class Shawn Blackwelder, Storekeeper Third Class Alex Dahlmeyer, Yeoman Third Class Tyler Pepin, Seaman Darren Diobilda, Maritime Enforcement Specialist Third Class Taylor Huttenloch, and Seaman Tim Appelbaum.



Ice Storm!



During our transit to Halifax, Nova Scotia, HARRIET LANE endured ice cold conditions and rough winds and seas. These pictures speak for themselves!



Seaman Darren Diobilda all bundled up on the helm.



Seaman Joel Brosius stands watch as Quartermaster of the Watch during the Storm!

Ice Storm, Cont'd



After the snow finally stopped falling, Deck Department went outside with baseball bats to break up all the ice!



Fireman Jessie Williamson and Machinery Technician First Class Johnny Bowles take a break on the weather deck.

Trying to wipe all the snow off the windows!

Pyro Shoot!



Patrol Pictures



HARRIET LANE moored up next to the Tall Ship EAGLE in New London, Connecticut.



Having a great time at the Mooseheads Hockey Game in Halifax!

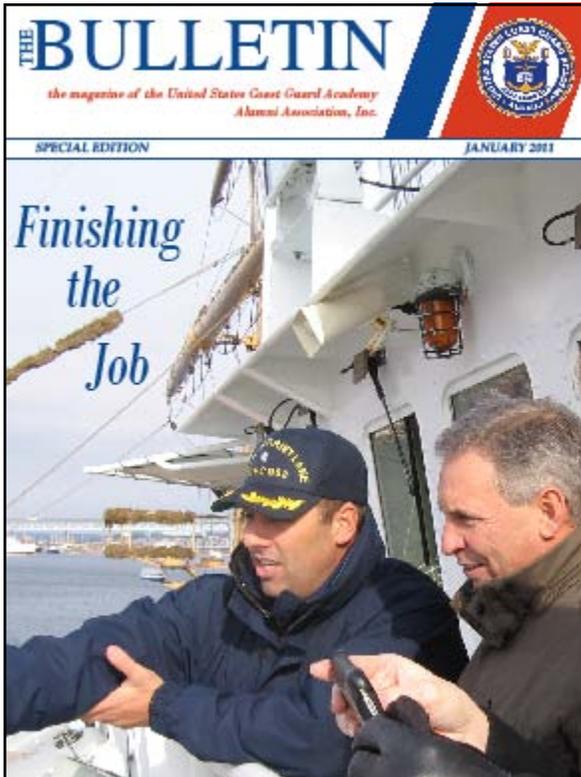


Top Left: Damage Controlman Second Class Jorge Solano does some hotwork in the DC shop.

Bottom Left: Food Service Specialist Third Class Justin Curry and Electrician's Mate Second Class James Mackenzie hang on tight as the ship takes a roll.

Bottom Right: The First Class Petty Officers cooked us a delicious pasta dinner!

Patrol Pictures



The Coast Guard Academy Class of 71 friends of the Captain's dad doctored up this shot of the two of them in New London!



Above: Electronics Technician Third Class Dave Myers takes his oath of re-enlistment on the 03 Deck!



Left: Says Electronics Technician First Class Roy Gray: "Brrr!! It's cold out!"



Lieutenant Junior Grade Zach Hoekwater reads the oath of re-enlistment to Store Keeper Second Class Matthew Redmon.



Lieutenant Junior Grade Jeannie Crump is all ready for this boarding!

Advancements, Awards & Qualifications



Congratulations to Deck Department, whose teamwork and dedication earned them the Meritorious Team Commendation Ribbon!

The members who received this award are: Lieutenant Junior Grade Catherine Gillen, Chief Boatswain's Mate Chad Kiser, Boatswain's Mate First Class James Dawson, Boatswain's Mate Second Class Rico Tyler, Boatswain's Mate Second Class Carleton Johnson, Boatswain's Mate Third Class James Wyle, Seaman Timothy Appelbaum, Seaman Darren Diobilda, Seaman Joel Brosius, Seaman Daniel Harding, Seaman Timothy Koebel, Seaman Joseph Holland, Seaman Michael Brindley, Seaman Jonathan Burt, Seaman Christopher Pastuf, Seaman Timothy Christenson, Seaman Kathleen Dunlap, Seaman Nicholas Morle, Seaman Kelsie Lambert, and Seaman Lindsey Bourke.



Advancements, Awards & Qualifications



Seaman Timothy Appelbaum qualified as a Boarding Team Member.



Seaman Jonathan Burt receives a Letter of Commendation prior to his departure.



Yeoman Third Class Tyler Pepin received a Letter of Appreciation!



Food Service Specialist Chief Chantel Schmitt earned her Permanent Cutterman's Pin!



Machinery Technician Third Class Julianne Martin was selected as the Sailor of the Quarter and receives a Letter of Commendation!



Boatswain's Mate Third Class James Wyle received a Good Conduct Award!

Advancements, Awards & Qualifications



Congratulations to all of the above members who earned their Temporary Cutterman's Pins!
Bottom Right: Health Service Technician Josh Garcia, "Doc" earned his Permanent Cutterman's Pin!

Advancements, Awards & Qualifications Con't.

Inport Engineer Officer of the Watch

MK1 Robert Esparza

Underway Engineer Officer of the Watch

ENS Tim Cassel

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Underway Officer of the Deck

ENS Jim Brendel

ENS Kevin Novick

Basic Damage Control PQS

FS3 Justin Curry

ET3 Robert Cole

FN Alex MacDonald

SN Eain Cole

SN Kathleen Dunlap

Advanced Damage Control PQS

ENS Jeff Hubach

GM3 Chris Carney

FS3 Jen Huston

Temporary Cutterman

ENS Tim Cassel

OSC Chris Chiaro

OS1 Eric Gedick

BM2 Jeremiah Peplow

MK2 Jason Seraphin

BM2 Carleton Johnson

BM3 James Wyle

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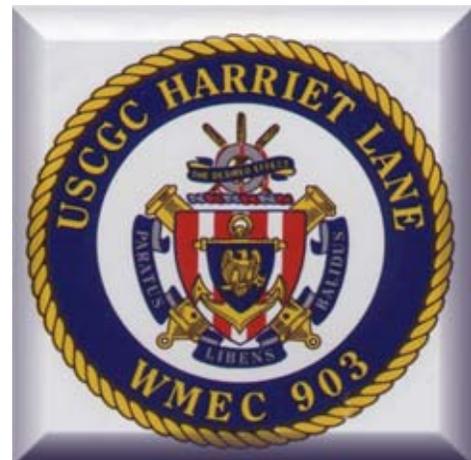
ET1 Michael Trumbo

Auxiliary Watch Stander

DC1 Robert Somers



Electronics Technician First Class Michael Trumbo receives his Permanent Cutterman's Pin!





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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 offshore missions. HARRIET LANE can effectively coordinate the efforts of multiple ships and aircraft while conducting missions over large areas of ocean.

End of Course Tests

MK2 End of Course Test

MK3 Travis Chapman

Search and Rescue Fundamentals Exam

OS3 Raul Roman

Enlisted Performance Military Education E-6

OS2 Nicholas Campbell

Enlisted Performance Military Education E-4

SN Christopher Pastuf
SN Darren Diobilda
SN Michael Brindley
FN Jessie Williamson

BM3 End of Course Test

SN Joel Brosius

DC1 End of Course Test

DC2 Jorge Solano
DC2 Franklin Johnson

DC2 End of Course Test

DC3 Gerspacher

ET1 End of Course Test

ET2 Dave Myers

ET2 End of Course Test

ET3 Ky Nguyen

OS2 End of Course Test

OS3 Raul Roman

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE THIS ISSUE POSSIBLE:

YN3 Tyler Pepin for taking pictures at every event

OS3 Raul Roman for taking pictures at Quarters every week

IT2 Hector Lima for taking pictures during boardings and for providing technical support

A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS
OFFICER:

Dear Family and Friends of HARRIET LANE,

Another patrol come and gone! We've been so busy, time has flown right by. But we're all very excited to see you in just a few days! I hope you've enjoyed the editions of Shore Ties from this patrol. If you would like to provide feedback, please feel free to email me at the address listed above. See you soon!

Sincerely,
Noëlle DeMarco

End of Patrol Shout-Outs!

Jacqui, Trent, and Mackenzie, almost done; I love you all and can't wait to be home for the next 4 years.

Jacqui, "You look absolutely beautiful."

- Dave

Patrick, Hunter and The Bean: Only a few more days and I will be home with you. I love you!

Connie, John, Chip, Reese and Carrie,

It was a cold and snowy winter deployment to the Great White North, but luckily no one on HARRIET LANE was eaten by polar bears! Thanks for all you do to keep our lives running while I'm away. I missed you and am happy to be almost home!

Love,

Roy

Mom, Dad & Girls- I will see you soon for our trip to Italy! Can't wait.

Love, Noëlle

Josh- I can't wait to pick you up from the airport!

xoxoxo I love you, Noëlle

The end of this patrol comes with great timing, Happy Birthday Ling! I Love you!

To the Jackson family (human and animal alike), I look forward seeing you all in February!

4 days and a wake up, and I'll be home baby. I love you!

Jorge

Darlene, Hailey and Madison: I can't wait to be with you all... or to go to Disney! Dar, you continue to be my rock, and you girls make me so proud.

See you soon, Dad

Dad: Congratulations on your retirement, and thank you for being such a fine example to me. I look forward to our sailing adventures!

Jay

Alice and Virginia,

Last full patrol down. Sorry I missed you getting your first tooth, VA. But hopefully I'll be around to teach you how to crawl. I'll leave teaching you how to run to Mommy though. Dad's running shoes don't see the light of day too often. Love you both!

Monica and Ryleigh,

I will see you both very soon. Happy 2nd Birthday Ryleigh, you are growing up too fast. Seems like yesterday when you were brought into this world. I hope you enjoy your cake and ice cream and your new play room. I love you both.

XOXOX

Daddy