



Coast Guard Cutter ASPEN Snapshot

A summary of facts and figures about the Coast Guard Cutter ASPEN

<http://www.uscg.mil/D11/cgcAspen>

Tender of the Lost Coast

U.S. Coast Guard Cutter ASPEN is the eighth cutter built of the Juniper Class Sea Going Buoy Tender fleet. She was built at Marinette Marine Corp in 2000-2001, launched on April 21, 2001, accepted by the Coast Guard on September 28, 2001, and commissioned on January 24, 2002. ASPEN is one of the most technologically advanced cutters in the Coast Guard fleet. ASPEN's homeport is San Francisco, Ca, on Yerba Buena Island. Her crew compliment is 42 enlisted personnel and 7 officers. ASPEN is responsible for servicing and maintaining 76 aids to navigation and all NOAA environmental buoys in her area of responsibility, stretching from the Oregon-California border down south to San Diego. Also, ASPEN completes other missions, including search and rescue, law enforcement, ports and waterways security, pollution response, and public affairs.



Number in Service: 16

Length: 225 ft

Beam: 46 ft

Draft: 13 ft

Displacement: 2,000 tons

Buoy Deck Area: 2,875 ft²

Commissioned: January 24, 2002

Top Speed: 14 knots

Number of Small boats: 2

Crane Capacity: 40,000 lbs

Maximum Underway Time: 21 days un-replenished; 45 replenished

Number of aids in AOR: 76

Key Leaders

Commanding Officer

LCDR J. Vanden Heuvel

Executive Officer

LT C. Klein

Command Chief

MKC T. Tolliver

Operations Officer

LTJG S. Sapiano

Engineering Officer

CWO4 G. Seymour

1st Lieutenant

CWO2 J. Carawan

Workforce Totals

Enlisted

42

Officer

7



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ASPEN's Operational Highlights

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

USCGC ASPEN assisted NOAA in the safe recovery of 2 specialized ocean wave glider buoys worth \$750,000, saving NOAA copious time, energy and procurement of other independent assets. Partnering with the National Park Service in July 2013, ASPEN helped establish buoys around Alcatraz Island to mark wildlife protection zones preserving sensitive San Francisco Bay habitats.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

In 2009, ASPEN seized 16,500 pounds of marijuana and arrested four suspected drug smugglers from a "go-fast" boat off of the coast of Baja, Mexico. At the time, the drug bust was the third largest marijuana seizure in Coast Guard history and the first ever drug bust by a JUNIPER Class cutter.

In 2011, ASPEN recovered over 35 bales of marijuana off the coast of Baja, Mexico. In addition, CGC ASPEN returned 13 illegal immigrants to Mexico.

In July 2012, ASPEN seized 341 bales of marijuana weighing over 7,400 lbs with a street value of over 6.7 million dollars. ASPEN's drug bust directly assisted the Coast Guard in disrupting the flow of waterborne marijuana seizures in Southern California, surpassing the 50 ton milestone in District 11 that fiscal year.

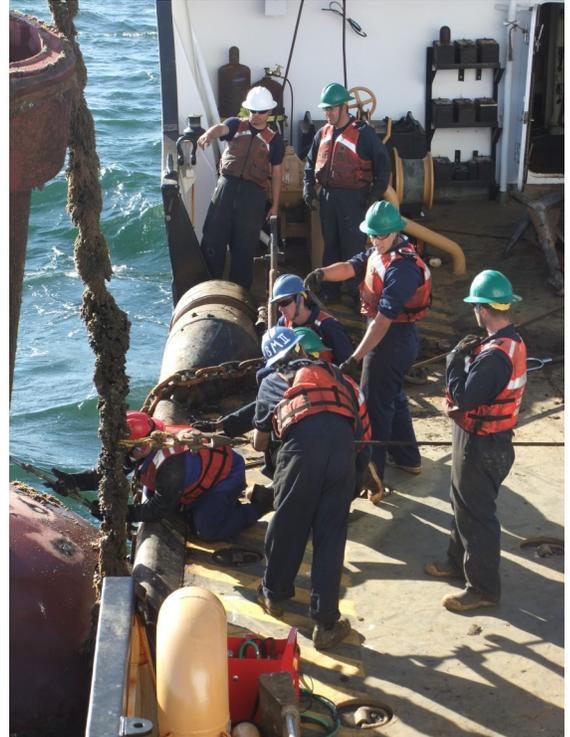
In 2014, CGC ASPEN detained 2 suspected narcotics traffickers, and seized 2,560 lbs of marijuana with an estimated import value of 2.3 million dollars.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE

In 2010, ASPEN was deployed to the Gulf of Mexico in response to the Deep Water Horizon Oil spill. During the 5.5 month de-ployment, ASPEN transited over 13,000 nautical miles, navigating through the Panama Canal twice and recovered over 138,000 gallons of spilled oil.

AMERICA'S CUP

America's Cup is a sailing tradition that tests the true perseverance of sailors. The first race was more than 150 years ago, and since then countries have been competing for the coveted trophy. The 34th America's Cup was held in San Francisco, CA in September 2013. ASPEN held the boundary line for spectator vessels and hosted over 1,200 guests on board during the races. Positioned at the exciting leeward mark during the event, ASPEN helped carry out and showcase the Coast Guard's more than 2 years of careful planning with maritime partners, ensuring the events of the America's Cup were safely conducted within the confines of one of the nation's busiest commercial and recreational waterways.



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