

THE BREAKWALL

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USCGC HALIBUT (WPB-87340)

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USCGC HALIBUT at Coast Guard mooring in Catalina Harbor.

Cover photo by FN Trevor Hall

Greetings

Friends,

October has come and gone with yet another exciting fun filled month in the books. We started the month out enforcing the California Spiny Lobster regulations followed by a trip down to Dana Pt, CA. to assist with a public safety pyrotechnics training. After that, we participated in our annual "Discover Marina del Rey Day" function and then got back at it with a squid fisheries patrol. We completed two Search and Rescue Cases and finished out the month by being prepared to respond to any distressed kayakers that decided to paddle out to an oil platform for a friendly environmental protest. For further info You can take a peek at the Coast Guard press releases by clicking on the links on page 8, otherwise have a look at this month's issue and please enjoy.

LJG Charles Paris
Commanding Officer



Boarding a sailboat off Catalina Island.



**HALIBUT
Morale**



CGC HALIBUT'S Morale Fund contributes directly to the Morale, Wellness, and Recreation (MWR) of the crew. Unit ball caps and T-Shirt sales contribute directly to this fund. If anyone is interested in supporting the morale program with either a private donation or through hat/t-shirt sales, please contact:

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Pull over line one!



Bay Watch Del Rey took the Army Corps of Engineers out for a tour.



Operation Spiny Lobster

CGC HALIBUT conducted a marine living resource patrol with a focus on the California Spiny Lobster Fishery. The spiny lobster season opened on 07OCT09. HALIBUT and the California Department of Fish and Game boarded numerous vessels in the vicinity and Catalina, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Anacapa Islands. No poachers or rule breakers this time around. All the fishermen were fishing in accordance will applicable state and federal fishing regulations.

The Channel Islands are a hot spot for lobstermen. This is an image of Santa Barbara Island.



Why all the Regulations?

The Department of Fish and Game’s mission is to manage all of California’s wildlife and the habitats they depend on, so that residents and visitors to the state can enjoy and use these resources for years to come. The minimum size limit allows each lobster to reproduce at least once before it is captured. The closed season protects lobster that are carrying eggs or molting. Gear restrictions help to prevent injury or death before the animal can be legally harvested. The bag limit prevents too many lobster from being harvested. The Spiny Lobster Report Card allows Department biologists to find out how many people are fishing for lobster, how long it takes to catch them, how many are being harvested, the type of gear being used, and where the animals are being caught. With this information, biologists can determine whether the lobster resource is healthy and if current fishing regulations are working correctly. Without fishing regulations, California’s marine resources would soon disappear.

Just checking, but this guy was fishing for Black Cod.



Lobsterman pulling up traps.



Hoop net used by recreational lobster divers.



Ensuring size requirements.



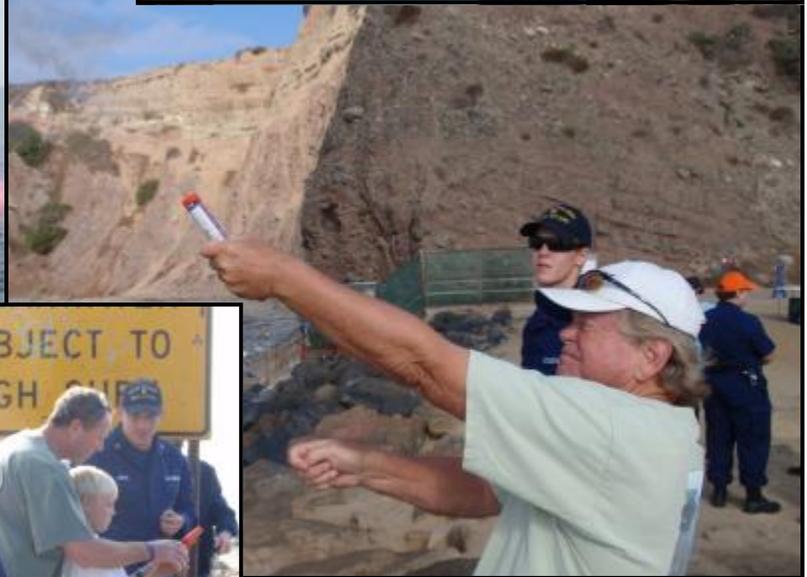
FOR COAST GUARD NEWS ON SPINY LOBSTERS GO TO: (click on link)
<http://coastguardnews.com/coast-guard-multiple-agencies-partner-to-promote-a-safe-spiny-lobster-fishing-season/2009/10/02/>

Flare Training for the Boating Public

HALIBUT transited down to Dana Point, CA this month to assist a local coast guard auxiliary flotilla in providing training on how to properly store, handle, and fire marine pyrotechnics. At the same time, we provided public tours of the cutter at the pier outside the ocean institute where we were moored.



MK2 Lirette demonstrates proper firing technique.



School Children on a rowing pirate tour Dana Pt. harbor.
ROW! You scallywags!



Muzzle Safety Youngster!



Training and Flare Shooting off the break wall in Dana Point, CA.



Discover Marina del Rey Day

Open for Tours!

Every year HALIBUT participates in "Discover Marina Del Rey Day" hosted by the L A County Dept. of Beaches and Harbors. The festivities highlight local public service agencies including the US Coast Guard, California Highway Patrol, LA County Sheriff's Dept., LA County Fire, Baywatch, and many more. During this years gathering the HALIBUT and other Coast Guard rescue boats were open for public tours at Marina del Rey's Burton Chace Park. Those in attendance were able to tour the HALIBUT as well as see a live search and rescue demonstration involving a Coast Guard HH-65C Dolphin helicopter from Air Station Los Angeles. Photos-Steve Lee AUX



Breakwall Editor and Chief Ray J. Pages getting the perfect shot.



To see the USCG LA-LB blog on Discover Marina del Rey Day (click on link below)
<http://uscgla.blogspot.com/2009/10/discover-marina-del-rey-days.html>

Monthly Activities

Commanding Officer and Officer in Charge semi-annual conference held in Santa Barbra, CA. Three of the four Sector LA ships are pictured. NARWHAL, BLACKFIN, & HALIBUT.



Old Glory flies rain or shine on the Marina Del Rey Breakwall.



SN Cain takes the sticks for the first time.



CG Auxiliary patrol Marina Del Rey.



LA County Lifeguards needed some parking space at our station to install new electronics suites into their vehicles.



HALIBUT gave a Marina Del Rey Harbor familiarization tour to the newest recruits of the US Army Corps of Engineers.



Monthly Activities Continued



Environmentalist protestors prepare to kayak out to a nearby oil platform.



CGC HALIBUT moored after a SAR case at the homeport of the CGC BLACKTIP in Oxnard, CA.



Squid Light boat.



Cal. Fish and Game Warden Santos Cabral completes a Living Marine Resource inspection on a Sea Urchin Vessel.



CGC HALIBUT Boarding team prepares to board a squid boat.

That's not the city lights below - it's a squid fleet of approximately 50 boats. Driving around these guys is like driving on the wrong side of the highway. Their bright halogen lights make it virtually impossible to see.



FS2's Recipe of the Month



Cooking the Coast Guard Way

Hawaiian Chicken



What you will need

- 1 (2 to 3 pound) whole chicken, cut into pieces
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons salt 1 pinch ground white pepper
- 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 green bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 (8 ounce) can crushed pineapple with juice
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons chicken stock

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Mix flour, salt and pepper in a reseal able plastic bag. One at a time, put chicken pieces in bag, seal and shake to coat. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat and sauté chicken pieces until brown on all sides. Place chicken in a lightly greased 9x13 inch baking dish and bake covered in the preheated oven for 45 minutes.
3. To Make Sauce (while chicken bakes): In the same large skillet, sauté onion and green bell pepper for about 5 minutes, until translucent. Add the pineapple, soy sauce and brown sugar. Mix together cornstarch and chicken stock and add to skillet. Stir all together and let simmer for 3 minutes until thick and clear. Pour sauce over chicken and bake 10 more minutes until tender.
4. Serves: 5



Homeland Security

HALIBUT IN THE NEWS

Fisherman SAR

<http://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/834/359915/>

Missing Santa Barbara College Kid

<http://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/834/362151/>

Click on the link to see the USCG Press Release

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