

THE BREAKWALL

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USCGC HALIBUT (WPB-87340)

Newsletter

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USCGC HALIBUT underway with **HALIBUT's** small boat in the foreground at **Bechers Bay, Santa Rosa Island.**

Photo by MKC Tim Pettengill

Greetings

Friends,

Happy Holidays! Our newsletter this month covers a wide variety of events, missions, and rescues. We were fortunate enough to participate in an event alongside Baywatch in Marina del Rey with terminally ill children from New Zealand. We also had an outstanding patrol up north in the Channel Islands, Point Conception, and Santa Barbara Area.

Please enjoy this month's newsletter and don't forget to place your orders for HALIBUT hats/t-shirts and sweatshirts for the Holiday Season!

Thank you for your continued support!

Best Regards,

LJG Paul Miller
Commanding Officer



NIGHT BOARDING



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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CPR TRAINING



WHAT ARE THESE PEOPLE LOOKING AT?

see "Thumbs Up" on page 9

KORU CARE EVENT - Marina del Rey

HALIBUT had a unique opportunity to participate in a special event in November. Every year, Los Angeles County Lifeguard Rescue Boat Captain Shelly Butler organizes an event with Koru Care of New Zealand to bring over 50 terminally ill children to Los Angeles for interaction with the local Los Angeles Coast Guard and Life Guard Community. Events include a tour of Coast Guard Air Station Los Angeles and a morning out on the water in Baywatch Rescue Boats. This year, HALIBUT was fortunate enough to be invited to participate in this special occasion. The crew had an absolute blast as the kids got to ride on HALIBUT and see Santa Monica Pier and mainland Los Angeles from the water! Please feel free to check out the below You-Tube Video for footage from the event!



Address to video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ki7UMeoc46U>



More KORU CARE



CGC HALIBUT MEDICALLY EVACUATES SAILOR ATTEMPTING TO TRANSIT FROM SANTA BARBARA TO HAWAII

Story by AUX Anthony Turner, Public Affairs

SANTA BARBARA, CA - Late yesterday afternoon the Coast Guard dispatched a rescue helicopter from Coast Guard Air-Station Los Angeles and an 87-foot Coast Guard Cutter after receiving a distress call from a solo sailor on a 25 foot sailboat who was transiting from Santa Barbara to Hawaii. In the radio call for help the sailor indicated he had been awake for 36 hours and was having medical issues. Before the sailor's position could be determined radio contact was lost.



Despite losing radio contact the Coast Guard rescue helicopter was able to locate the sailor about 10 nautical miles southwest of Santa Rosa Island. After making contact with the sailor the helicopter crew instructed him to proceed to a designated location to rendezvous with the CGC Halibut that was en route from Santa Barbara, about 69 nautical miles away.

Once on scene CGC Halibut escorted the sailor to the nearest harbor, about 5 miles away for mooring. The sailboat did not have an auxiliary engine and with winds gusting to 35 knots inside the harbor the Halibut was forced to launch its small boat and tow the sailboat to a safe mooring. The sailor was taken aboard the Halibut and transported to Santa Barbara for medical treatment.



Last month CGC Halibut performed a similar rescue of a solo sailor traveling from Hawaii to Santa Barbara. In that case the sailor's boat became disabled about 100 miles offshore.

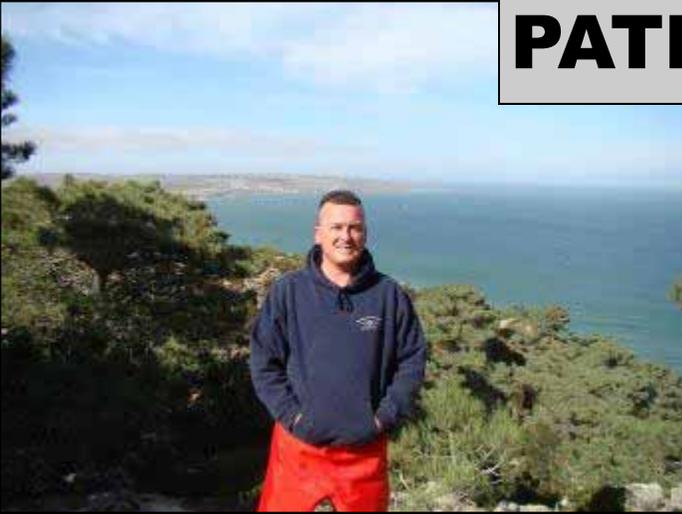
COMMANDING OFFICER'S ACCOUNT OF THE EVENTS:

HALIBUT was recalled out of Santa Barbara by the CG Los Angeles SAR Controller at around 1700 that evening for a gentleman on a 25' sailboat south/southwest of Santa Rosa Island in need of medical attention and escort to a safe harbor. It took us a few hours to get there, and once on scene we were seeing about 6ft seas and wind gusts to 35kts. The sailor had a handheld radio that was running out of batteries, and comms between us and him were bad. We launched our small boat with a rescue team to assess the situation and medical condition of the sailor. It was determined the safest course of action was to escort the gentleman to the nearest safe harbor, Johnson's Lee, anchor his 25' sailboat and make best speed (~23kts) back to Santa Barbara for waiting EMS Personnel. The gentleman was slightly hypothermic, fatigued (had been up 36hrs battling the seas), and had several other medical ailments working against him.

Despite the deteriorated weather conditions the crew performed flawlessly, executing with ease and skill rescue techniques in less than favorable conditions. I'm proud to say that their efforts and dedication to safety of life at sea made a difference in this gentleman's life that night!



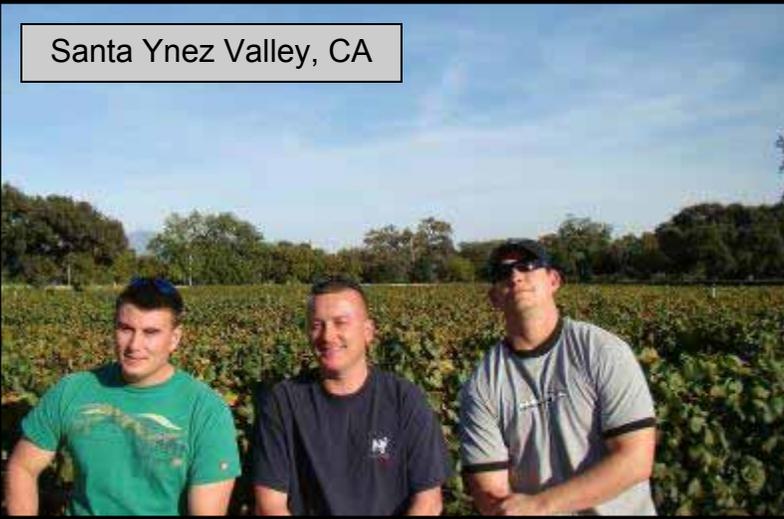
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Crew tours Santa Rosa Island with National Park Service



Santa Ynez Valley, CA

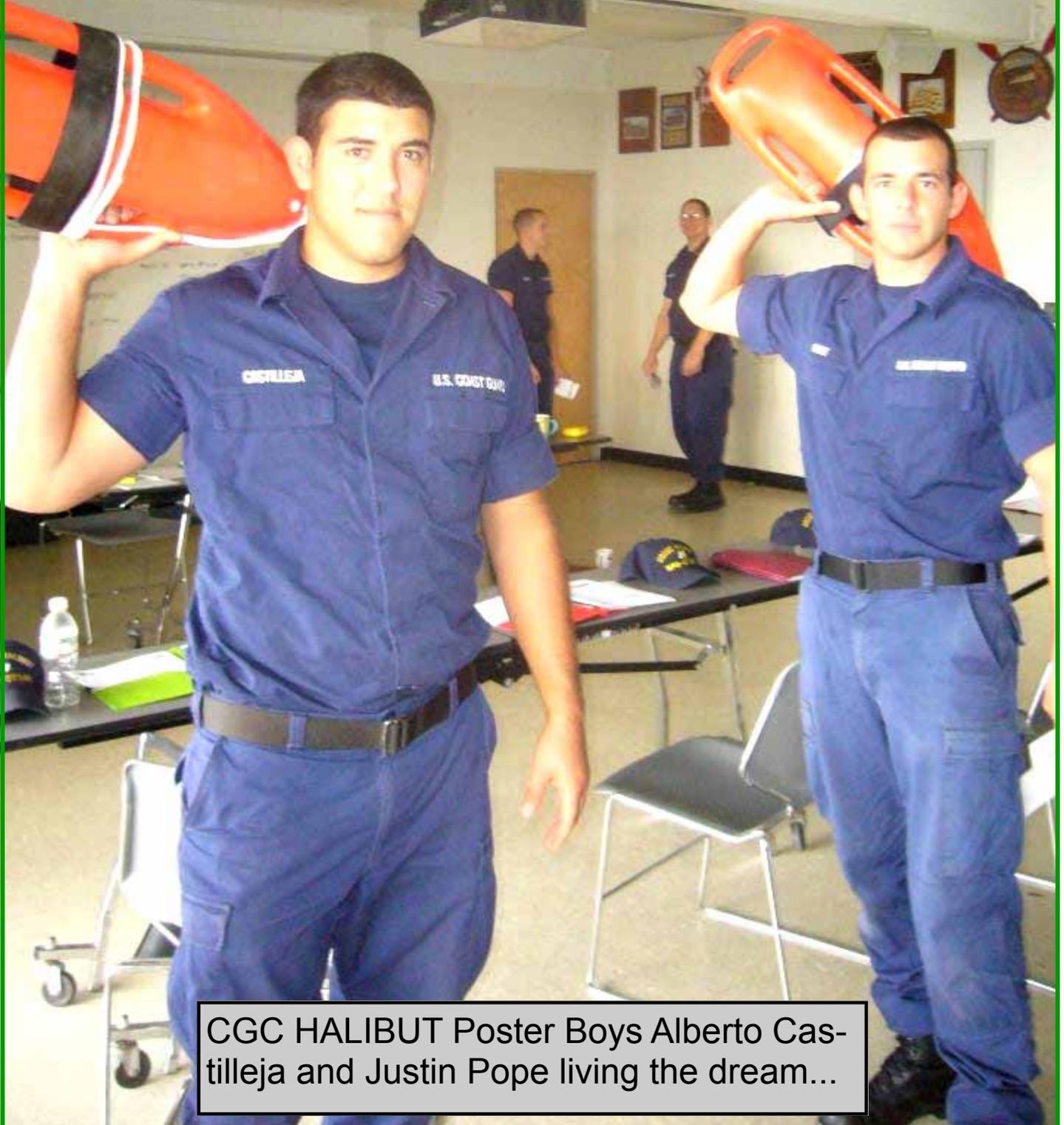


Commercial Fishing Vessel Boardings

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HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!



CGC HALIBUT Poster Boys Alberto Castilleja and Justin Pope living the dream...

FS2's Recipe of the Month

Cooking the Coast Guard Way

ROASTED KABOCHA SQUASH WITH CORN RELISH

SQUASH

1 Kabocha Squash
Salt and Pepper to Taste
Honey to taste (warmed)



Quarter squash, clean out seeds and place on sheet pan. Salt and Pepper, brush on honey. Roast in 425 degree oven for 30 minutes or until tender. Top with corn relish.

CORN RELISH

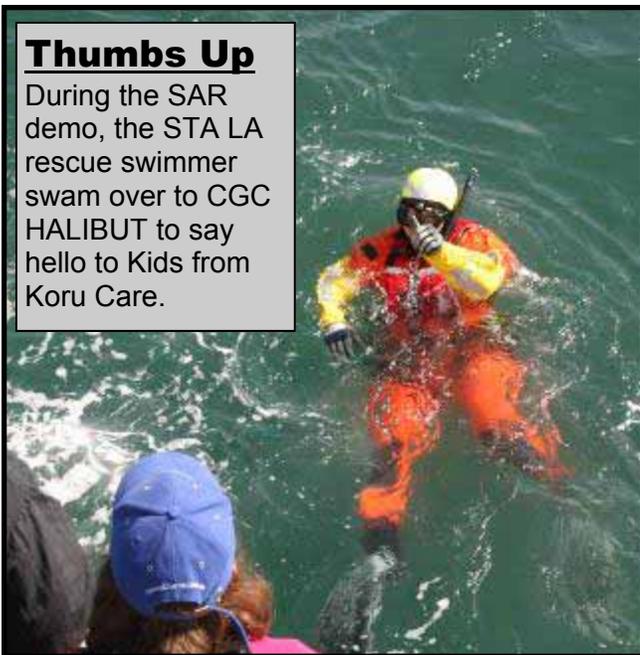
2 Corn Cobs (roasted)
1/2 white onion
1 bunch green onion (sliced on bias)
1/2 red bell pepper
1/4c canola oil
1 bunch cilantro (ruff chop)
Rice wine vinegar to taste
Salt and Pepper to Taste
Cumin to taste



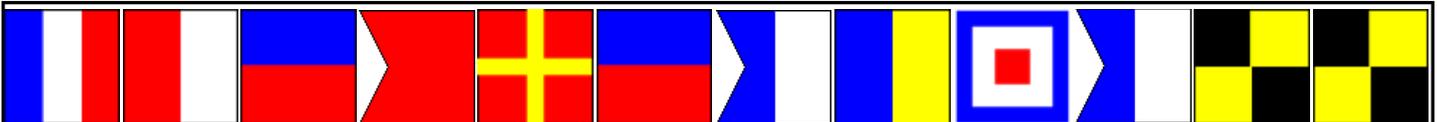
Run knife down corn cobs, removing kernals and place in bowl along with next 8 ingredients. Stir and serve on top of squash. Serve final dish with Carolina style ribs.

Thumbs Up

During the SAR demo, the STA LA rescue swimmer swam over to CGC HALIBUT to say hello to Kids from Koru Care.



Crew Member Richard Kurtz receives CPR Training from LA County Ocean Lifeguard Specialist John Greger.



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NEW HALIBUT Trucker Ball Caps

No. Ball Caps _____ @ \$15 each = \$ _____



Official USCGC HALIBUT Crew T-Shirts

No. of each Size _____ XXL _____ XL _____ L _____ M

No. of T shirts _____ @ \$20 each = \$ _____



Official USCGC HALIBUT Unit Ball Caps

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HALIBUT Crew Hooded Pullover Sweatshirt

No. of each Size _____ XXL _____ XL _____ L _____ M

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Please Add \$8.95 for shipping on all orders Make checks payable to
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