

# THE BREAKWALL

## USCGC HALIBUT (WPB-87340)

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Newsletter

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# Greetings

Friends,

This month's edition of the BREAKWALL features many exciting missions accomplished by HALIBUT during the month of September. Highlights include rescue and assistance of a disabled sailing vessel 100+ nautical miles offshore, a law enforcement patrol of the Santa Monica Bay and Santa Catalina Island with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, a visit to Santa Barbara Island (part of the Channel Islands Chain), Fisheries Enforcement Patrol of the western reaches of Santa Rosa Island north to Point Conception, and participation of Discover Marina del Rey Day.

I would like to congratulate BM1 AJ Pulkkinen, MK2 Daryl Lirette, BM3 JR Tinajero, SN Brandon Blackwell, and California Department of Fish and Game Warden John Castro for receiving the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, for heroic actions in May 2008 during a helicopter crash on Catalina Island.

Enjoy the newsletter, and thank you for your continued support of the HALIBUT and her crew!

Best Regards,  
LTJG Paul Miller



## HALIBUT CREW PROFILE

### MK3 Greg Cooper

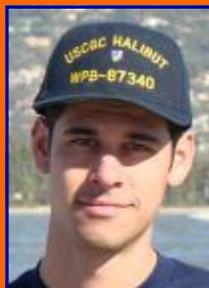
Age: 21

Hometown: Diamond Bar, CA

**Favorite Part of Job:** Fabrication and design of ship systems and components

**Interesting Fact:** Greg recently got married to wife Nicole and saw the birth of their daughter, Makenzie. He recently bought a condo for his family in Long Beach.

**Career Aspirations:** Advance to E-5.



## 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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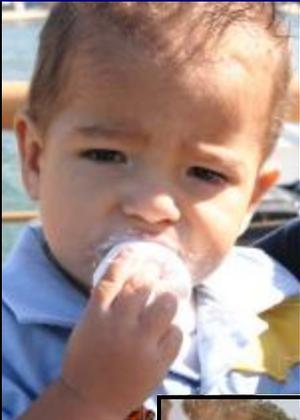
# DISCOVER MARINA DEL REY DAY

Each year, HALIBUT participates in this LA County Beaches and Harbors Event. This year, HALIBUT invited a few special guests on a harbor breakfast tour of the marina.

Prior to getting underway, four crewmembers were honored for their heroic actions in May of 2008 at a helicopter crash on Catalina Island with Coast Guard Commendation Medals. The awards were presented by CAPT John Caplis, LCDR Jim Sutton, and Life Guard Chief Mike Frazer.



# MORE DISCOVER MDR DAY



# HALIBUT PERFORMS RESCUE ON THE HIGH SEAS

Story by AUX Anthony Turner, Public Affairs

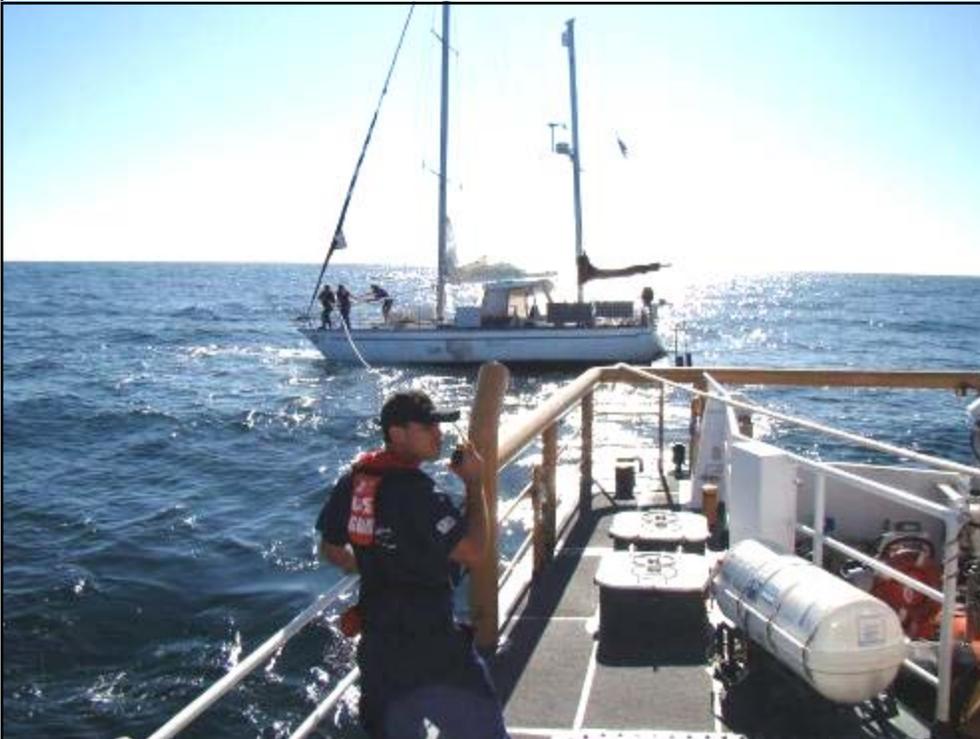
**THE CALL FOR HELP:** Imagine being out of gas and having blown sails one hundred nautical miles off the coast of southern California. Who do you call for help – and how exactly do you make the call for help in the first place? If you have a satellite phone the answer is easy if you don't you have a problem. Cellular telephones generally don't work much more than a few miles offshore and VHF marine radios require line of sight and have a range of about 25 miles. In the case of a 44 foot sail boat transiting across the pacific ocean from Hawaii, the lone crew member made the call for help via a HAM radio. At the other end of the call for help was a HAM radio operator in Florida who contacted the Coast Guard in California. Using a combination of telephone calls and emails the Florida HAM radio operator was able to provide sufficient information for the Coast Guard to send rescuers.

**THE RESCUE:** On an average day the Coast Guard assists 98 persons in distress and conducts 74 search and rescue cases. So coming to the aid of a distressed boater is normal. In this case being directed 100 miles off the southern California coast by emails and telephones calls from HAM radio operator in Florida relaying the information from the distress boater somewhere in the pacific ocean is not that normal. Nevertheless, the Marina del Rey based Cutter Halibut departed for the 10 hour voyage shortly after midnight on October 14, 2008. Despite the cumbersome communications the Halibut and was able to flawlessly locate the disabled sail boat. After rigging the boat for towing, the Halibut and its crew began the long journey of more the 100 nautical miles of open ocean to the east Anacapa Pass, where the tow of the



disabled boat was transferred from the Halibut to a 47 foot motor life boat from Coast Guard Station – Channel Islands who towed the sail boat safety to port.

“The crew performed several high risk at sea evolutions today with the ease and professionalism of seasoned mariners. I'm extremely proud of the way everyone stepped up to make a difference in this gentleman's life during such a demanding extended case. “ said Lieutenant Junior Grade Paul Miller, the Halibut's Commanding Officer.





Joint LE Boardings off Santa Monica with Los Angeles Sheriff's Department

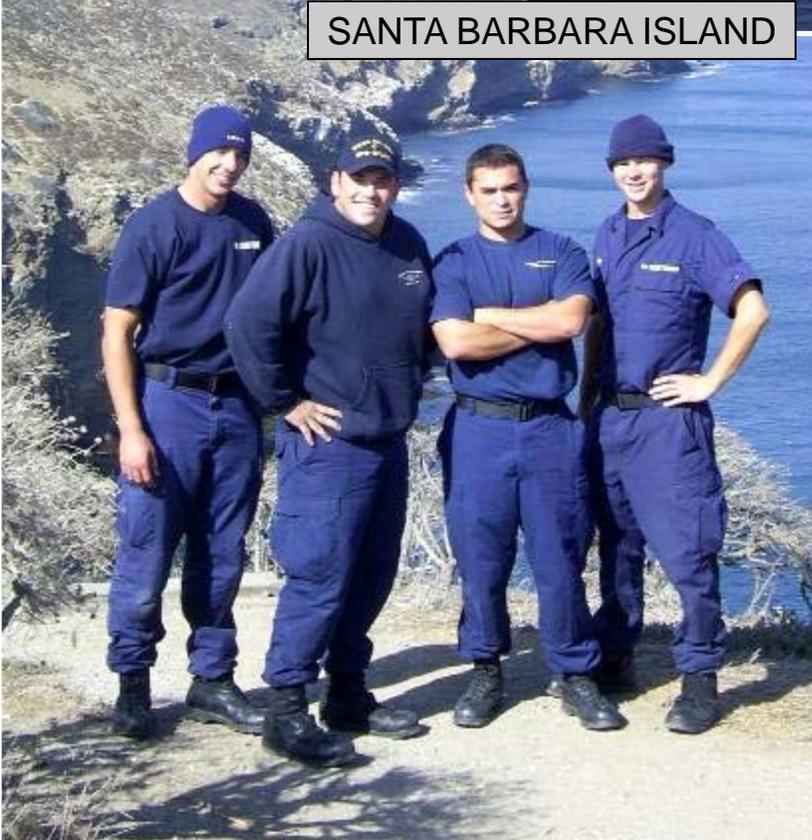


Catalina Harbor, Santa Catalina Island with LASD TRADITION moored alongside

# ON PATROL



SANTA BARBARA ISLAND



LAX Air/Sea Disaster Maritime Asset Display. Burton Chase Park, Marina del Rey





Joint boardings with Cal Fish and Game



John Castro Coast Guard Medal of Commendation



Richard Kurtze ready in the small boat



An oil rig off the Santa Barbara Coast at moonrise



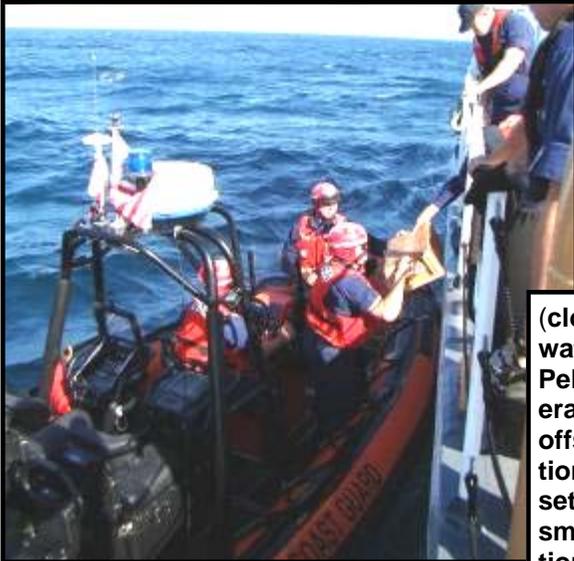
Towing a sailboat at sunset, Anacapa Island in the background



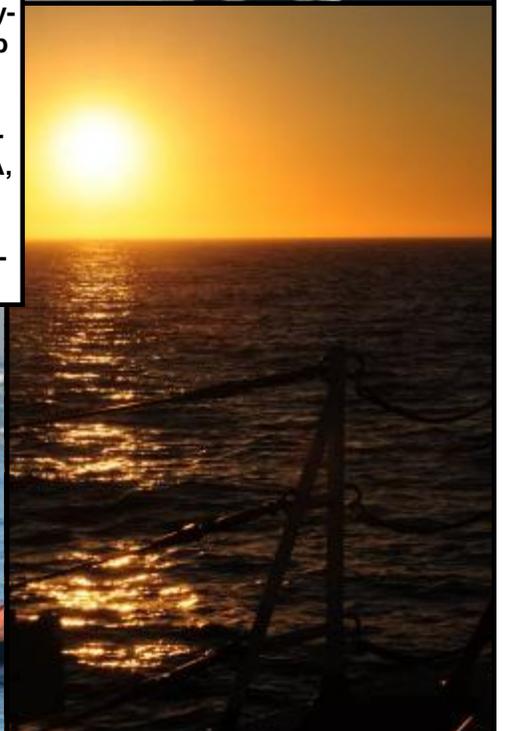
Surfing the Ranch



Hollister Ranch at Sunset



(clockwise) LTJG Miller and Baywatch Rescue Boat Captain Rob Pelki instruct a rescue boat operators class, HALIBUT stands offshore during recovery operations of a sunken Bayliner in LA, set the ATON Bill!, sunset, the small boat monitoring operations, HALIBUT transferring ammunition to small boat.



# FS2's Recipe of the Month

## Cooking the Coast Guard Way

### SEARED SCALLOP SALAD WITH CITRUS DRESSING

#### INGREDIENTS

Four Jumbo Scallops  
 1 head fennel  
 1 naval orange, supremed  
 1 blood orange, supremed  
 1 med jicama, fine julienned  
 2 tbspn finely chopped parsley  
 2 tbspn finely chopped thyme

2 lemons zeste & juice preserved  
 1/2c extra virgin olive oil

Sea salt and fresh cracked pepper to taste



#### SCALLOPS

Pat dry, season with salt and pepper. Heat pan and add 1 tbspn of olive oil. Sear scallops 2 min per side until opaque and firm. Set aside.

#### PLATING

Place salad mixture in center of plate. Place seared scallops on top and serve with fried polenta squares.

#### SALAD

Place orange supremes, fennel, jicama, parsley and thyme in bowl. Add juice from lemons and olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Lightly toss.



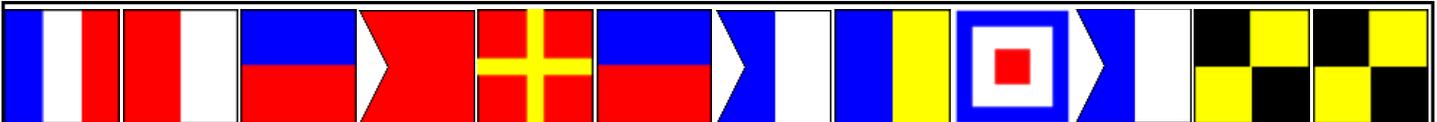
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Or click on the You Tube logo below

Videos by SN Brandon Blackwell

The Cutter moored at Government Point. In the background you can see Hollister Ranch



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