

THE BREAKWALL USCGC HALIBUT (WPB-87340) Newsletter

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Cover Photo

A rare gloomy day in San Diego Bay

Image by: BMC Dominic Vasquez

Greetings

Friends,

September has been a great action filled month. We finished up a small dockside maintenance period at the beginning of the month and then made a trip down to the waters off the Baja Peninsula to conduct a counter-narcotics patrol. Unfortunately, we did not nab any bad guys this time. We greatly appreciated the support given by the District 11 Patrol Boat Staff, Sector LA/LB Engineering, CGC EDISTO, and our eyes in the sky provided HU-25 Falcon air crews from CG Air Station Corpus Christi and C-130 Hercules air crews from CG Air Station Sacramento. Upon our return to Marina Del Rey, we completed a friends and family cruise out to Catalina Island. We finished out the month by hosting the children and staff from Koru Care Southland who flew all the way out here from New Zealand. They had a great time, and it was a pleasure to have them on board. Please enjoy this month's issue.

LJG Charles Paris
Commanding Officer



Sheriff's Deputy Patrick Clark enforcing all applicable state laws and regulations in Marina Del Rey.



**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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The fog rolls into Marina del Rey



Baywatch Del Rey Life Guards

HALIBUT New Crew Member Profiles

Fireman Apprentice (FA) Chris Colson

FA Colson hails from Stafford, VA. He entered the Coast Guard on July 7th, 2009 (Just a few months ago!) He just turned 18 on September 28th. FA Colson wants to pursue a career in Aviation after this assignment. His primary duty onboard is to GET QUALIFIED... as Inport Officer of the Deck, Crewman of the Watch, Boarding Team Member, Repair Party Team, Boat Crewman, and to finish all his line drawings of the inner workings of the ship. Until then, he's just another mouth to feed, a mere passenger. However, in just the four weeks he's been here, he's almost knocked out half of his required qualifications. FA Colson is definitely on the fast track, and we look forward towards his progression as a fine Coast Guardsman.



Elijah David Lirette

We welcome our newest member of the crew, Elijah Lirette! MK2 Darryl Lirette came in off leave to bring in our newly reported Fireman Recruit. In this photo, he was showing us his war face. Accordingly we've added him as Gunner to our .50 Caliber Machine Gun Mounts. FA Colson better not let Elijah get qualified before he does!



Non-Compliant Vessel Pursuit and Disable Training

We hosted Rear Admiral Castillo while conducting Non-Compliant Vessel (NCV) training in San Diego before departing to Baja. We practiced the ordered and stepped measures used to stop a vessel. We employ extreme caution in these tactical maneuvers, because these situations can rapidly turn into a self defense situation. We passed our evaluation!

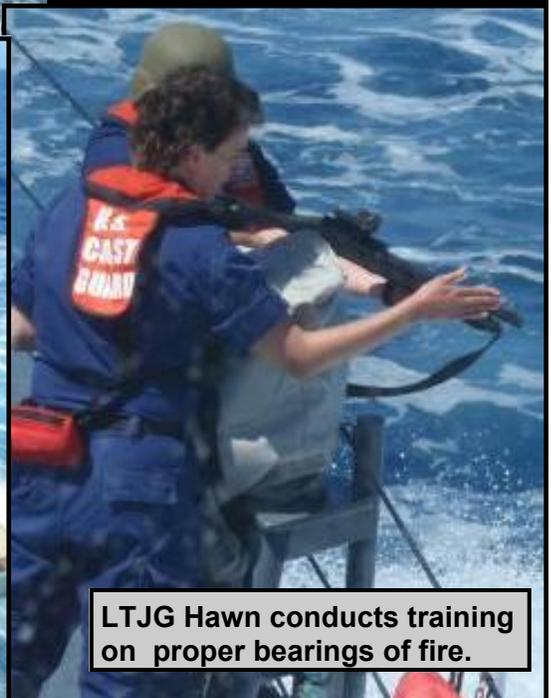
Target Non Compliant Vessel refusing to stop.



Batteries Released for Less than Lethal fire!



Close- aboard maneuvers

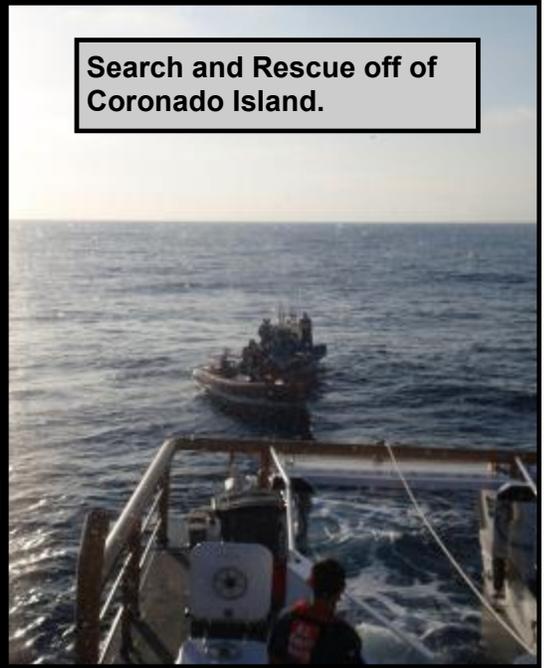


LTJG Hawn conducts training on proper bearings of fire.

Baja Mexico Patrol Activities



Abandon Ship Drill
And that's why we call it a Gummy Suit!



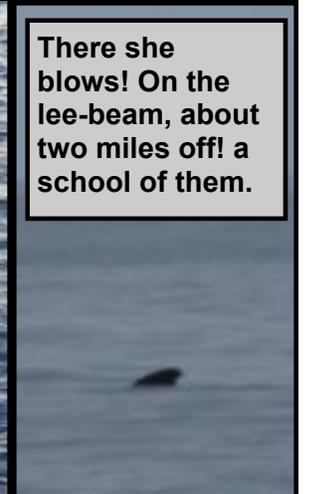
Search and Rescue off of Coronado Island.



Vessel Assist Oceanside, CA.



Last to know; first to show!



There she blows! On the lee-beam, about two miles off! a school of them.



CGC HALIBUT moored-up alongside CGC Edisto in San Diego, CA.



Our amigos south of the border. The Armada de Mexico came by to check us out.

more Baja Mexico Patrol Activities



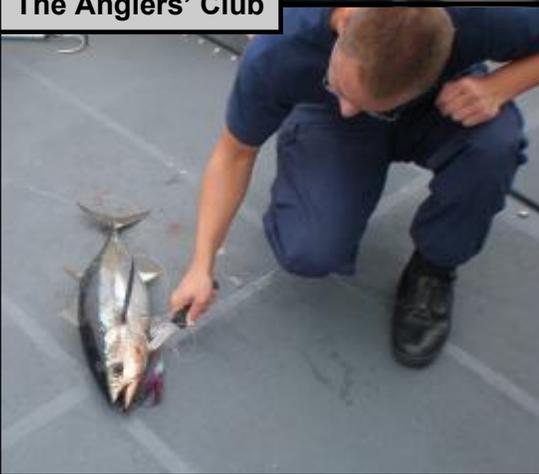
The Anglers' Club



Steaks at Steel Beach on a Sunday afternoon.



The "Finer Things Club" gets together for Sunset Cigars.



The Skeet Shooting Club.

Pull

Friends and Family Cruise to Catalina Island



Visibility <50yards!



We were low on deckhands so we had to recruit a few new line handlers.



Hey! Wipe that smile off your face! I said "SLACK" line 4!



Casino Pt.



All ashore whose going ashore!



Friends and Family Cruise to Catalina Island



We're still moored right here off Casino Point!



Dense fog rolled in, but it didn't hamper our fun.



Smile

Every year, for the last sixteen years, Koru Care Southland Charitable Trust has made dreams come true for children with different illnesses and disabilities. Koru Care Southland is made up of a group of committed Southlanders volunteering their time to help fundraise to take these kids on a holiday they will never forget. Every trip sees a number of lucky children winging their way to the USA or the Gold Coast for a week-long, action-packed holiday of a lifetime. This year, they concluded their journey with a stop by CG Air Station Los Angeles, CGC HALIBUT, and Bay Watch Del Rey for a brief underway period. We had planned a SAR Demo for them; unfortunately the weather did not cooperate with us.

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Koru Care Southland Visit



We witnessed a rescue while we were out!



Lifeguard Captain Phil Navarro gives a quick history lesson and safety brief before getting underway for a cruise of the Marina del Rey Harbor and Venice Pier.



FS2's Recipe of the Month



Cooking the Coast Guard Way

Shrimp Gumbo



What you will need:

- 4oz -Veg. Oil & 4oz All Purpose Flour
- 1.5lb-raw, whole, head-on medium shrimp, 31-50 count
- 2qrts-water, 1 cup diced onion
- .5 Cup-Celery & .5 Cup Diced Green Peppers & 1 tbsp file powder
- 2 tbsp-minced garlic, 1 tbsp salt
- .5 tsp-pepper, 1 tsp fresh thyme
- 1/4 tsp-cayenne pepper, 2 bay leaves

Directions

Preheat oven to 350° F. Place Veg. Oil & Flour into 5-6qrt cast iron dutch oven & whisk together to combine. Place on the middle shelf of oven, uncovered, & bake for 1.5 hours, whisking 2 to 3 times throughout cooking process.

While the roux is baking, peel & devein shrimp. Place the shrimp in a bowl and set in fridge. Place the heads and shells in 4qrt saucepan along with 2qrts of water, set over high heat & bring to boil. Decrease heat to low and simmer for 1hr. Remove from heat and strain liquid into cotainer, discarding solids.

Once the roux is done, carefully remove it from the oven and set over medium-high heat. Gently add the onions, celery, green peppers, & garlic and cook, moving constantly for 7-8 mins or until the onion begin to turn translucent. Add the tomatoes, salt, black pepper, thyme, cayenne pepper, and bay leaves and stir to combine. Gradually add the shrimp broth whie whisking continually. Decrease the heat to low, cover and cook for 35 minutes. Turn off heat, add the shrimp & sausage & stir to combine. Add the file powder while stirring constantly. Cover and allow to sit for 10 mins prior to serving. Serve over rice.



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