

# THE BREAKWALL

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## USCGC HALIBUT (WPB-87340)

### Newsletter

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HALIBUT makes an approach on Avalon's Inner Harbor at Catalina Island.

Cover Photo by BMC Dominic Vasquez.

# Greetings

Friends,

We've had quite an exciting month here on HALIBUT. Shortly after last months change of command, we participated in Operation Drywater, ran security for the Transpacific Sailboat race, and conducted a search and rescue case the night of the Fourth of July. Things slowed down for a bit while I departed for a training in New London, CT for two weeks. Once I returned, we picked up where we left off and headed for Morro Bay, CA to support Sector San Francisco. We finished out the month by taking LTJG Marc Whitaker the perspective Commanding Officer of the USCGC NARWHAL home-ported in Newport Beach, CA for a familiarization ride. What we thought would be a short trip to Sector LA followed by a quiet run out to Catalina Island turned into a late night Search and Rescue case for a sailboat with engine problems... I know I know. A SAIL boat with engine problems. Many thanks to Bay-watch Avalon, CG Station LA, and Vessel Assist Avalon for their rapid response. Vessel Assist ended up towing them back to San Diego. Again, thank you all for your continued support.. Please enjoy this month's issue.

LTJG Charles Paris  
Commanding Officer

USCGC HALIBUT moored at her homeport, Marina del Rey, CA.



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Morale**



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CGC HALIBUT moored next to sistership CGC BLACKFIN when we stopped in at Santa Barbara on our way up to Morro Bay.



# OPERATION DRY WATER

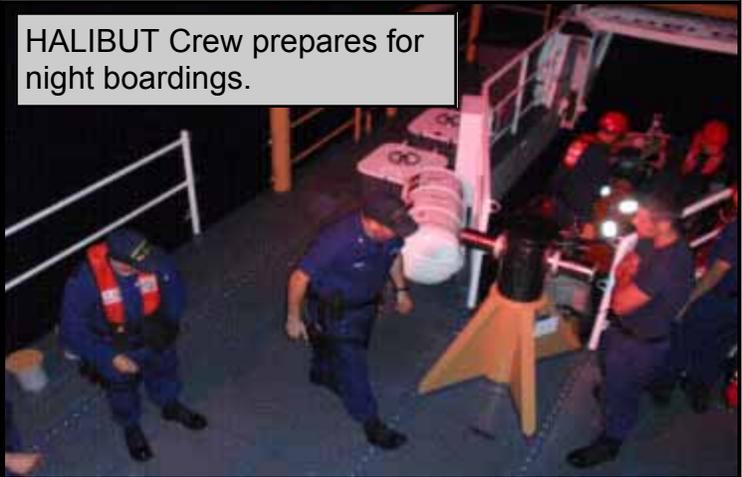


The HALIBUT, along with other Coast Guard and state law enforcement units, intensified efforts to detect and apprehend boat operators that were operating under the influence of alcohol or dangerous drugs. Operating a boat with a Blood Alcohol Content of .08 percent or higher is illegal in California, similar to operating a motor vehicle. Penalties could include fines, jail, boat impoundment and the loss of on-the-road driving privileges.

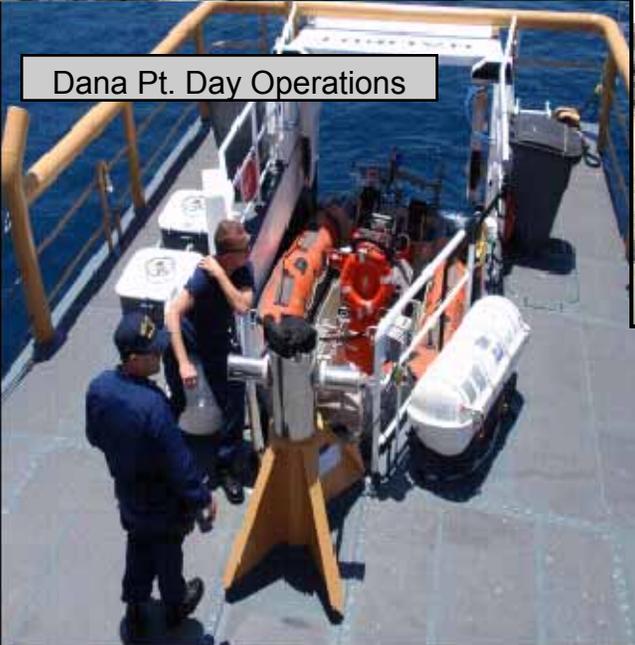
Statistics show that more than 20 percent of boating-related fatalities are a result of alcohol use. Sun, wind, noise, vibration and motion intensify the effects of alcohol, drugs and some medications.



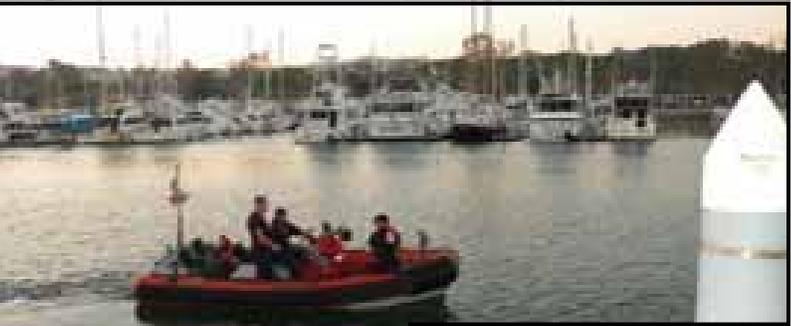
Avalon Harbor Sheriff



HALIBUT Crew prepares for night boardings.



Dana Pt. Day Operations



Typical Harbor Traffic



Boarding team returns -

with one BUI termination.



HALIBUT was underway for the July 4th, supporting security and emergency response efforts around Los Angeles Harbor. We responded to a search and rescue case for a missing diver and we searched throughout the night. Sadly, we were unable to find the missing person.



SN Cain & FN Hall put down some food.



Chiefs' Mess cooks chow!



BM2 Holcomb sets up for the festivities.



CGC ALERT & CGC BLACKFIN attended the more glamorous Sector LA/LB festivities.



Cadet First Class Yen on his fourth hot dog!



# King Neptune Welcomed Us!

HALIBUT helped out Sector San Francisco in patrol boat support for their area of operations. We went to Morro Bay, CA to perform Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement standby.



## 10ft Swells & 30kt Winds

Pier Side Morro Bay. Loose sea grass stuck under the pier. We sucked up 15lbs of it into our sea strainers!



We had to fit the 87ft HALIBUT into a 93ft space between two fishing vessels.



Fog delays our departure...



# ON PATROL



CAPT Laferriere, Commander, Sector LA/LB, addresses the crew.

Avalon Harbor, Catalina Island.



Cadet Yen does do windows.



MK2 Lirette receives recognition from Master Chief Klobuchar for outstanding performance.



CGC HALIBUT responds to a disabled sailboat.

Morro Bay at Night.



Image and caption of an actual Morro Bay Post Card.



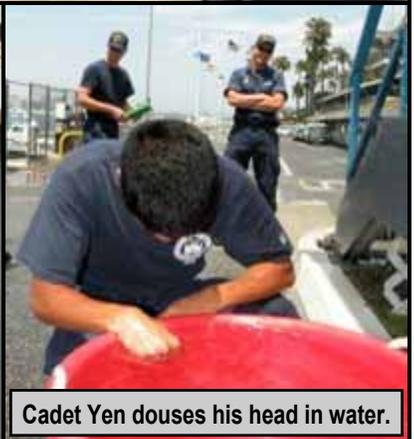
Coast Guard Boarding Officers and Boarding Team Members cannot administer pepper spray without first receiving proper law enforcement training and a full face exposure to OC pepper spray. Cadet Yen, MK3 Cooper, SN Cain and FN Hall were up to receive their full face exposure. Don't worry they all survived!

SN Cain, track your opponent with your eyes, not your hands!



# O. C. PEPPER SPRAY!

MK3 Cooper is training to be able to fight through pepper spray exposure while defending himself from an approaching opponent and keeping his weapon secure.



Cadet Yen douses his head in water.

# FS2's Recipe of the Month

## Cooking the Coast Guard Way

Sorry folks, no recipe this month. FS2 Albert Mulford departed this month for his next assignment in Petaluma, CA. He will truly be missed. His great cooking had a lasting impact on both our hearts and our stomachs! His replacement is FS2 Josh Rutherford...Another "ford". We had Albert pass off some of our favorite meals to him so that we keep the tradition alive. From what we've seen so far, Josh is definitely a keeper. With humble minds and hungry stomachs, we eagerly look forward to his many future meal sensations. HALIBUT's Crew would like to wish Albert all the best in his new assignment.



Mulford you will be missed!

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Morro Rock looms in front of HALIBUT in Morro Bay, CA.

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