

THE BREAKWALL

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USCGC HALIBUT (WPB-87340)

Newsletter



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HALIBUT moored alongside
Sector San Diego Patrol Boats
HADDOCK and PETREL.
Image by: LTJG Charles Paris

Greetings

Friends,

May has been quite an exciting month. We've had a change over in crew and also completed another Baja Mexico Patrol. We were able to work with Coast Guard District Eleven, Sector San Diego, and the Mexican Navy in the successful interdiction of a Mexican go fast vessel attempting to illegally enter the United States with 22 alien migrants. Also this month marked my fourth year of active duty in the Coast Guard which entailed a promotion to lieutenant. Without further ado, have a look inside enjoy!

Best Regards,
LT Charles Paris
Commanding Officer



Coast Guard Academy Cadet Jevon James takes the helm for pulling us into Los Angeles Harbor.



**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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Recognizing our newest addition to the crew and getting him into the proper uniform of the day.



This is our most trusted and loyal fueling associate "Tommy" at the Cabrillo Fuel Pier in LA Harbor. Rain or Shine, Day or Night, Tommy has always dropped everything to come in and fuel us up.

Crew Arrival and Departure

MK3 Darren Hope

MK3 Hope hails from Lynn, MA. He entered the Coast Guard on September 2005. His previous unit was CG Small Boat Station Booth Bay Harbor. His primary duties will be Boarding Officer, Crewman of the Watch, Small Boat Crewman, and up-keeping the operational readiness of CGC HALIBUT. In the few short weeks since he has arrived, MK3 Hope has already knocked out a majority of his qualification sign offs and is on his way to becoming a integral part of this crew. We definitely like what we've seen so far and look forward towards his future development as a Coast Guard engineer aboard CGC HALIBUT.



MK3 GREG COOPER

Well MK3 Cooper departed right before our Baja Mexico patrol en route to his next assigned duty station. He is off to Seattle, WA for some Non-Cutterman job that we didn't care enough about to ask what all it entailed.... Just kidding, he'll be working for the Aids to Navigation Team up there working to repair and upkeep all the local marine navigation aids in the Seattle area. MK3 Greg Cooper will surely be missed. His abilities to fabricate repairs were on par with that of MacGyver. We wish Greg, his wife Nicole, and his two daughters Mackenzie and Isabella all the best in his next assignment and the rest of his career.



LT Promotion by Los Angeles Sector Commander



Sector LA Enforcement Department gets some face time with Baywatch del Rey.



BMC and BM1 putting on LT Paris' new shoulder boards.



World's Best Boss

Sector Commander Captain Laferriere meets with local Marina Del Rey port partners. Here he is meeting with our cronies from down the wharf at Baywatch del Rey.



Master Chief Klobuchar addresses the crew and awards FN Colson with his challenge coin.



LT Paris thanking his crew for getting him promoted.

Monthly Activities



MK3 Cooper 'fell' into the water on his last day here.



Morale trip out the K1 Go-Cart Racing Track.



MK3 Cooper's going away

On Patrol - Baja Mexico

On a calm night off the coast of Mexico, HALIBUT picked up a radar contact heading North West at 20 knots. We picked up speed and began to intercept. Once the "Go-Fast" spotted us, they changed direction and moved evasively. It was soon determined that they had migrants onboard and not drugs. We ruled out using warning shots and disabling fire. We then proceeded to chase them for the next 5 hours. Waiting for them to either head towards land or run out of gas. A CG Helo arrived on scene to assist in getting the vessel to stop with negative results. HALIBUT then worked with their command center to call in support from the Mexican Navy. Once their patrol boats arrived on scene, we were able to 'pinch' the vessel from both sides and get it to stop. Also, the Mexican Navy pointing M16's at them may have also been a contributing factor. Result: 22 illegal migrants deterred from entering the United States.



Image of our Go-Fast chase in action.



Hands on your head!



Mexican Naval Patrol Boat behind the stopped Go-Fast.



Ensenada, Mexico



Mexican Naval Base Pier

Baja Patrol Continued

Rendering Honors to US Naval Warship.



"Some people just aren't cut out for life on the road"



Getting tacos from our favorite street taco vendor.



Mexican Sunset



Well it wasn't that big.



BM1 Withers reeling in a giant!



BMI's Recipe of the Month

Cooking the Coast Guard Way

Mac and Cheese

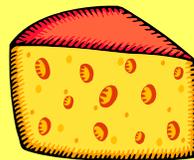
What you will need:

- 1x 8oz pack elbow macaroni
- 1x 8oz pack shredded sharp cheddar
- 1x 12oz container curd cottage cheese
- 1x 8oz container sour cream
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt & Pepper to Taste
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup butter, melted



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350F degrees. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil, add pasta, and cook until done; drain.
2. In 9X13 inch baking dish, stir together macaroni, shredded cheddar cheese, cottage cheese, sour cream, parmesan cheese, salt, and pepper. In a small bowl, mix together bread crumbs and melted butter. Sprinkle topping over macaroni mixture.
3. Bake 30 to 35 minutes, or until top is golden.



SN Cain preps before his race.



CG Jayhawk Helicopters preparing for lift off.

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