

THE BREAKWALL

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USCGC HALIBUT (WPB-87340)

Newsletter



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**USCG HALIBUT moored with Mexican Naval Warships
in Ensenada, Mexico**

Cover photo by LTJG Charles Paris

Greetings

Friends,

November has been quite an experience. We conducted Operation Safe Squid at the beginning of the month and boarded numerous squid boats to ensure they were operating safely. Immediately following that, we headed off on our second Baja Mexico patrol of the year. Again, no bad guys this go around, but we did make a stop in Ensenada, Mexico for an excellent port call that included a Soccer match between HALIBUT and a Mexican Elementary school. That patrol finished out the month, and now we're off to our projects for December. Have a look at this month's issue. Please enjoy.

LTC Charles Paris
Commanding Officer



MK2 Lirette mentors his young subordinates in proper engineering maintenance.

**LIFE JACKETS
SAVE LIVES**



CREW CHALLENGE

We took on the 6 saltine crackers in one minute challenge. It's impossible.

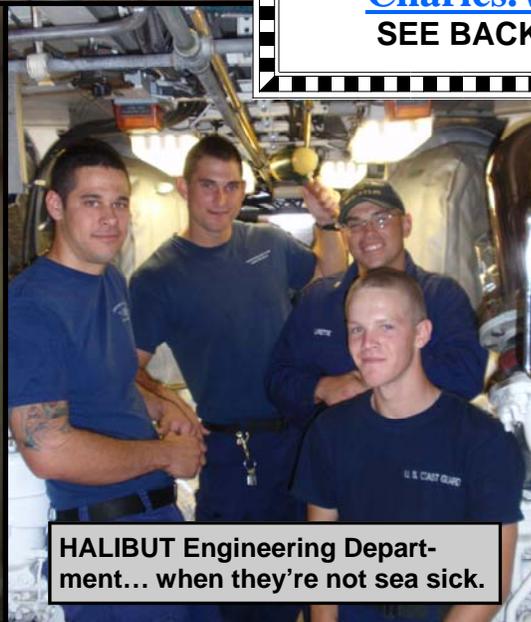


**HALIBUT
Morale**

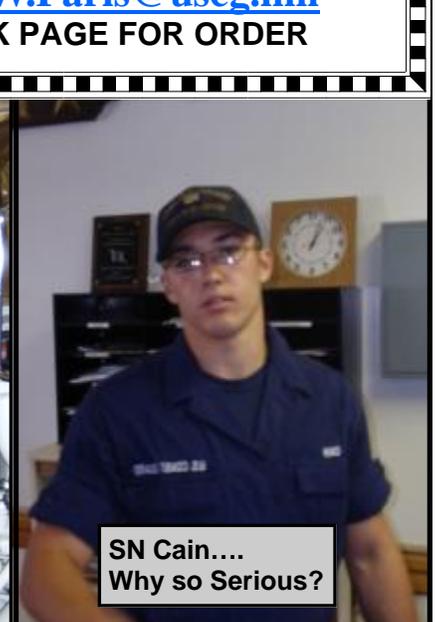


CGC HALIBUT'S Morale Fund contributes directly to the Morale, Wellness, and Recreation (MWR) of the crew. Unit ball caps and T-Shirt sales contribute directly to this fund. If anyone is interested in supporting the morale program with either a private donation or through hat/t-shirt sales, please contact:

Charles.W.Paris@uscg.mil
SEE BACK PAGE FOR ORDER



HALIBUT Engineering Department... when they're not sea sick.



SN Cain.... Why so Serious?

In Memory of C-130 Crew CG 1705

On October 29, 2009, the Coast Guard suffered the tragic loss of a Coast Guard C-130 (CG-1705) led by a crew of seven Coast Guard members from Air Station Sacramento CA.



Lt. Cmdr. Che J. Barnes
age 35, Capay, CA.
Aircraft Commander



Lt. Adam W. Bryant
age 28, Crewe, VA.
Co-Pilot



CPO John F. Seidman
age 43, Stockton, CA.
Flight Engineer



PO2 Carl P. Grigonis
age 35, Mayfield Ht, OH.
Navigator.



PO2 Monica L. Beacham
age 29, Decaturville, TN.
Radio Operator.



PO2 Jason S. Moletzsky,
age 26, Norristown, PA.,
Air Crew.



PO3 Danny R. Kreder II
age 22, Elm Mott, TX.
Drop Master.

Support the Families of CG-1705

The Chief Petty Officers' Association has started a fund to assist the families of the crew members on board the CG-1705 and the Marine Corps helicopter. If you would like to make a donation:

1. you may use the internet by going to <http://www.coastguardfoundation.org/> then click on DONATE NOW, and fill out all pertinent information; under Area of Support, click on FAMILY DISASTER RELIEF FUND; under Specify Other Area of Support, type in pertinent information that will help identify family support for CG-1705 Air Station Sacramento.

2. you may send a personal check made payable to CPOA and on the memo line write "CG-1705 crew families"

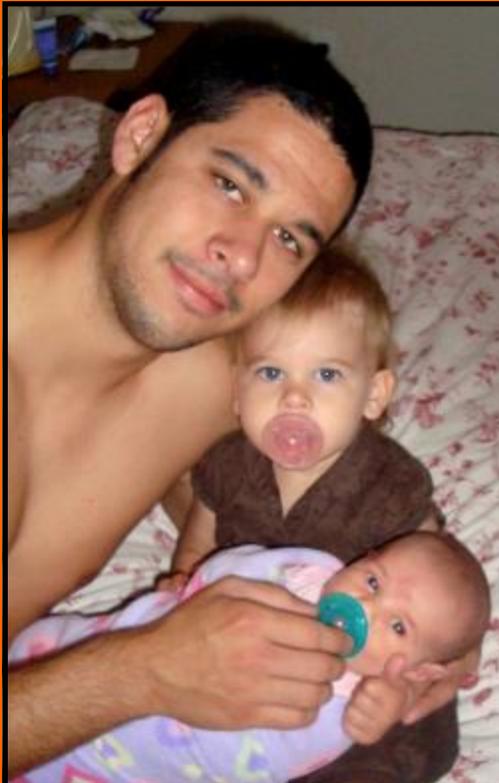
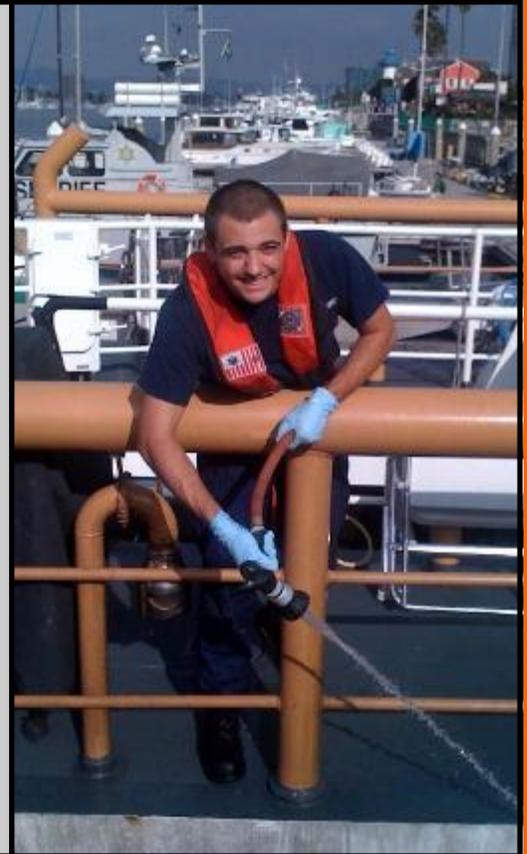
Checks should be mailed to Command Master Chief, Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach, 1001 S. Seaside Ave., Building 20, San Pedro, CA 90731.

HALIBUT New Crew Member Profiles

Seaman Chad Phillips

SN Phillips hails from Dubuque, Iowa. He entered the Coast Guard in October 2009 and reported to the HALIBUT on November 12th.

SN Phillips doesn't have his eyes set on a specific rate just yet; however if he makes it through this assignment, he is looking into becoming a Marine Safety Technician (MST) or a Maritime Enforcement Specialist (ME). His primary duty onboard is to GET QUALIFIED... as Inport Officer of the Deck, Crewman of the Watch, Rescue Swimmer, 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. In just the short time he's been here, he's well on his way to getting qualified and will have no problem in starting his Coast Guard career on the right foot.



Isabella Cooper

We welcome our newest member to the HALIBUT family, Isabella Cooper. Seen here with her dad MK3 Gregory Cooper and her sister Mackenzie.

Operation Safe Squid

USCGC HALIBUT conducted a living mariner resource patrol with a focus on the California Market Squid Fishery. **HALIBUT, BLACKFIN, NARWHAL, BLACKTIP** and the California Department of Fish and Game boarded numerous vessels in the vicinity of the Big Sycamore Canyon Marine Reserve near Point Mugu.

Fishery Overview



One of the state's most valuable fisheries, the California market squid, *Loligo opalescens*, was first exploited commercially in Monterey Bay in the 1860s by Asian and European immigrants. They established successful fishing communities, many that still exist today, with multiple generations participating in the fisheries of their ancestors. Market squid has become the largest and most valuable California commercial fishery by volume with 54,200 tons landed in 2006. The contribution to total business output, for the State, from this 2006 commercial harvest is estimated to be \$52 million. Like-



wise, total employment and wages from market squid is estimated to be the equivalent of 924 jobs and \$24 million, respectively. Market squid is an important international commodity with the majority of the export product being frozen and shipped to China, Japan, and Europe for human consumption. Domestically, market squid is canned or used fresh for human consumption, and is increasingly used live and frozen as bait by recreational fishermen. When the fishery first developed in 1863, Chinese fishermen rowed small boats, called sampans, in the shallow waters of the bay at night using lighting techniques such as torches and wire baskets with burning pitchwood hung over the sides of their boats to attract spawning aggregations of market squid to their nets. Immigrating fishermen from Europe brought their methods from the old world and quickly adapted them to California waters. Purse seine fishermen from Yugoslavia and Italy settled the Santa Barbara and San Pedro areas to fish market squid and sardines. Lights and brail nets were used almost exclusively in southern California until the late 1970s. However, there was a shift in gear for the southern fleet, from brail to purse seine around 1977.

US Coast Guard Operation Safe Squid

After several seasons of incidents involving commercial fishing vessels in the local squid fishery, Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles launched a safety outreach and enforcement campaign called "Operation Safe Squid." Started in the later part of the 2005-2006 season this effort to monitor safety has become a yearly affair. Operation Safe Squid uses a multi-phase approach to reduce or eliminate casualties within the squid fishery in Southern California. The first phase speaks to reduce incidents through education and consists primarily of dock visits, dockside safety exams, and local training sessions for fishermen. The second phase include enforcement operations concentrated on at-sea boardings of vessels to ensure compliance with federal safety and fisheries regulations.

<http://coastguardnews.com/los-angeles-coast-guard-focuses-on-safety-of-commercial-fishing-fleet/2009/04/28/>

Seiner & Skiff hauling squid.



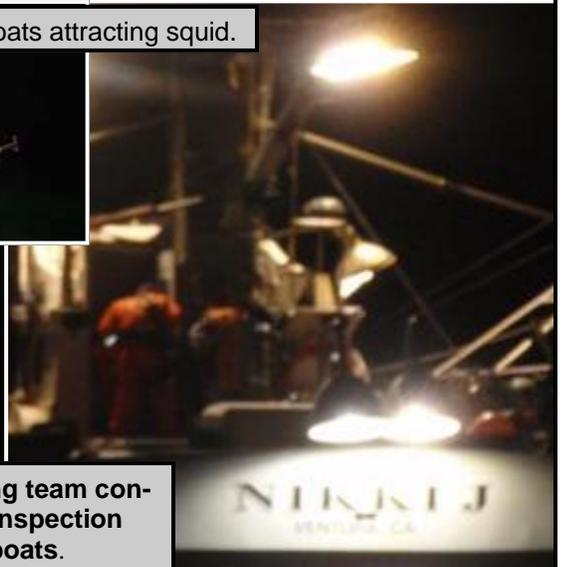
Light boats attracting squid.



Fishing fleet heading out of Ventura Harbor en route to the fishing grounds.



HALIBUT boarding team conducting a safety inspection aboard the light boats.

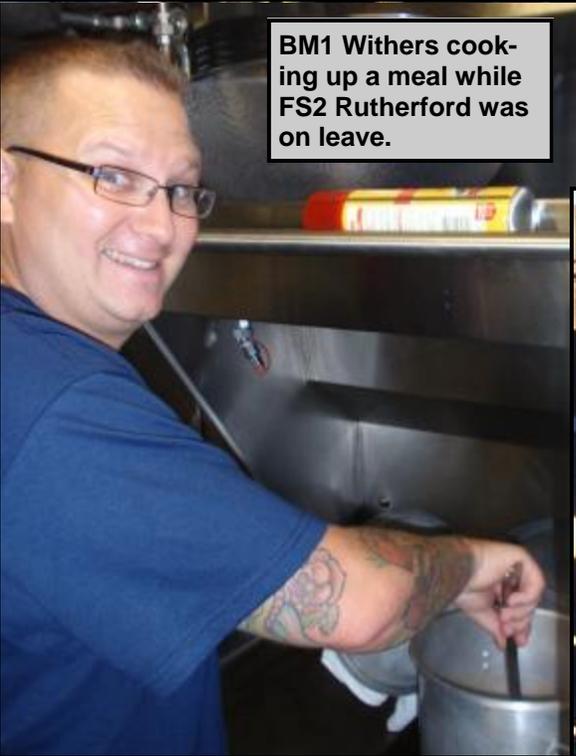


Monthly Activities

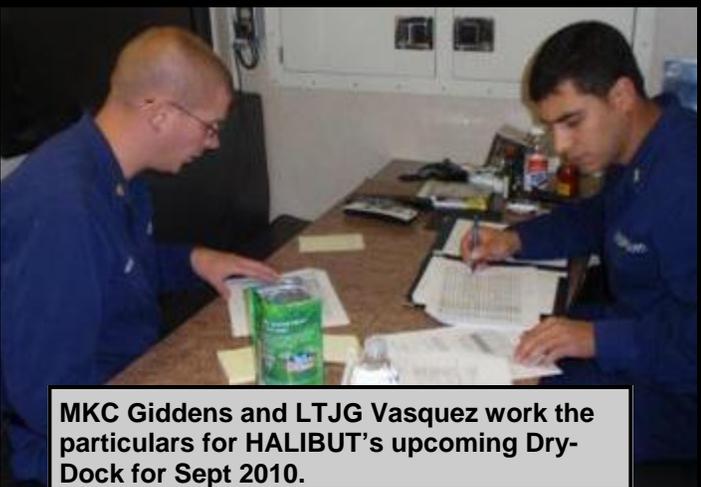
We hosted the Koru Care children from Christchurch in New Zealand. They are the same organization that we hosted in September but a different region. We had a SAR demo scheduled with CG Air Station Los Angeles, but right when we were to get underway HALIBUT got called away for an actual SAR Case.



BM1 Withers cooking up a meal while FS2 Rutherford was on leave.



Presenting Chief Warrant Officer Pettengill an award for his outstanding achievement while on HALIBUT.



MKC Giddens and LTJG Vasquez work the particulars for HALIBUT's upcoming Dry-Dock for Sept 2010.



HALIBUT tied outboard of EDISTO and with SEA OTTER down at Ballast Point, San Diego.

Baja Mexico Patrol

During our Baja Mexico Patrol this past month, we had a port call in Ensenada. We just missed the huge Baja 1000 finally the day before, but it was still a happening town. The first day we explored the city, bought some knick-knacks, and ate authentic street stand tacos. The second day we had scheduled a community outreach event with a local poverty stricken elementary school. We were going to help paint classrooms, but they didn't have any funding for the paint, and we didn't know or else we would have brought some. So instead, we challenged the children to a game of FUTBOL MEXICANO!!! BIG MISTAKE... I can say with out reservation that my crew and I got killed in soccer by a bunch of 9 and 10 year olds.... And we were actually trying our best to just score one point! So then it was on to a game we know, basketball. We won thank goodness... but it was close!

Making landfall in Ensenada.



Rescue Swimmer Training.



Our armed marine escort to the school.



LTJG Paris practicing spanish.



Viva la Mexico!



FN Hall tries a Mexican Cheetoh.



MK2 Lirette says "No speako the spanish."



Estos muchachos son amigos.



Pregame strategizing... didn't help.

More Baja Mexico Patrol



Getting the field ready for play.



Pass it!



Clear it!



SN Cain signing auto-graphs for the ladies.



Nice Header!



FN Hall telling sea stories.



Get The Steal!



 All said and done... MEXICO 6 USA 0 

FS2's Recipe of the Month

Cooking the Coast Guard Way

TEXAS CHILI

What you will need:

- 3 lb cubed beef
 - 2 tbsp paprika
 - 1 tbsp onion powder
 - 1½ tsp cayenne pepper
 - 2 tsp beef bouillon
 - 1 tsp chicken bouillon
 - 1 8oz can tomato sauce
 - 4 tsp ground cumin
 - 1 tsp garlic powder
 - ½ tsp fresh ground pepper
 - 6 tbsp chili powder
 - 1 split jalapeno pepper
- Pinto Beans, Diced Onions, & Cheese on the side to add as preferred.

Directions

1. Briefly sear meat and then add jalapeno pepper, paprika, onion powder, cayenne pepper, bouillon granules, tomato sauce and water to cover.
2. Simmer, covered for about 1½ hours.
3. Add cumin, garlic powder, black pepper, and chili powder. Cook for another 30mins or until meat is tender.



Homeland Security

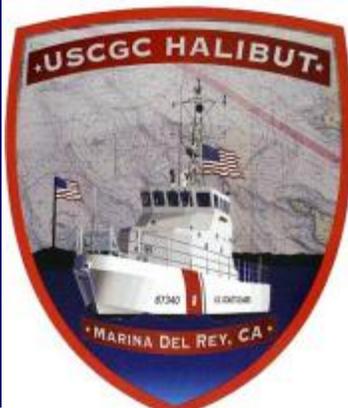


SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Petty Officer 1st Class Darril Kiest, an aviation survival technician stationed at Coast Guard Air Station Sacramento, lowers the station's national ensign to half mast during a morning color ceremony as others pay their respects Sunday Nov. 1, 2009. The ceremony was held in honor of seven coastguardsmen who were lost at sea when a Coast Guard C-130 suffered a mid-air collision with a Marine Corps AH-1W helicopter, Oct. 29, 2009. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Bobby Nash.

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