

THE BREAKWALL

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USCGC HALIBUT (WPB-87340)

Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR
Best Wishes for
2009

Greetings

Friends,

Happy New Year! We wrapped up calendar year 2008 with an exciting month that included Marine Fire Fighting Training with LA County, patrol, and detainment of two stowaways off a container ship in the Port of Los Angeles. Additionally, we said goodbye to SN Alberto Castilleja as he departed for Health Services Technician "A" School and SN Brandon Blackwell as he left for Public Affairs "A" School. Two outstanding members of the crew who will be missed! Congratulations are in order as well for FN William "Bill" Irby as he was advanced to Fireman!!

Additionally, we held our annual Christmas Party for family/friends at a local bowling alley...with the Mulford and Lirette kids coming out on top! HALIBUT is entering a much needed maintenance availability for the entire month of January, but will be out right back at it in February. We've got a lot of exciting patrols planned, and are looking forward to carrying out the mission.

Thank you for your continued support!

Best Regards,

LT Paul Miller

Commanding Officer

HALIBUT CREW PROFILE

SN Josh Valdivia

Age: 21

Hometown: Whittier, CA

Career Aspirations:
Become a Coast Guard Lawyer

Interesting Fact:
Josh is currently enrolled in the Coast Guard's CSPI Program and will be attending Officer Candidate School in the Fall of 2010. Currently, he is a student and Criminal Justice Major at the University of Nevada



HALIBUT Morale

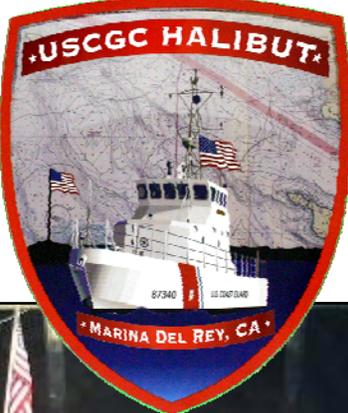


CGC HALIBUT'S Morale Fund contributes directly to the Morale, Wellness, and Recreation (MWR) of the crew. Unit ball caps and T-Shirt sales contribute directly to this fund. If anyone is interested in supporting the morale program with either a private donation or through hat/t-shirt sales, please contact:

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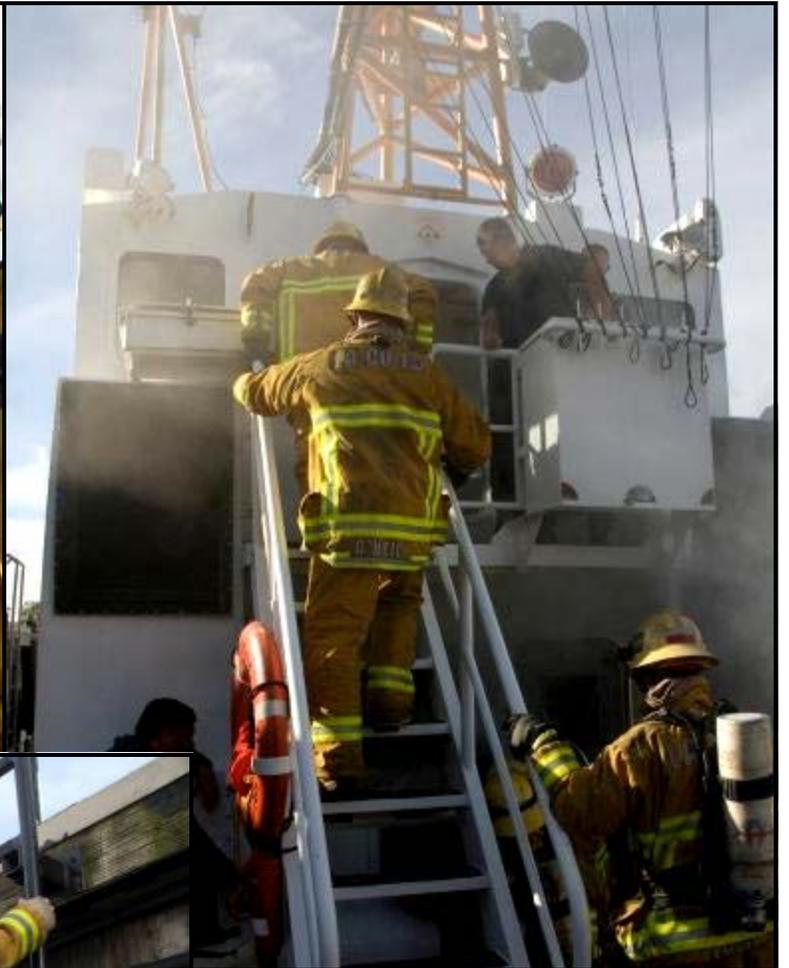
HALIBUT and LA County Fire / Life Guard Division conducted classroom and live fire fighting training onboard HALIBUT in support of the Federal Marine Fire and Salvage Plan. Pictured are LA County Fire Fighters and HALIBUT crew members conducting a joint fire drill hosted by the cutter. Additionally, LTJG Miller is pictured conducting a discussion for the classroom setting of the program on the Fire and Salvage Plan.

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Stowaways Apprehended en route to Port

Story By Mr. Anthony Turner, AUX

LOS ANGELES - A joint federal team was mobilized early Sunday to investigate a report of two stowaways on board a container ship en route to the Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach complex. The team was made up of members from the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.



The U.S. Coast Guard received notification that the Los Angeles bound containership ZENIT discovered two stowaways onboard during an earlier port call. The stowaways were reported to be Nigerian nationals.

At approximately 6:30 a.m. the vessel was boarded by Boarding Officers from the Coast Guard Cutter Halibut, a boarding team from the Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST) 91103 and agents from Customs and Boarder Protection. Once on board the joint boarding team took custody of the suspected stowaways and removed them from the ship. "This type of joint operation is an excellent example of cooperation with partner agencies to achieve a common goal." Stated

Coast Guard Lieutenant Junior Grade Osvaldo Vera of the Maritime Safety and Security Team who was part of the Coast Guard's boarding team.



MSSTs were created under the Maritime

Transportation Security Act (MTSA) 2002 and are a part of the Department of Homeland Security's layered strategy directed at protecting our seaports and waterways. MSSTs were created in direct response to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Accordingly, every MSST designation number begins with "911."

ON PATROL



Candy Land?
or Marina Del Rey?



**William Irby Advances
to Fireman!**



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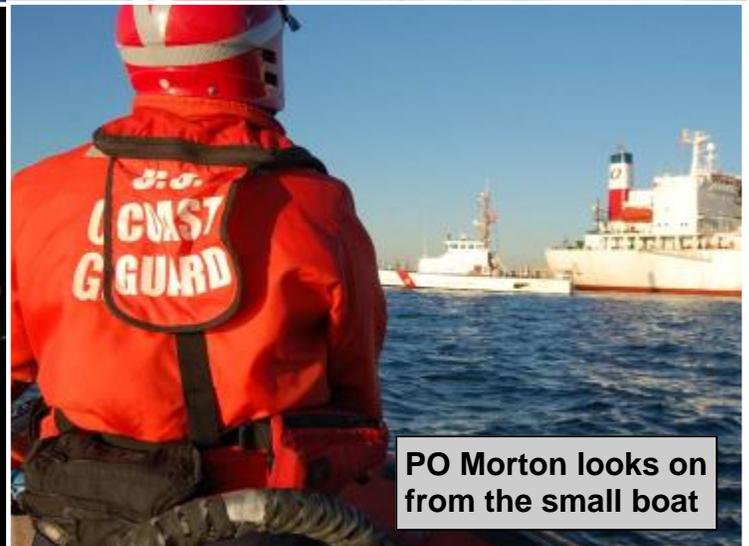
**Fire Fighting with LA
County's Finest**



Folding the flag for a Burial at Sea



**Commercial fishing vessel
Night Boarding**



**PO Morton looks on
from the small boat**

FS2's Recipe of the Month

Cooking the Coast Guard Way

Ingredients

- 4 - 1.25lb Rib eyes 1" thick (room temp)
- 2 - Sticks butter, unsalted
- 2 - cloves garlic (minced)
- 1 - bunch thyme (minced)
- TT - Salt and Pepper (fresh cracked)



Herb Butter

Take butter (not quite room temp) and mash in bowl using fork. Add minced thyme, garlic and salt TT. Incorporate all ingredients and turn out onto plastic wrap. Roll into shape like cookie dough using plastic wrap like a sushi roller. Place in freezer to harden.

Preheat oven to 450F. Generously season steaks with sea salt and fresh cracked pepper. Heat iron pan until smoking hot. Place steaks in pan two at a time. Sear on both sides for about 2-3 minutes. Transfer steaks to sheet pan big enough to hold all four and place in oven. Cook for 8-10min checking occasionally for desired doneness.

Serving

Place steak onto plate. Slice butter into rounds and place on top of each steak.

Tip: rub each steak with little liquid smoke...goes well with a Malbec from Argentina.

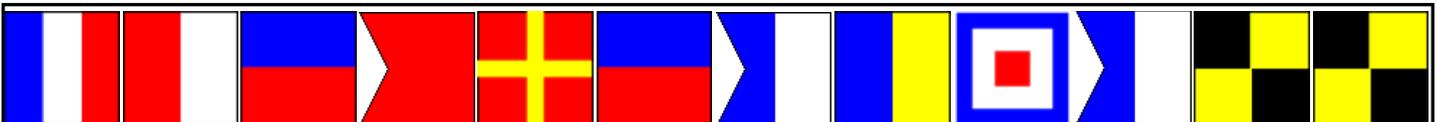


Remember...if you don't wear a life jacket... Daryl plays less golf! Now you know, and knowing is the half the battle!

A Boating Safety Message From Petty Officer Daryl Lirette



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxFWihkc-0Q>



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