



Department of
Homeland Security
**United States
Coast Guard**



Unit Summary and Mission: U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Block Island is a 110 foot Island Class Patrol Boat with a seventeen person crew and is responsible for conducting law enforcement, search and rescue, homeland security and marine environmental protection off the coast of North Carolina and throughout the Coast Guard Fifth District which spans from North Carolina to New Jersey.

Command Cadre:

Commanding Officer → Lieutenant Joseph “Grant” Thomas, Jr.
Executive Officer → Lieutenant (select) Nick Zieser
Engineer Petty Officer → Chief Petty Officer Sean Scully

Homeport: Atlantic Beach /Fort Macon, North Carolina

Cutter Commission Date: 22 November 1991

Cutter Information:

Navigational Draft: 12 feet
Displacement (full load): 162 long tons
Fuel Capacity: 9,000 gallons
Maximum Speed: 25 knots
Economical Cruising Speed/Range: 12 knots / 2,200 nautical miles
Endurance: 5 days (limited by fuel, stores and no laundry facilities aboard)
Main Engines: Two Caterpillar Diesels
Generators: Two Caterpillar Diesels, 99KW each
Weapons/Armament: One 25mm M242 machine gun (bow) and two .50 caliber M2 machine guns

Cutter Small Boat:

17’ Rigid Hull Inflatable (single point davit launch)
90 horsepower outboard
Six person capacity (two crew and four passengers)
Very limited communications and navigational equipment

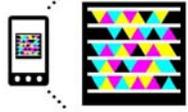
Personnel Allowance (PAL): 17
Commanding Officer (LT/O3)
Executive Officer (LTJG/O2)
Deck Watch Officer (ENS/O1)
Engineer Petty Officer (MKC)
4 Boatswain’s Mates (BM)
1 Gunners Mate (GM)
1 Food Service Specialist (FS)
2 Machinery Technicians (MK)
1 Electrician’s Mate (EM)
2 Fireman (FN)
2 Seaman (SN)

The Cutter’s Namesake
The 110’ Coast Guard Patrol Boats are the “Island Class” of cutters and are named after islands off the coast of the United States. Block Island is located off the coast of Rhode Island.

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Or if your smart phone is equipped:

Get the free mobile app at <http://gettag.mobi>
(The “gettag” above must be in color.)
The CGC BLOCK ISLAND facebook site has a welcome aboard video and our most up-to-date pictures: www.facebook.com/cgcblockisland

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August 2010 –Cutter BLOCK ISLAND conducts joint military operations – Search and Rescue training – with the U.S. Marine Corps rescue helicopter “Pedro.”



December 2010 – BM1 Matthew Losinger drives the boat from CGC BLOCK ISLAND as Seaman Joe Paliotti and LTJG Nick Zieser release a large loggerhead sea turtle to the warmer waters of the Gulf Stream off the Coast of North Carolina. Photo by: LT Tim Braun.



December 2010 – The 65 foot catamaran sailing vessel Shangri-La pictured in stern tow behind CGC BLOCK ISLAND after a joint search and rescue case with U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier and a C-130 aircraft from Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, NC who all worked to assist the distressed vessel that was 120 miles off the coast of North Carolina.



November 2010 – CGC BLOCK ISLAND crew members LTJG Nick Zieser, left, and ME2 Pete Elizondo, right, work on a reading project with Morehead City Elementary School fifth grader Alondra Alvarez as part of CGC BLOCK ISLAND's Partnership in Education program. Photo by: Tabbie Nance, Carteret Country Schools.



December 2010 – The small boat from CGC BLOCK ISLAND is pictured off of a commercial fishing vessel as a boarding is conducted as part of BLOCK ISLAND's Enforcement of Laws and Treaties (ELT) mission. This vessel was found to have insufficient Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) gear for the crew aboard and as a result their voyage was terminated.



ABOVE: March 2011 – CGC BLOCK ISLAND, CG helicopter 6031 from Air Station Elizabeth City and CG 45301, a Response Boat Medium (RB-M), from STA Little Creek conduct training in the Chesapeake Bay. Photo by: SN Mitch Furr

BELOW: March 2011 – As part of the Coast Guard Ports, Waterways and Coastal Security (PWCS) mission, CGC BLOCK ISLAND serves as Patrol Commander for the security escort of this nuclear submarine from Naval Station Norfolk.
Photo by: SN Mitch Furr

