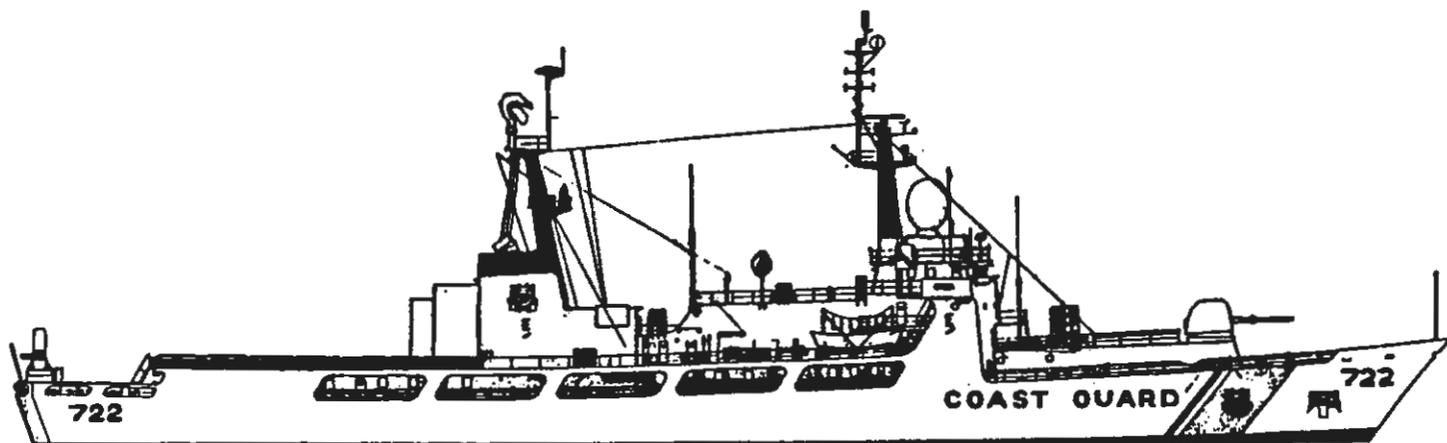




# United States Coast Guard

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## THE HAMILTON CLASS

Twelve 378-foot cutters make up the Coast Guard's Hamilton Class. These cutters are currently undergoing a Fleet Renovation and Modernization (FRAM) Program to keep the cutters mission capable during the second half of their service life. Their missions include law enforcement, defense readiness and search and rescue.

The Hamilton Class vessels are high endurance cutters, capable of staying at sea 5 - 6 weeks at a time without replenishment. They are 378 feet long, have a 43 foot beam and displace 3,250 tons. They are powered by two diesel and two gas turbine engines. On board armament includes two MK16 20mm machine guns and one MK75 76mm gun. These weapons are intended to give the cutters a modern anti-air capability. They are also outfitted with the AN/SPS 40B Air Search Radar.

The renovated Hamilton Class cutters are equipped with a flight deck which complies with navy requirements for Light Airborne Multipurpose System 1 (LAMPS) helicopters. This includes day, night and instrument only landings, vertical replenishment and in-flight refueling capabilities.

The FRAM is being accomplished at Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine and Todd Shipyards, Seattle, Washington. Some of the features being upgraded are officer and crew berthing, damage control systems, communications systems, weapons systems, engineering and aviation capabilities.

The first cutters, Hamilton and Dallas, entered the yards for renovation in 1987. The program is scheduled to be completed in 1991.

## **HAMILTON CLASS SUMMARY** **(After Renovation and Modernization)**

### **PRINCIPAL**

**Length: Overall** 378 Feet  
**Beam:** 42 feet 8 in.  
**Displacement:** 3,224 tons  
**Endurance:** 45 days. Cruising  
radius of 16,500 nm at 11 knots  
(diesel) and 2,300 nm at 29  
knots (gas turbine).

### **HELICOPTER LANDING CAPABILITIES**

The cutter will have the storage capacity for one HH-65A OR SH-2F, and will be configured with the Light Airborne Multipurpose, System, (LAMPS) for day, night, and instrument only landings, vertical replenishment and inflight re-fueling capabilities.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

<b>Cabin</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Officers</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Chiefs</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Enlisted</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>Passengers</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>

### **MACHINERY**

**Main Engines**  
**Two Fairbanks-Morse**  
**38 TD 8 1/8 Diesels**  
**Two Pratt & Whitney**  
**FT4-A6 Gas Turbines**  
**Shaft Horsepower:**  
**Diesel 3,500 ea.**  
**Turbine 18,000 ea.**

### **ARMAMENT**

**One MK75 76MM gun**  
**Two MK16 20MM gun**  
**Two M2HB .50 Caliber**  
**Browning Machine Gun**  
**Two MK32 Surface Vessel**  
**Torpedo tube, with MK 46**  
**Torpedos**  
**Two MK36 Super Rapid**  
**Blooming Offboard Chaff**  
**system**

### **SENSORS**

**AN/SPS - 40B Air Search Radar**  
**AN/SPS - 64(V) Surface Search**  
**AN/SQS - 38 Hull Mounted**  
**Sonor**  
**AN/WLR - 1 Electronic Sur-**  
**veillance Measures**  
**AN/SQS - 17 Lamps Acoustic**  
**Process**  
**MK92 - Fire Control Radar**

## **THE HAMILTON CLASS**

<b>BOUTWELL</b>	<b>(WHEC 719)</b>	<b>Seattle, WA.</b>
<b>CHASE</b>	<b>(WHEC 718)</b>	<b>Boston, MA.</b>
<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>(WHEC 716)</b>	<b>New York, NY.</b>
<b>GALLATIN</b>	<b>(WHEC 721)</b>	<b>New York, NY.</b>
<b>HAMILTON</b>	<b>(WHEC 715)</b>	<b>Boston, MA.</b>
<b>JARVIS</b>	<b>(WHEC 725)</b>	<b>Honolulu, HI.</b>
<b>MELLON</b>	<b>(WHEC 717)</b>	<b>Seattle, WA.</b>
<b>MIDGETT</b>	<b>(WHEC 726)</b>	<b>San Francisco, CA.</b>
<b>MORGENTHAU</b>	<b>(WHEC 722)</b>	<b>San Francisco, CA.</b>
<b>MUNRO</b>	<b>(WHEC 724)</b>	<b>Honolulu, HI.</b>
<b>RUSH</b>	<b>(WHEC 723)</b>	<b>San Francisco, CA.</b>
<b>SHERMAN</b>	<b>(WHEC 720)L</b>	<b>San Francisco, CA.</b>

# Hamilton Returns



## HAMILTON COMES HOME

Hamilton was greeted by dependents and well wishers on her recent return to Boston. The 187 man crew under the Command of Captain J. B. Morton had been deployed to Viet Nam for 10 months.

During that time, over 1500 Vietnamese Junks were searched for contraband arms, medical and food supplies in an effort to curtail smuggling

of materials to the Viet Cong.

Hamilton's combat record is equally impressive having destroyed numerous enemy structures, bunkers, Sampans and supply routes.

The Hamilton's humanitarian mission continued throughout her deployment. More than 400 Vietnamese were given medical aid ranging from treatment of infection to malnutrition.

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
POLICY SET  
FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES**

(reprinted from "River Currents"  
1970 edition)

In recent months several days were designated by groups opposed to the Viet Nam War as Moratorium Days. These groups requested that government employees participate in the various protests, and in those which may occur in the future.

The Civil Service Commission has stated that the designation of a day by a private group as a day of discussions, protests, or non work will have no effect on the Federal Government. Government employees will be expected to come to work on such days just as they would on any other normal working day.

Persons wishing to participate in activities designated by a private group may do so, if they include the day as part of their annual leave. If an employee requests annual, or leave without pay (if he is not entitled to annual leave) he may be granted that leave if his services can be spared. The reason the leave is requested should not be considered as to whether or not it is granted.

CSC has also stated that there is no objection to employees participating in meetings, rallies or discussion groups promoting an event or protest. They may also sign or circulate petitions relating to the event or protest. The only limitation is that these actions must be limited to the employees own time and under his own responsibility. In other words

they may not occur while the employee is on duty, but can take place before or after duty hours, during the regular lunch period or while on leave.

The wearing of peace buttons, armbands and other insignia supporting the protest is permitted subject to several limitations. They may not be worn if the work environment is disturbed by their presence or if there is a particular rule, such as those pertaining to the wearing of uniforms, that would be violated.

If an employee's duties require him to recommend or support a policy being criticized, he should refrain from any participation in protest activities.

In short, the fact that a particular day has been set aside by a private group does not change it in the eyes of the Federal Government. The same rules, without changes, apply on those days, just as they do on all regular working days.

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**NOTES ON DENTAL CARE**

Orthodontic care is now under CHAMPUS. The Government will pay all monthly costs above the amount shown in the following table, in accordance with the service member's pay grade.

E-1, \$25	E-2, \$25	E-3, \$25
E-4, \$25	E-5, \$25	E-6, \$30
E-7, \$35	E-8, \$40	E-9, \$45
W-2, \$45	W-3, \$50	W4-, \$50

Claims should be submitted to the Coast Guard Liaison Officer, Department of the Army, Office of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, Denver, Col. 80240 on CHAMPUS form 161.



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 SITREP ONE AND FINAL C/C TOO-TOO/FL 5226 BB SINKING

1. SITUATION

A. 011630Q SEVERAL COASTAL STATIONS RECEIVED "MAYDAY - MAYDAY SINKING FAST - HALFWAY BETWEEN BIMINI AND MIAMI." VIA 2182 KHZ. NO TWO-WAY COMMS ESTABLISHED. PRIVATE VSL COPIED A NAME WHICH LATER PROVED ERRONEOUS.

B. ON SCENE WX: 2000 BKN, VIS 10 MI IN HAZE, WIND 060/15 KTS, SEAS NE 5-6 FT.

C. HUI6E (AIRSTA MIAMI) SIGHTED EIGHT PEOPLE IN WATER IN POSITION 26-11N 79-46.2W. HH52A (AIRSTA MIAMI) TRANSPORTED PEOPLE TO CGC HAMILTON.

D. DESC: 40FT CHRIS CRAFT C/C, WHITE HULL/LIGHT BLUE CABIN TOP.

E. OWNER: JACKSONVILLE MARINE INSTITUTE 1825 E 21ST STREET, HACKSONVILLE, FL.

F. PERSONNEL IDENT: (ALL JACKSONVILLE, FL)

OPERATOR - CAPT DUDLEY SAVAGE (24 YRS)

INSTRUCTOR - STEVE BERRY (24 YRS)

STUDENTS - GREGG CUNDIFF (18 YRS)

RANDY CUNDIFF (16 YRS)

BARRY JORDAN (16 YRS)

LYNN FLEMMING (17 YRS)

TERRY SHORES (16 YRS)

BOBBY NORDIN (15 YRS)

2. ACTION TAKEN

A. DISPATCHED HUI6E AND HH52A TO CONDUCT TRACKSEARCH FT LAUDERDALE TO BIMINI AND PS BASED ON DATUM POSITION 26-00N 79-45W SIZE 20X30 MI WITH 2 MI TRACK SPACING

B. 1730Q TS COMPLETED NEGATIVE RESULTS. BIMINI HAD NO INFO ON VSL GERTRUDE R (NAME COPIED BY PRIVATE VS). COMMENCED PS.

C. 1912Q AEI MOORE ABOARD CG 7219 SIGHTED TWO RED FLARES ON THE WATER APPROX TWO MILES AWAY. CG 1370 DIVERTED TO SCENE.

D. 1915Q CG 7214 DIVERTED CGC HAMILTON. HH52A WAS APPROX SEVEN MILES FROM HAMILTON ATTEMPTING TO RECOVER PERSONNEL. HELO LOW ON FUEL.

E. 1920Q CG 1370 HOISTED ALL EIGHT PERSONS.

F. 1933Q CG 1370 LANDED ABOARD CGC HAMILTON IN POSITION 26-13.5N 79-46.5W WITH 5 MIN FUEL REMAINING.

G. HELO REFUELED AND RETURNED TO OPA LOCKA. CGC HAMILTON PROVIDED DRY CLOTHING TO TOO-TOO PERSONNEL AND TRANSPORTATION TO MIAMI.

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A. SUBJECT DEPARTED BIMINI APPROX 1430Q AT 19 KTS. WX GOOD. SEAS MOUNTED AND CAPT REDUCED SPEED TO APPROX 12 KTS. AT 1630 BOW RAISED AND SLAMMED DOWN HARD. BOAT OPENED UP FORWARD; WITHIN 30 SECS WATER WAS 3 FT DEEP. WATER REACHED BRIDGE LEVEL IN 2 MIN AND BOAT COMPLETELY SANK IN THREE MINUTES.

B. CAPT GOT LAST MAYDAY CALL OUT AS WATER ROSE AROUND HIS NECK. CAPT RECEIVED ELECTRICAL SHOCKS DURING HIS THREE TRANSMISSIONS.

4. REQUEST AREA MUCW.

5. CASE CLOSED.

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RESCUE OF THE SURVIVORS OF  
THE CABIN CRUISER TOO-TOO

10/1/74

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At approximately 7:12 pm the bridge watch of the cutter HAMILTON saw the Coast Guard fixed wing aircraft, CG-7214, circling on the horizon about 7 - 10 miles away. On watch were Ensign Robert RZEMIENIEWSKI, USCG of Levittown, NY. and Quartermaster Second Class James W. ROCKEFELLER, USCG of Boston, MA. The Coast Guard plane was dropping flares to illuminate the area.

The search plane advised the cutter HAMILTON that there were 8 people in the water and the Coast Guard Helicopter, CG-1370, was hoisting the 8 persons from the water. The helicopter was low on fuel. Quartermaster ROCKEFELLER advised the Commanding Officer of the HAMILTON, Captain Melvin W. HALLOCK of Salem, MA. of the situation. Captain HALLOCK was holding mast in his cabin at the time.

The officer of the deck, Ensign RZEMIENIEWSKI, ordered the engine room to put the gas turbines on the line in order to close the distance to the helicopter.

At 7:17 pm the personnel on HAMILTON manned their flight operation stations.

At 7:27 pm the Coast Guard helicopter, piloted by LT MEADER, USCG, advised that he had hoisted all the personnel and was enroute the HAMILTON. The pick up was made 18 miles east of Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. He had about 10 minutes of fuel remaining.

At 7:33 pm CG helicopter landed aboard HAMILTON in position 26-13.5N, 79-46.5W with 5 minutes of fuel remaining and the low fuel state light was on.

Lieutenant (jg) "Dusty" WOOLARD, USN (repeat USN) of Concord, NH. who served as landing signal officer, guided the helicopter to its landing on the HAMILTON'S flight deck.

The survivors were taken to the cutter's sickbay where they were examined by Chief Hospital Corpsman Kenneth SLUSHER, USCG, of South Weymouth, MA. and found to be in good condition.

The HAMILTON'S flight deck personnel transferred 150 gallons of JP-5 fuel to the helicopter for its return flight to Miami. The helicopter left the ship at 9:00 pm.

The survivors were treated to sandwiches, hot showers, clothes donated by the HAMILTON crew and a movie "Star-Spangled Girl", starring Sandy Duncan.

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The small boat that sank was a 40 foot Cris Craft C/C type conquer with a white hull/light blue cabin top with Florida registration FL-5226-BB. The boat was operated by Dudley Savage, age 24 of 1064 Mayer Dr., Jacksonville, Fl., and owned by Jacksonville Marine Inst., 1825 E. 21st St., Jacksonville, Fl.

*MIAMI ENROUTE FT LAUDERDALE*

At approximately 2:30 pm C/C T00-T00 left FT. Lauderdale, using 2500 RPM, approximately 19 knots. The weather was good but the boat started to slam. The captain slowed to 1800 to 1900 rpm, approximately 12 knots and at approximately 4:30 pm the bow raised and slammed down hard resulting in the boat opening up in the forward portion. Within 30 seconds the water was 3 feet deep in the forward compartment and in 2 minutes the water was as bridge level.

Upon entering the water the people donned life jackets and climbed aboard the boats cabin top. The captain had attempted to release the craft's 10 man life raft without success due to the seas. The captain did dive underwater to release the caps of the diesel fuel tanks to calm the seas.

The HU16E, fixed wing aircraft spotted the persons in the water when the captain released a hand held red flare.

The crew of the Coast Guard Helicopter for the Coast Guard Air Station Miami were: Pilot - Lieutenant MEADER, Lieutenant(jg) HARDMAN and Aviation Survivalman BLANKENSHIP.

The cutter HAMILTON left Boston on Friday, September 27 enroute Miami. The HAMILTON will depart on a patrol tomorrow, October 2.

HAMILTON is a 378 foot high endurance cutter. Her crew is 15 Officers and 147 enlisted personnel.

HAMILTON searched unsuccessfully all Saturday, September 28 for the yacht Avenger which was reported in distress south of Nantucket Sound, RI. ISLAND.

CAPTAIN/OPERATOR:

Dudley SAVAGE - 24 - 1064 Mayer Dr., Jacksonville, Fl.

STAFF:

Steve BERRY - 24 - 2883 Sunland Dr., Jacksonville, Fl.  
Gregg CUNDIFF - 18 - 4351 Phillips Hwy., Lot 11, Jacksonville, Fl.  
Lynn FLEMING - 17 - 10517 Ashby Rd., Jacksonville, Fl.  
Terry SHORES - 16 - 6786 Brandermere N., Jacksonville, Fl.  
Randy CUNDIFF - 16 - 4351 Phillips Hwy., Lot 11, Jacksonville, Fl.  
Barry JORDAN - 16 - 10474 Dodd Rd., Jacksonville, Fl.  
Bobby NORDIN - 15 - 5064 Glenwood Ave., Jacksonville, Fl.

OWNER: Jacksonville Marine Inst.  
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USCGC HAMILTON  
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Boston, Mass 02109  
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Contact: ENS KRIZANOVIC

Cutter on Fisheries Patrol

The Boston based U. S. Coast Guard Cutter HAMILTON will depart Boston **Tuesday**, November 19, on a 16 day fisheries patrol off the coast of New England and the mid-Atlantic states.

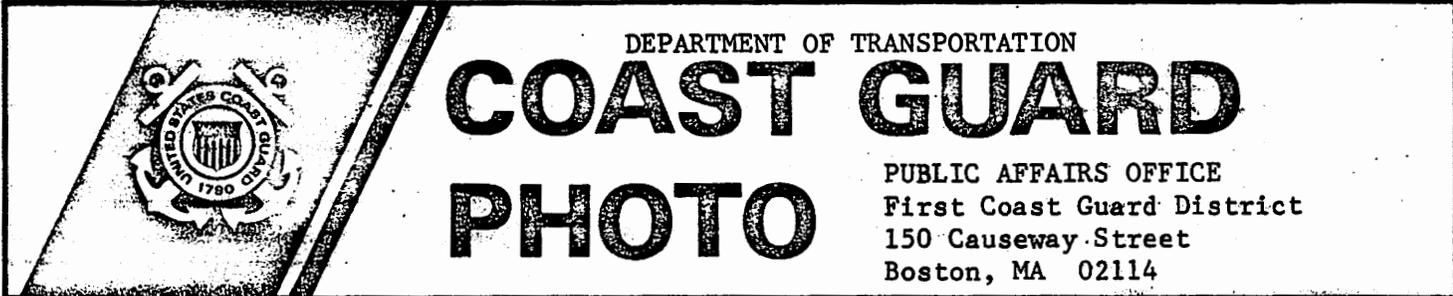
The 378 foot high endurance cutter will conduct boardings under the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries agreements and enforce U. S. laws concerning its territorial sea and contiguous fisheries zone.

Commanding Officer of the HAMILTON and her crew of 165 Coastguardmen is Captain M. W. HALLOCK, USCG, of Salem, MA.

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Date: 31 October 1974  
Time of Release: Immediate

BOSTON, October 31--The Coast Guard Cutter Hamilton arrived at Constitution Wharf this evening after completing a 35-day search and rescue and law enforcement patrol in the Carribean.

The Hamilton, a 378-foot high endurance cutter, participated in four searches during its patrol and was credited with the saving of eight lives. The Hamilton's helicopter landed on board with only five minutes fuel left after plucking the eight sailors from waters off Fort Lauderdale, three and one half hours after their boat sank.

The Coast Guard cutter towed a disabled U. S. fishing vessel from the Bahamas, 320 miles into Miami.

The Hamilton also was instrumental in the seizure of three suspects who apparently were smuggling an estimated \$800,000 of contraband into the United States.

Captain M. W. Hallock of Salem, Mass., skippers the cutter and its crew of 165.



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# COAST GUARD NEWS

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Contact: Seaman Dale R. Gardner  
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Time of Release: General

## HAMILTON ACHIEVES 1,000th ACCIDENT FREE LANDING

BOSTON, September 28, -- The Coast Guard Cutter Hamilton (WHEC-715), equipped with a helicopter flight deck, recently achieved her 1,000th accident free helicopter landing. The landing took place at 6:15 on the morning of September 28 about 50 miles southeast of Cape May, New Jersey. The helicopter flight was taken to transfer United States Customs Service agents from the Hamilton to shore after an offshore fisheries patrol.

Pilot of the HH-52A helicopter from Coast Guard Air Station Cape May was Lieutenant Charles Fenning, USCG. Co-pilot Lieutenant (jg) Randy Seftes, USN, made the 1,000th landing. Landing Safety Officer aboard the Hamilton was Lieutenant (jg) Michael Chaplain, USN. LT (jg) Seftes and LT (jg) Chaplain were classmates at the Naval Academy's Class of 1974. Both men are currently assigned to Coast Guard duty as part of a Coast Guard/Navy exchange program.

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LIFE OF THE SOLE SURVIVING PASSENGER OF A SMALL AMERICAN  
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FLEET. AFTER OBSERVING THE CRASH INTO THE OCEAN, LIFEBOATS  
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HAMILTON HOME BASED AT BOSTON, MA, PLACED ITS PERSONNEL,

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INCLUDING CORPSMAN AND A FLIGHT DECK TRAINED OFFICER,  
ABOARD THE AUGUSTE ALLE FOR ASSISTANCE.  
NINE (9) MINUTES LATER A COAST GUARD HELICOPTER AND ITS  
FIXED WING ESCORT FROM COAST GUARD AIRSTA ELIZABETH CITY  
N.C. ARRIVED ON SCENE. ENS HILLERNS AND SEAMAN RECRUIT  
JUBINVILLE GUIDED THE AUGUSTE ALLE IN PERPARING A DECK  
AREA FOR HELO LIFT AND CORPSMAN WOLF ACCOMPANIED THE PATIENT  
INTO THE HELICOPTER. MEANWHILE, HAMILTON'S CREW WENT  
TO FLIGHT QUARTERS WITH REFUELING EQUIPMENT FOR THE HELICOPTER  
IN READINESS WHILE BOTH CUTTERS WERE CROSSING AND RE-CROSSING  
THE CRASH SITE IN THE SLIM CHANCE THAT THE PILOT MAY  
HAVE ALSO EXITED THE AIRCRAFT. THE JOINT RESCUE WAS EXECUTED  
IN SUCH A MANNER THAT ONLY 2 1/4 HRS AFTER THE CRASH  
THE PATIENT WAS DELIVERED FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION AT ATLANTIC  
CITY NEW JERSEY SOME 90 MILES DISTANT.

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## COAST GUARD CHANGES VESSEL HOME PORTS

The U.S. Coast Guard today announced that it plans to move permanently two of its large cutters from Boston, Mass., to San Pedro, Calif., because of changing patterns in Coast Guard missions and the need to locate the cutters where they will be most effective.

The principal reason for more vessels on the west coast is to step up foreign fisheries enforcement on the high seas, the Coast Guard said. Other traditional missions for these large cutters are drug enforcement, defense readiness and search and rescue.

The Coast Guard cutters CHASE and HAMILTON, both 378-foot high-endurance vessels, are scheduled to arrive at their new home port of San Pedro in late 1991. Ten of 12 cutters this size will then be based in Pacific Ocean ports, leaving the remaining two "Hamilton" class cutters in New York.

San Pedro already has the pier facilities and the ability to support the vessels and their crews. Each vessel has a maximum crew of 15 officers and 162 enlisted members. The move will also relieve serious overcrowding at the Boston facility.

The VENTUROUS, a 210-foot cutter currently assigned to San Pedro, will be moved to Astoria, Ore., after extensive shipyard overhauls are completed.

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**9 November 1990**

**PROPOSED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR 378' CUTTER HOMEPORT CHANGES**

**Q1. How much will this move cost?**

**A1. All costs associated with the move, including personnel transfers, will cost under \$2.5 million.**

**Q2. Does this move mean that the Coast Guard is scaling back its efforts in the drug war in the Southeast U.S.?**

**A2. No. Over the years, resources have been added to the Coast Guard fleet such as the 270-foot cutters. These additional resources have often been assigned to East Coast ports where they can and are used in anti-smuggling operations. The movement of the 378's simply recognizes the fact that the redistribution and balancing of limited resources are critical elements in carrying out the multi-mission character of the Coast Guard.**

**Q3. Has this move in any way been precipitated by the entry of the DOD into the drug war?**

**A3. DOD's contribution to anti-smuggling operations in the Southeast has been significant and, yes, it has indirectly influenced this decision. By "indirectly" we mean that the entry of DOD and other national assets into anti-smuggling operations has not only added a presence in the Caribbean, but has forced patterns of smuggling to change significantly. These 378's will be engaged in anti-smuggling operations from their new home port.**

**Q4. Is there a new program of high seas fisheries enforcement the Coast Guard is undertaking?**

**A4. No. However, there is a documented need for additional patrols and stepped-up enforcement of existing programs if the U.S. is to effectively manage and protect its dwindling fisheries resources. The Coast Guard is this country's primary enforcement agency on the seas and fisheries enforcement has been, and will continue to be, an important Coast mission.**

**Q5. What was the pier in San Pedro built for?**

**A5. Originally, the new and under-utilized pier in San Pedro was constructed to accommodate four 270-foot cutters. After the pier was constructed and before the 270's arrived, changing national priorities dictated that the vessels be assigned to Southeast ports as drug war assets.**

**Q6. Will the crews be impacted by having to live in the high-cost California region?**

**A6. The cost of living in Southern California is relatively high, but housing, in particular, is readily available...which is not the case in the Boston area. Actual costs between Boston and San Pedro are very nearly the same.**

**Q7. If the pier in San Pedro was constructed with a different class vessel in mind, is there any work that needs to be done there to accommodate these larger vessels?**

**A7. The facility at San Pedro only needs to have minor dredging done and modifications to the shoreside power connections in order for it to accept these larger vessels. Otherwise, the San Pedro facility is ready for the arrival of Chase and Hamilton.**

**Q8. How is it that you can say that the loss of two major cutters from Boston will have no impact on Coast Guard operations there?**

**A8. Because of scheduled rehabilitation of the Hamilton Class cutters, for all practical purposes there have been only two of these vessels on the East Coast since 1987. Their operations have been limited to the deep Caribbean for the most part. The two remaining 378's in New York will still accomplish that mission. Furthermore, the New England region has five of the 270-foot cutters homeported there --- three in Boston and two in New Bedford, MA which will carry out all assigned missions there.**

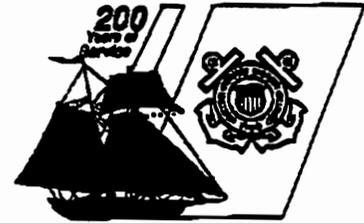
**Q9. What is the schedule for movement of the 210-foot cutter Venturous to Astoria?**

**A9. The Venturous will be transferred to Astoria as soon as adequate housing for our people can be arranged there. It will join the 210-foot cutter Resolute which is currently homeported there.**

**Q10. Are you giving a signal, through the transfer of Chase and Hamilton, that fisheries off New England are not as important as those in the Pacific? How do you justify the transfer of these vessels on the one hand and the rhetoric of stepped-up fisheries enforcement on the other?**

**A10. We are giving no such signal. The nature of fisheries enforcement on each Coast is very different. The Pacific fisheries grounds are much more widely spread particularly in Alaska. Weather conditions in the Pacific are different from those in the Atlantic. The 378-foot cutters are faster, have more endurance and can patrol more area faster. They are also more capable of operating effectively for long periods at sea. It makes sense to match the most capable resources with the mission. The 270 and 210-foot cutters assigned to East Coast fisheries are the most suited cutters for Atlantic fisheries operations.**

# Coast Guard News



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## 378-foot cutter joins West Coast fleet

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July 22, 1991  
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LOS ANGELES—The Coast Guard Cutter *Hamilton*, a 378-foot high endurance cutter, will steam into the Port of Los Angeles Thursday, July 25, to take up residence at its new homeport in San Pedro. The vessel will enter Los Angeles Main Channel at 9 a.m., escorted by fireboats, Coast Guard boats and Coast Guard Auxiliary vessels.

The ship is the first of two high endurance cutters to relocate from Boston to Coast Guard Support Center San Pedro on Terminal Island. The cutter *Chase* is scheduled to join the *Hamilton* there in September. The ships will share a pier at the support center.

The moves are designed primarily to bolster the Coast Guard's foreign fisheries law enforcement efforts on the Pacific high seas. The cutters will also work in the fields of drug law enforcement, search and rescue, defense readiness and marine environmental protection.

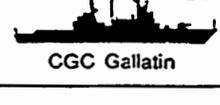
The *Hamilton* is manned by up to 15 officers and 162 enlisted people. Between the ship's operating and maintenance costs and the costs of the crew, the *Hamilton* will bring about \$8 million annually to the local community.

The *Hamilton* was commissioned in 1967. In 1988, it completed a Fleet Renovation and Modernization program, updating the cutter's weapons and electronics systems and overhauling its machinery and berthing spaces. These changes readied the ship to continue operations well into the next century.

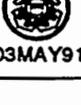
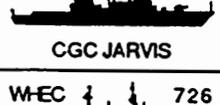
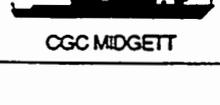
**NOTE TO MEDIA:** A press boat will depart from the Coast Guard base (Thomas Guide page 79) at 8:15 a.m. to accompany the *Hamilton* on its arrival. If you're interested in attending call PA1 Feldman or LCDR Milbury at 499-5230.

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East Coast 378' FRAM & CIWS/Harpoon Projects Status as of 12 JUL 91

	Pre-FRAM Homeport	Post-FRAM Homeport	Percent Complete	Entered FRAM	Delivery	Final Acceptance	Ready for Operations	CIWS Installation	Harpoon Installation
 W-EC 715 CGC Hamilton	BOSTON	LONG BEACH	100%	OCT 85	 17NOV88	16NOV89	SEP 89	 23MAR90	 23MAR90
 W-EC 716 CGC Dallas	NEW YORK	NEW YORK	100%	NOV 86	 30NOV89	7MAY91	AUG 90	Planned PNSY Q 2	FY 92
 W-EC 718 CGC Chase	BOSTON	LONG BEACH	100%	JUL 89	 8MAR91	Warranty Expires MAR 92	JUN 92	Planned San Pedro Q 1	FY 92
 W-EC 721 CGC Gallatin	NEW YORK	NEW YORK	75%	JUN 90	DEC91		SEP 92	Planned FY 94 PNSY	

West Coast 378' FRAM & CIWS/Harpoon Projects Status as of 12 JUL 91

	Pre-FRAM Homeport	Post-FRAM Homeport	Percent Complete	Entered FRAM	Delivery	Final Acceptance	Ready for Operations	CIWS Installation	Harpoon Installation
 W-EC 717 CGC MELLON	SEATTLE	SEATTLE	100%	OCT 85	 07FEB89	18APR90	SEP 89	 17NOV89	 17NOV89
 W-EC 720 CGC SHERMAN	ALAMEDA	ALAMEDA	100%	MAY 86	 19JUN89	18JUL90	FEB 90	 9MAY90	 9MAY90
 W-EC 724 CGC MUNRO	HONOLULU	ALAMEDA	100%	DEC 86	 05OCT89	9AUG90	MAY 90	Planned FY 93 Alameda	
 W-EC 719 CGC BOUTWELL	SEATTLE	ALAMEDA	100%	MAR 89	 16AUG90	4JUN91	APR 91	Planned FY 93 Alameda	
 W-EC 723 CGC RUSH	ALAMEDA	HONOLULU	100%	JUL 89	 14DEC90	12JUL91	NOV 91	 27JUN91	 27JUN91
 W-EC 722 CGC MORGENTHAU	ALAMEDA	ALAMEDA	100%	NOV 89	 03MAY91	Warranty Expires NOV 91	FEB 92	Install Alameda July/Aug 91	
 W-EC 725 CGC JARVIS	HONOLULU	HONOLULU	70%	AUG 90	NOV91		OCT 92	Planned San Pedro Q 3	FY 92
 W-EC 726 CGC MIDGETT	ALAMEDA	SEATTLE	40%	JAN 91	MAR92		JAN 93	Planned FY 94 Seattle	

Changes since last status report are BOLD print

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SUBJ: USCG OPERATIONS IN THE WINDWARD PASSAGE

1. OVER THIS PAST WEEKEND I VISITED THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR U.S. COAST GUARD INVOLVED IN OPERATION ABLE MANNER AND OPERATION SUPPORT DEMOCRACY. AS YOU MAY HAVE SEEN ON THE NETWORK NEWS AND IN THE PAGES OF YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER, MANY OF OUR SHIPMATES ARE INVOLVED IN A MASSIVE HUMANITARIAN MISSION OFF THE COAST OF HAITI. THIS IS TRULY A JOINT EFFORT INVOLVING THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN FROM THE U.S. NAVY, THE U.S. ARMY, THE U.S. MARINE CORPS, THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AS WELL AS THE U.S. COAST GUARD. IT'S A WELL-CO ORDINATED EFFORT. VICE ADMIRAL JAMES LOY (LANTAREA), REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM LEAHY (D7), COMMODORE FRED WILDER (CTU 44.7.4), CAPTAIN STAN BREEDLOVE (CGC HAMILTON) AND MANY, MANY OTHERS HAVE PUT TOGETHER A SOPHISTICATED COMMAND & CONTROL SYSTEM THAT IS WORKING EXTREMELY WELL. COLONEL PEARSON, U.S. ARMY, THE JTF 160 COMMANDER AT GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA TOLD ME THIS IS THE BEST COOPERATIVE EFFORT HE'S SEEN IN HIS 21 YEARS OF ACTIVE DUTY AND THE U.S. COAST GUARD PERFORMANCE IS OUTSTANDING. I AGREE!
2. THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERICO PEA, AND I WANT TO PASS OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD FOR PERFORMING THIS DIFFICULT MISSION FLAWLESSLY. I WAS HONORED THIS PAST WEEKEND TO BE ABLE TO THANK A FEW OF YOU PERSONALLY. NOW I WANT TO PRAISE ALL OF YOU PUBLICLY. COAST GUARD MEMBERS, SERVICEWIDE, SHOULD KNOW OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS OF THE MEN AND WOMEN INVOLVED IN OPERATION ABLE MANNER. WE CAN ALL BE VERY PROUD OF OUR FELLOW COASTIES.
3. AS I VISITED SEVERAL OF THE CUTTERS, AIRCRAFT AND SUPPORT FACILITIES IN THEATER, I WAS ONCE AGAIN STRUCK BY THE ENORMOUS SIZE OF THE OPERATION AND THE ABSOLUTE PROFESSIONALISM EVERYONE

EXHIBITED. MORALE IS HIGH, CUTTERS AND AIRCRAFT ARE BUSY OPERATING AT FULL CAPACITY, AND OPERATIONS CONTINUE AROUND THE CLOCK. SINCE JUNE 16, THE U.S. COAST GUARD HAS RESCUED OVER 13,831 HAITIANS FROM RICKETY, GROSSLY OVERCROWDED BOATS (MANY WITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN ON BOARD) WHICH WERE DESTINED FOR CERTAIN TRAGEDY AT SEA. ON THE 4TH OF JULY ALONE, THE U.S. COAST GUARD RESCUED A RECORD 3,247 HAITIANS.

4. THERE ARE COUNTLESS STORIES OF COAST GUARD HEROISM. THE CGC HAMILTON RESCUED 458 HAITIANS FROM A 55 FOOT SAILING VESSEL -- AMONG THE HUMANITY, A YOUNG TEENAGER WAS RECOVERED WITH NO VITAL SIGNS -- HE WAS LATER RESUSCITATED. THE DAY I WAS IN THEATER, THE CO OF CGC HARRIET LANE REPORTED THAT HE WAS ALONGSIDE A SINKING 34 FOOT SAILING VESSEL WITH ONLY 2 INCHES OF FREEBOARD AND 134 HAITIANS ON BOARD (INCLUDING 28 CHILDREN) -- ALL WERE SAVED. EARLIER THAT MORNING, A HAITIAN SAILING VESSEL SANK ALONGSIDE THE CGC ESCAPE -- 28 PEOPLE ENDED INTO THE WATER -- ALL 28 (INCLUDING ONE INFANT) WERE RESCUED; AND JUST YESTERDAY THE 110 FOOT PATROL BOAT CGC MONHEGAN (WORKING WITH THE RECENTLY COMMISSIONED CGC VINDICATOR) RESCUED 566 HAITIANS FROM 9 DIFFERENT VESSELS IN A SINGLE DAY.

5. WORKING 7 BY 24, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OPERATION ABLE MANNER HAVE HAD LITTLE REST, NO TIME FOR PORT CALLS OR HOLIDAY ROUTINE. BUT, WITHOUT COMPLAINT, THEY CONTINUE, AS THEIR PREDECESSORS HAVE DONE FOR NEARLY 204 YEARS: SAVING LIVES AT SEA. WE ARE AMERICA'S GUARDIANS OF THE SEA; IT'S A CONSTANT. IT'S WHAT WE'VE ALWAYS DONE WELL AND WHAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO WELL IN THE FUTURE. LIKE COAST GUARD PERSONNEL AROUND THE WORLD, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OPERATION ABLE MANNER ARE ONCE AGAIN PROVING THAT THE U.S. COAST GUARD IS THE WORLD'S PREMIER MARITIME SERVICE. BRAVO ZULU! WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

6. ADMIRAL ROBERT E. KRAMEK SENDS

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# Coast Guard News

## *Operation Able Manner*

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Release No. 08-12  
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August 5, 1994  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### HAMILTON RETURNS TO HOMEPORT

The San Pedro, Calif. based 378-foot Coast Guard Cutter *Hamilton* will return home Aug. 14, after an historic two-month patrol in the Windward Passage off Haiti.

The *Hamilton* was flagship of Operation Able Manner - the Coast Guard's largest search and rescue effort since World War II. At various times *Hamilton* directed more than 15 Coast Guard cutters and patrol boats, six U.S. Navy ships and various Navy and Coast Guard aircraft.

The men and women serving aboard *Hamilton* rescued 2,018 Haitians found fleeing their country in dangerously overloaded, unseaworthy vessels. The cutter made history when the largest group of Haitians ever encountered at sea, 468, were rescued from a 65-foot sailboat July 1.

The *Hamilton* crew dramatically rescued 205 people from a sinking sailboat on July 4. When the cutter arrived the 40-foot sailboat was rapidly taking on water. *Hamilton* deployed its smallboats to quickly recover 70 women and children off the sailboat. With 135 people still aboard the sailboat sank. In a matter of moments the crew of *Hamilton* pulled all of the Haitians from the water. Four of the Haitian men required cardiopulmonary

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resuscitation. Two were revived, but two died.

The crew of *Hamilton* also boarded merchant vessels bound toward Haiti, inspecting cargo to enforce the United Nations imposed embargo.

As commander of Operation Able Manner *Hamilton* coordinated 514 rescue cases, recovering more than 21,000 people from unsafe vessels off Haiti's coast.

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NOTE: THE MEDIA IS INVITED TO COVER *HAMILTON'S* RETURN HOME. VIDEO TAPE AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHS OF RESCUES MADE BY *HAMILTON* CREW DURING PATROL ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE. FOR EXACT TIME AND LOCATION CONTACT THE ELEVENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE (310)980-4300 EXT:144.

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July 2, 1994  
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### 1,365 HAITIANS RESCUED FROM 22 SAILBOATS

Coast Guard cutters and Navy ships rescued 1,365 Haitian migrants from 22 sailboats in international waters off Haiti Friday.

The Cutter Hamilton rescued the largest group of Haitians from a single boat when Hamilton's crew recovered 468 people who were packed aboard a 50-foot sailboat shortly after 4 p.m. Friday. The San Pedro, Calif. based 378-foot cutter also rescued 19 Haitian migrants from three small sailboats earlier in the day.

The 213-foot Charleston, S.C. based cutter Escape rescued 126 Haitians from four sailboats 16 miles east of Haiti.

Two Coast Guard cutters from Massachusetts rescued 333 Haitians from 4 sailboats 18 miles west of Haiti. The New Bedford based 270-foot Tahoma rescued 69 people and the Boston based Cutter Spencer rescued 264 people.

A 210-foot Galveston, Texas based cutter, Dependable, rescued 58 Haitians from three sailboats Friday morning.

The Cutter Decisive from St. Petersburg, Fla. rescued 53 people from three sailboats 14 miles west of Haiti's south coast.

Two Miami Beach, Fla. based 110-foot Coast Guard Cutters rescued 146 people from three sailboats. The Maui recovered 83 Haitians from two sailboats and the Baranof recovered 63 Haitians from a 30-footer.

The 110-foot Cape Canaveral, Fla. based Cutter Drummond rescued 152 Haitian migrants from a 25-foot sailboat, with help from the USS Spruance.

5,561 Haitian migrants have been rescued this week by Coast Guard Cutters and Navy ships assigned to Operation Able Manner. 9,727 Haitians have been rescued by Able Manner Cutters in 1994.

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SUBJ: PRESS RELEASE

1. THE FOLLOWING WAS RELEASED TO THE MEDIA CONCERNING YOUR  
RECENT HAITIAN RESCUES. QUOTE:

"THE COAST GUARD RESCUED 99 HAITIAN MIGRANTS IN THE WINDWARD  
PASSAGE TUESDAY.

"COAST GUARD CUTTER HAMILTON RESCUED 22 HAITIANS IN A 20-FOOT  
SAILING VESSEL 14 MILES WEST OF ISLE DE LA GONAVE, HAITI, AT  
9 A.M. THE MIGRANTS WERE TRANSFERRED SAFELY ABOARD COAST  
GUARD CUTTER VINDICATOR. VINDICATOR TOOK THE MIGRANTS TO THE  
USNS COMFORT, ARRIVING THIS MORNING.

"THE COAST GUARD CUTTER ESCAPE RESCUED 77 HAITIANS IN A 43-  
FOOT SAILING VESSEL 13 MILES NORTHEAST OF CAP HAITIEN, HAITI,  
AT 10 P.M. ESCAPE IS SCHEDULED TO TRANSFER THE MIGRANTS TO  
THE USNS COMFORT THURSDAY MORNING.

"ALL OF THE MIGRANTS WERE GIVEN FOOD, WATER AND MEDICAL ATTENTION  
ABOARD THE CUTTERS.

"HAMILTON IS A 378-FOOT HIGH-ENDURANCE CUTTER FROM SAN PEDRO,  
CALIF. ESCAPE IS A 213-FOOT MEDIUM-ENDURANCE CUTTER FROM  
CHARLESTON, S.C. VINDICATOR IS A 224-FOOT MEDIUM-ENDURANCE  
CUTTER."

2. THE RELEASE WAS SENT TO THE FLORIDA/SC MEDIA, NATIONAL WIRE  
SERVICES AND D11(DPA) FOR LOCAL DISTRIBUTION.

3. IF YOU HAVE ANY VIDEO OR STILLS OF THESE OR OTHER RESCUES,  
REQUEST THEY BE FORWARDED TO D7(DPA) FOR POSSIBLE RELEASE TO  
THE MEDIA. (DPA) P.O.C. IS LCDR HOWE/CWO3 WALDSCHMIDT,  
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Mar. 25, 1994  
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## Coast Guard cutter saves 32 lives, 3 vessels while on patrol in Alaska

United States Coast Guard Cutter *Hamilton* is returning to San Pedro Mar. 26 after a busy two-month Alaskan patrol where they saved 32 lives and three vessels.

Enduring rough seas and extreme weather conditions, *Hamilton's* crew responded to eight search and rescue cases in a seven-day period beginning Feb. 20.

At 1 a.m. on Feb. 20, *Hamilton* received a mayday call from the fishing vessel *Keta*, 150 miles away stating *Keta's* pilothouse had separated from the main deck of the vessel and had disabled the steering cables and all electronic equipment.

*Hamilton* arrived at 12 p.m. and sent a Coast Guard repair party over to assess *Keta's* damage. The repair party rigged a makeshift steering device and restored enough electronics so the vessel could proceed under its own power. *Keta* was then escorted to St. Paul, Alaska by *Hamilton* where they arrived at 5 a.m. Feb. 22.

Upon arriving in St. Paul Harbor, *Hamilton* received another mayday call from the fishing vessel *Chevak* which had run aground five miles away. The damage to the vessel was so severe that its seven crew members had to be evacuated.

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Upon *Hamilton's* arrival, *Chevak's* crew was rescued in 15 minutes, despite the 30 degree sea water, 20 degree air temperature and 35 mph winds facing *Hamilton's* rescue crew. No sooner than *Chevak's* crew was rescued, *Hamilton* was contacted by the fishing vessel *Rebel*.

*Rebel's* propeller was fouled by its rudder and was adrift fifty miles north of *Hamilton's* position. *Hamilton* took *Rebel* in tow and headed back to St. Paul while being tossed about by 15-foot seas.

While towing *Rebel*, *Hamilton* received another call for assistance from the fishing vessel *King & Wing* which was taking on water ten miles away. With *Rebel* in tow, *Hamilton* headed for *King & Wing* and provided help.

*Hamilton* was able to transfer two portable pumps to the 80-year-old wooden crabber, but the pumps couldn't keep up with the flooding. Eventually, all four crew members were forced to abandon ship and the crew of *Hamilton* rescued them. The group then watched the wooden vessel sink. *Hamilton* finally delivered *Rebel* and all the survivors aboard *Hamilton* to St. Paul.

On Feb. 27, *Hamilton* received its last request for assistance in the week-long calls for help. The fishing vessel *Northern Belle* was taking on water and had lost all steering capability. *Hamilton* arrived on scene and took the vessel in tow.

*Hamilton* was suffering from severe icing in the 20-foot seas, 40 degrees below zero wind chill and 55 mph winds. It took the *Hamilton's* crew two hours working in blistering winds to free the frozen towing hawser on board *Northern Belle*. *Hamilton* then towed the vessel safely to St. Paul.

*Hamilton* is one of two 378-foot high-endurance cutters based in San Pedro.



# Coast Guard News

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## Coast Guard rescues fishing vessel crew

JUNEAU, Alaska — The Coast Guard rescued seven people from a fishing vessel that ran aground near St. Paul Island early today.

The fishing vessel *Chevak*, a 117-foot crabber homeported in Seattle, hit some rocks just outside St. Paul Harbor. The seven crew members were taken off the vessel by a small boat from the Coast Guard Cutter *Hamilton*. The crew was transferred aboard the tug *Fidalgo* which then transported the crew safely into St. Paul. There were no injuries reported.