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Press Release

Coast Guard Cutter DEPENDABLE recently departed Cape May, NJ to support a fisheries enforcement mission in the mid-Atlantic Ocean. This comes after a short forty day in port which included a comprehensive inspection of every shipboard system by both Coast Guard and Navy personnel. The remainder of the time was spent doing all the things necessary to prepare DEPENDABLE to sail again, affording the crew some much deserved time off with loved ones, and welcoming new shipmates.

Prior to this past inport, DEPENDABLE completed a two month patrol in the Caribbean Sea. Tasked with drug and migrant interdiction, DEPENDABLE's efforts were met with success in every aspect, including the interdiction and detention of four suspected drug smugglers and 2,085 pounds of marijuana at an estimated value of \$1.9 million.

In preparation for a training evaluation in Mayport, FL following the current fisheries patrol, DEPENDABLE will continue a rigorous training routine. Since March, the crew has excelled in over 100 fire, flooding, and weapons drills and plans to continue that training while integrating new crew members into important roles.

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From the Commanding Officer

Once again I send my greetings to all of DEPENDABLE's friends and family!

First and foremost, I'd like to welcome all the new members of the DEPENDABLE family. Whether spouses, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins...etc etc (I could keep going!), you are all important and critical to the success of our missions. None of us would be able to do our jobs at sea without the support of everyone back home.

As I wrap up my first year aboard, we have seen and done just about every mission that a major cutter can do - Search & Rescue, Fisheries Enforcement, Migrant Interdiction, and Drug Interdiction. I continually tell the crew that I stand tall, proud of their exceptional operational execution. After all, that's why we're here!

For those family members who have been with us for a year or two, this last inport may have seemed like a short one... because it was! It was also pretty darn busy, too. The ship went through the largest, most comprehensive inspection that major cutters go through. We started preparing 6 months prior to the inspection, and the crew really did a fantastic job. I could tell that they wanted to do well, and I am proud of their hard work.

I'd like to thank Lisa Bush, our former Ombudsman who has already left for Petaluma, California with Wayne and their family. She did a fantastic job of helping our families when the ship was on patrol. Jessica Morgan has stepped up and offered to serve as the ship's new Ombudsman, and we are thankful for the offer of her time & dedication to our families.

Thanks for all you do, as we're back out and on mission again!

DEPENDABLE - it's who we are - it's what we are.

Commander John "Paul" Gregg
Commanding Officer



CDR J. P. Gregg
Commander, USCGC DEPENDABLE
United States Coast Guard

Operations and Training



*HS1 Greenan deep in concentration as he takes bearings to help **DEPENDABLE** navigate*



DC3 Duke constructing shoring as SN Rivera, BM2 Ditullio, EM2 Graver (pictured smiling enthusiastically), and FS3 Hubbard



SK2 Kobs, BM3 Ralph, and FN Julch train on the use of the .50 cal machine gun, they seem to be doing well

Operations and Training



SN Arnett throwing a heaving line



Towing evolution



Refueling a helicopter



Helicopter tie-downs securing the Helicopter

SN Castillo, SN Rivera, and FN Allen participating in Pyro training



Engineering Department

DEPENDABLE's Engineering Department has been working diligently while underway, throughout port calls, and inport. They stay ever busy ensuring all systems are operationally ready. Recently, our engineers worked with contractors to improve the ship's refrigerator and freezer. DEPENDABLE's engineers work while on liberty as well as on weekends so that DEPENDABLE can enjoy full mission capabilities and comfort. It is with sadness that they will be saying good bye to several members this transfer season. MKC Bailey, EMC Bush, MK1 Andreasen, MK2 Kasheta, EM2 Murphy, EM3 Rendon, FN Jolch, and FN Hoffman are all departing this transfer season.

As these members embark on new and exciting challenges, their department also welcomes many new members who will fit into the puzzle of DEPENDABLE's crew. As such, Engineers of the Watch, the DCA, and all Damage Control experts alike work to instruct and qualify the many new members reporting this transfer season.



MK1 Andreasen, MK2 Kasheta, MK2 Zografos, FN Buczakowski, and FN Jolch working in the Engine Room



FN Allen standing by with the fire hose

Operations Department

Since the last issue of the “Delivery”, the Operations Department has kept busy! On the recent migrant and counter-narcotics patrol, the efforts of the Bridge team, Combat Information Center, Law Enforcement and Weapons personnel, and expert technicians, enabled the seizure of more than 2000 lbs of contraband and the rescue of 82 distressed migrants. These successes occurred while continuing to conduct routine operations and over 75 sorties from the embarked MH65 Dolphin Helicopter.

As always, the Operations Department sends a special thanks to the Engineering, Support, and Deck departments, without whom DEPENDABLE would be unable to execute the mission.

A “fair winds and following seas” to our departing shipmates: ET1 Russell, OS1 Hess, GM1 Gray, OS2 Young, BM2 Ditullio, and SN Brehm. Ops Department wishes them good luck; they will be missed. And, of course, welcome aboard to all new shipmates coming to us from all over the Coast Guard, welcome to the DEPENDABLE family.



BM3 Ralph preparing to drive the smallboat with his boat crew



Helicopter Operations

Support Department

Galley Wars, hosted by Hughes Gourmet, proved to be one of the most exciting, stressful, exhilarating, and rewarding experiences DEPENDABLE Food Service Specialists have participated in, ever. The team consisted of the FS's and our secret weapon, known as BM2 "The Ringer" Ditullio. The competition, styled after the hit television reality series "Iron Chef", was an all out sprint to create a delectable dish using a "secret" ingredient. To our astonishment the secret ingredient, when unveiled by the host with flourish and panache reminiscent of a magician revealing the location of his disappeared assistant, was the ever elusive Yellow Fin Tuna! Bingo, we jumped right into gourmet overdrive and began making a dish inspired from Chef Korimoto with a touch of Julia Childs.

Teamwork was paramount, as we chopped, diced, filleted, and chiffanaded our way to cuisine immortality. The finish plate was displayed in a fashion that would arouse any notable renaissance artist. The colors, the garnishes, and the proportions were nothing short of masterful. As the judges and audience tasted the meal, their eyes lit up like aurora borealis. In fact, it seemed to bring back buried memories, as a solitary tear ran down Chef Hughes face, reminding him of a meal he prepared as a young sue chef in training along the French Riviera. As the votes were tallied, and the winners announced, the entire crowd broke out in chant: "6-2-6, 626". Victory was ours. Since the event, our lives were changed. Every where the team goes, we are cheered, celebrated, and hounded for signatures. We have done the impossible, a random gang of misfits came together for the ultimate underdog victory, and reached the pinnacle of our culinary careers. We will always remember the battle cry of team Dependable "626, 626".

As the patrol comes to an end, I want to say farewell to many of our shipmates especially FSCS Ngo, HS1 Greenan, SK2 Kobs, FS2 Ladjack, and FS3 Donnell as they travel all over the country to begin a new chapter of their Coast Guard career at new units. Their professionalism, expertise in their rating, and hard work contributed to several successful patrols and made some great memories.



FS1 Grim represents Support Department in DC Olympics

Deck Department

The Deckies have done hard work this patrol defending America from illegal migrants, drug runners, and most importantly rust spots.

Even though this patrol was busy and at times called for some all nighters, we had tropical port calls to look forward too. Our first port call was to the exclusive tropical paradise of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the next was at lushly green jungle of GTMO, after that we decided to change it up a little and stayed on the beautiful sand beaches of GTMO. Don't get me wrong, GTMO isn't a horrible port call there are plenty of things to do such as snorkeling, bowling, playing volley ball and going to the beach. Plus with a McDonalds on the island, you always have a touch of home.

Towards the end of the patrol DEPENDABLE participated as one of the 3 ships in Fort Lauderdale's Fleet Week. Our presence there served as an important offering to the community, allowing them to see how military ships and crews worked to complete important missions. While we were there we won the coveted people's choice awards for galley wars, doing the most important mission this patrol, doing something better than the navy.

Hope all was well back here at home. We look forward to getting back and spending time with all of you. Just please no vacations to the Caribbean.



EN S Lee, SN Arnett, and SN Parshook
representing Deck Department



SN Haggadone and SN Whitson supervising
members of Deck Department during training.

Morale and Patrol Shots



BMC Ingersoll, LTJG Stover, and FN Buczakowski hanging out on the Fantail



BM3 Ralph and SN Rivera take a break from the towing evolution



LTJG Stover, BM2 Ditullio, ET2 Morgan, SN Haggadone, and SN Thomson take a break from helicopter operations

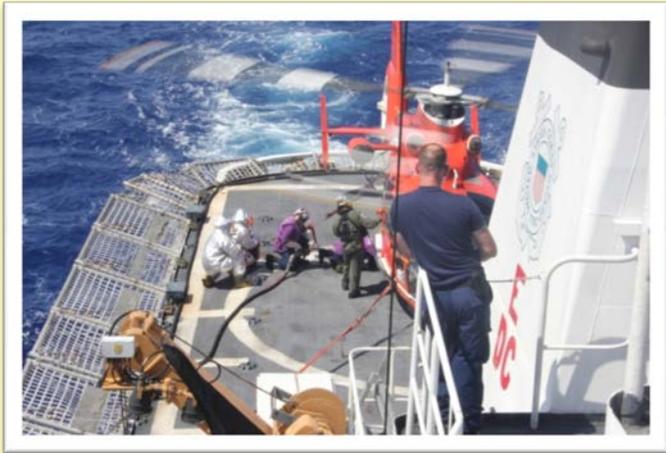


GM1 Gray and LT Boghosian practicing marksmanship during DEPENDABLE's skeet shoot



LEFT: BM2 Davis and ME3 Butler practice their professional stance

Morale and Patrol Shots continued



BMC Megahey observing helicopter refueling



DEPENDABLE getting underway



Swim Call



Evening Pyro lesson



LEFT: FN Buczakowski, MK1 Andreasen, MK2 Kasheta, EM2 Graver, and MK3 San Nicolas take a moment to pose for the camera

XO's Corner

LCDR Ryan Devlin enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1992. His enlisted afloat assignments include tours aboard CGC SHERMAN (WHEC 720) in Alameda, California, and CGC DEPENDABLE (WMEC 626) in Cape May, New Jersey. He also served as coxswain at Station Georgetown, South Carolina and Lifeboat Station Hatteras Inlet, North Carolina.

After commissioning from Officer Candidate School in 2003, LCDR Devlin was assigned as a Deck Watch Officer aboard CGC DECISIVE (WMEC 629) in Pascagoula, Mississippi. He then served as an Intelligence Officer at the Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-South) in Key West, Florida. Returning to sea, LCDR Devlin served as Operations Officer of CGC VENTUROUS (WMEC 625) in St. Petersburg, Florida followed by Commanding Officer of CGC CHANDELEUR (WPB 1319) in Miami Beach, Florida. His most recent assignment was at the Intelligence Coordination Center where he led the Commandant's intelligence briefing staff and subsequently as a counter-smuggling analyst focusing on human smuggling and trafficking throughout the world.

LCDR Devlin's military awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal (two awards), Coast Guard Achievement Medal (four awards), and various other personal and unit awards. He achieved permanent cutterman status in 2003.

LCDR Devlin is a native of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and is married to the former Diane Todd of Columbus, Ohio. Together they have three children.



*LCDR Ryan Devlin
United States Coast Guard*

*LCDR Devlin reported in
on June 10th from the
Intelligence Coordination
Center.*

Credits

SN Stanley Adamson
FN Chad Allen
OS2 Ian Anderson
MK1 Bradley Andreasen
ENS Brooklyn Andreasen
LTJG Bryan Andrews
SN Herbert Andrews
SN Adam Arnett
MKC Michael Bailey
SN Avery Baumgart
SN James Bialk
LT Jordan Boghosian
SN Robert Brehm
FN Edward Buczakowski
EMC Wayne Bush
ME3 Brandon Butler
SN Daniel Calderon
BM3 Joseph Carbury
IT1 Joshua Craig
BM2 Troy Davis
DC1 Andrew Dean
LCDR Ryan Devlin
BM3 Joseph Ditullio Jr.
FS3 Alexander Donnell
MK2 Cedestinson Ductan
DC3 Alexander Duke
SN Joseph Dunn
BM1 Peter Fager

GM1 Andrew Fortenbacher
ME1 Tyler Fournier
EM2 Andrew Graver
GM1 Jeremy Gray
HS1 Rorai Greenan
CDR J. P. Gregg
FS1 Jacob Grim
MKC Wesley Grogan
BM2 David Guest
SN Preston Haggadone
ET1 Daniel Haldenwang
FN Chadwick Hoffman
FS3 Joshua Hubbard
BMC Nicholas Ingersoll
FA Joshua Julch
MK3 Eric Kasheta
MK1 Stephen Kincade
SK3 Daniel Kobs
FS3 Jeffrey Ladjack
CWO2 Glenn Lavalette
SN Joshua LeClair
ENS Aaron Lee
LCDR June Leshnover
BM2 Benjamin Levy
FSC Joseph Lohman
MK3 Michael Maffioli
SA Travis Magee
SK1 Anthony McCabe

BMC Joseph Megahey
LT Matthew Mothander
FSC Phillip Ngo
BM3 Charles Ralph
EMC Samuel Reid
EM3 Alejandro Rendon
ET3 Matthew Revell
ET1 Shawn Russell
MK3 Jesse San Nicolas
FN Chase Nestor
ENS Jonathan Paquette
SN Joshua Parks
SN Benjamin Parshook
IT2 Anthony Portales
SN Jorge Rivera
DC1 Anthony Sanchez
OS1 Roger Sharp
SN Kevon Scott
EM3 Calvin Stanford
ENS Kyle Stover
SN Timothy Streyle
SNSK Bryan Sullivan
SN Kenneth Thompson, Jr.
YN1 Roy Toomer
FS3 Kyle Velasquez
SN Benjamin Whitson
ENS Timothy Wyderko
OS2 Terrence Young



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