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CAPE MAY -

After patrolling for 26 days, the Coast Guard Cutter Dependable returned home Monday, after making a major drug bust in international waters.

"We never really know who or what's on that vessel." What was on the vessel that the crew onboard the Coast Guard Cutter Dependable boarded off the coast of Cape Cod was cocaine - more than 1,200 pounds of it. "We never really know what's going to occur or what's going to happen," said Ensign Bryan Andrews.

Officials say they took the two men onboard into custody last week, and then unloaded the \$20 million worth of cocaine to DEA agents. "I'm very proud of the crew, very," said Andrews, "as far as what we were able to accomplish in this 26 days."

"It's hard when they're gone." Jessica Morgan and her son were just one of several families at the base Monday, anxiously awaiting the arrival of their loved one. "It can be worrisome, we just try to think positive." She had heard about the drug bust her husband was a part of, and is relieved to hear he and the rest of the crew were OK. "I was really proud, I think it's great when they can stop people from bringing drugs up," she said, "This was, as far as I know, his first time ever dealing with anything like that."

Big drug busts like this aren't uncommon for the Coast Guard or the Cutter Dependable- officials say in just this past year, more than 44,000 pounds of cocaine were seized by the Coast Guard. "We have different things on our vessel saying what we've done or what we did," explained Andrews about the large stickers on the side of the boat, "we have a couple of marijuana leaves, just saying we had different marijuana bust in the past, the white snowflakes, those are for cocaine busts."

Busts like the one they just made, during one of the more eventful patrols this four-decade old vessel has seen. "This was definitely a fast-paced patrol." purposes. Posted By Phaedra Laird at NBC 40



From the Commanding Officer

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CDR John "Paul" Gregg
Commander, USCGC DEPENDABLE
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Greetings DEPENDABLE Friends & Family!

As I sit here and type, welders are welding, grinders are grinding, and needle guns are.. well.. needling! We are about halfway through a half-million dollar dockside availability, and the crew is doing a super job at both supporting the contract work and taking advantage of the opportunity to get a significant amount of our own work done. It takes a herculean effort to maintain these almost 45 year-old ships, and the crew has met the task admirably.

It's fantastic to be here! Prior to taking command in June, I knew that DEPENDABLE had an outstanding reputation, and it's a pleasure to see the ship and the crew in person, and to be a part of this fantastic team! Even though it was less than 4 weeks long, my first patrol aboard was a memorable one, as the XO will mention in her column and I'm sure you all know. For most of our crewmembers, that bust will be one of the most memorable things they do in their Coast Guard career, and I'm glad they had the opportunity to see it through from start to finish!

That said, a CO's first patrol is an opportunity to "see what you've got", and I have to say that the varied nature of that short little New England trip was a great opportunity to see the crew perform just about every mission that we do. From fisheries enforcement to SAR & counterdrug operations, the crew easily handled every challenge that was thrown at them. I couldn't have been prouder of all they accomplished, and you should too!!

Thank you so very much for the support you provide to our people, our cutter, our missions, and our Coast Guard!

Count on us!

Sincerely,

Paul Gregg
Commander, USCG
Commanding Officer



Engineering Department

DEPENDABLE's engineers displayed exceptional performance throughout this patrol. In addition to playing a major role in ship's operations, our engineers spent hours maintaining a wide range of machinery, solving shipboard issues, and ensuring DEPENDABLE was always fully mission capable.



The Auxiliary Division, commonly known as "A-Gang", showed flexibility in a unique fueling situation. Due to an upcoming maintenance period, DEPENDABLE needed to get rid of aviation fuel. Instead of losing the fuel by transferring it off the ship, A-Gang executed a plan to burn the fuel in the Main Diesel Engines. This unusual evolution allowed DEPENDABLE to utilize fuel which would have otherwise been wasted.

The Main Propulsion Divisions, usually referred to as "Main-Prop", showed exceptional capability maintaining the propulsion plant throughout the patrol. Despite working with 45 year old engines, Main-Prop successfully

sustained operations as the engines burned over 31,000 gallons of fuel, propelling the ship 3575 nautical miles over a 23 day period. Main-Prop was also responsible for distilling over 40,000 gallons of fresh water for consumption underway.

The Electrical Division worked hard this patrol to ensure DEPENDABLE always had reliable power and lighting. They also continued work making DEPENDABLE more environmentally friendly through the implementation of a new LED lighting system, catching the eye of the Coast Guard Energy Management. Even with the high pace of operations and short underway period, the Damage Control (DC) Division was able to conduct crew training six days a week and run the entire ship's complement through ten damage control training evolutions. Furthermore, the DC division held a ship wide event called DC Olympics, wherein the crew broke into teams and competed in events like pipe patching, gear donning, dewatering, DC communications, and general DC knowledge. Their hard work and diligence helped many new members attain advanced Damage Control qualifications and expertly respond to any and all casualties underway.



Operations Department

DEPENDABLE's most recent patrol covered an area of 3,757 NM over the course of 26 days. Despite the relatively short duration of the patrol, DEPENDABLE and her crew were able to accomplish a broad spectrum of mission objectives ranging from the enforcement of living marine resources laws to counter drug and alien migration interdiction operations. DEPENDABLE conducted 24 fisheries boardings, resulting in three violations, and participated in the search and rescue case for disabled F/V ALEXANDRIA DAWN more than 120 nautical miles off the coast of Nantucket. DEPENDABLE was an integral part of vertical insertion certification for a joint team consisting of Maritime Safety Security Team (MSST) Boston and MSST New York. The team members fast roped onto DEPENDABLE's flight deck from a MH-60 Jayhawk in preparation for an overseas deployment in support of U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM). DEPENDABLE made national headlines with the interdiction and seizure of the S/V CALLISTO and over 630 Kilograms of cocaine with a wholesale value of 30 million dollars. DEPENDABLE integrated flawlessly with other law enforcement agencies including the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Customs and Border Protection, Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) and various other state and local law enforcement agencies to safely and effectively locate, board, seize and detain the vessel, her crew and the contraband. Despite the rigorous operational schedule, DEPENDABLE was able to qualify two new Quarter Masters of the watch along with one new boarding team member. Newly reported crew members worked tirelessly to integrate into the crew and become proficient in their new watch stations helping to ensure DEPENDABLE's continued crew and cutter excellence moving forward into her 46th year of service. DEPENDABLE's accomplishments during this patrol would not have been possible without the hard work, dedication and adaptability of her entire crew from the Commanding officer to the most junior non-rated personnel.



Support Department

Wow! This last patrol may have been shorter than usual, but it was definitely packed with action. In between preparing tasty and nutritious meals, handling DEPENDABLE finances and administrative duties, and keeping our crew healthy, the Support Department was very busy. During the patrol, DEPENDABLE conducted a variety of other missions than those typical of a routine D1 patrol. Completing additional missions such as drug interdiction and search and rescue gave the Support Department additional opportunities to shine and assist in accomplishing them.

During this underway period DEPENDABLE conducted numerous boat operations at all hours of the night/morning, meaning Support needed to rise to the challenge and they did! A big Shout out to FSCS Ngo and YN1 Toomer for always being available to operate the boat davits regardless of the time of day. Members of the Support Department also filled the gap by standing tow watches for several days while DEPENDABLE had a fishing vessel and sailing vessel in tow. In addition to standing tow watches and operating the small boat davits, the Support Department also worked hard alongside EO and OPS to organize a parts drop (literally) with Air Station Cape Cod. A special shout out to SK1 McCabe and SK2 Kobs for setting this up and allowing DEPENDABLE to receive a vital piece of equipment. Overall, those are the highlights of the patrol from the Support Department perspective. We thank you for reading our section of the newsletter and look forward to our next patrol.



Deck Department

On this most recent patrol, Deck Department A.K.A. 'Deck Force' displayed outstanding versatility and adaptability once again. At the beginning of the patrol, members of Deck Force assisted with the law enforcement mission serving in roles as Coxswain, Boarding Officer, and Boarding Team Members. However on this patrol fisheries would not be the only Law Enforcement mission, there was plenty more just over the horizon.

Deck Force was called into action after our first mid patrol Break in Portland, Maine, as DEPENDABLE was assigned a Search and Rescue case. Upon receiving news of the case, Deck Force sprang into action and began the process of setting up the tow. Dependable towed the FV Alexandria Dawn back to safety and was immediately called upon for another mission. This time deck force was stretched paper thin, to supplement roles as security watch standers and Boarding Team members for the interdiction of the SV Callisto. The efforts of the crew as well as DECK Force paid off and DEPENDABLE was rewarded with the largest bust in D1 history. For a short 20 day patrol, this patrol encompassed almost all missions the Coast Guard performs and DECK Force shined in every aspect.



XO's Corner

Family and friends of DEPENDABLE,

Greetings! Much has happened since our last DEPENDABLE Delivery. Transfer season is over and I'm very happy to say that the Change of Command is in my rear view mirror. The crew did an exceptional job setting it up and I appreciate all the family support during the event.

What else did we do? Oh yea ... we went on a very short but extremely active patrol. We started off the patrol with Helicopter training and then a week later we had the opportunity to work with a MSST to conduct fast rope training (we were their target platform - it was cool). During the patrol there were several long nights and some challenging situations: towing vessels in the fog and an eventual drug bust. I couldn't be more proud of our crew. In between all of the action, we even managed to squeeze in a few great days in Portland and Boston. Each event during this patrol helped bring this crew closer together and build the proficiency vital to future operations.

We're glad to be home but I know I'm looking forward to our next adventure. Many thanks to our families for their huge part in our success.

Sincerely,

June Leshnover
Lieutenant Commander, USCG
Executive Officer



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 EMC Wayne Bush
 ME3 Brandon Butler
 ENS Samantha Coonan
 IT1 Joshua Craig
 DC2 Andrew Dean
 BM3 Joseph Ditullio Jr.
 FS3 Alexander Donnell
 MK2 Cedestinson Ductan
 SN Joseph Dunn
 BM1 Peter Fager
 SN Matthew Gonzalez
 FN Gerald Goss
 EM2 Andrew Graver
 GM1 Jeremy Gray

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 CDR Paul Gregg
 FS1 Jacob Grim
 MKC Wesley Grogan
 SN Preston Haggadone
 FN Chadwick Hoffman
 BMC Nicholas Ingersoll
 FA Joshua Julch
 MK3 Eric Kasheta
 MK1 Stephen Kincade
 SK3 Daniel Kobs
 FS3 Jeffrey Ladjack
 CWO Glenn Lavalette
 SN Joshua Leclair
 ENS Aaron Lee
 SN Aaron Lenk
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 MK3 Michael Maffioli
 SN Travis Magee
 SK1 Anthony McCabe
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 ENS Jonathan Paulette
 ME1 Gregory Petrongolo
 BM3 Charles Ralph
 ET3 Matthew Revell
 ET1 Shawn Russell
 MK3 Jesse San Nicolas
 DC1 Anthony Sanchez
 EM3 Calvin Stanford
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 SN Timothy Streyle
 FN Isaac Thomas
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