

# Shore Ties

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## From the Cabin

I hope the New Year finds everyone well! We spent most of the Holidays patrolling and conducting Law Enforcement Boardings in the Western Caribbean. Although we were busy, we took time out to enjoy an excellent traditional meal prepared by our Food Service Specialists and many of the crew participated in a White Elephant gift exchange.

Everyone enjoyed our port calls in Cozumel, Mexico and Cartagena, Colombia over the past few weeks where we had many opportunities to sightsee, swim at the local beaches, and brush up on our Spanish language skills.

We're over our half way point in the patrol and looking forward to getting back home; cold weather and all! The final two weeks of our patrol will be dedicated to our annual training cycle where we'll conduct many drills and exercises to build the proficiency of our onboard training teams and watchstanders' capabilities – this will be right in Little Creek, Virginia so we



should have some opportunities to get home as our training schedule allows.

Thanks to all our family and friends at home who keep the homefires burning and take care of the day to day business of managing the family while we're deployed; we couldn't do our jobs without you – Thanks!

J.W. McKinley  
Commanding Officer  
USCGC HARRIET LANE

## Command Chief's Corner



Command Enlisted Advisor BMC Brian Kritz (far right) with Deck Department.

Happy Holidays from the Southern Caribbean. I would like to thank all of the families for their continued support during this holiday season. Over the past 4 weeks the crew has been busy conducting helicopter operations, law enforcement boardings and lets not forget, preparing for Santa's arrival. There was some stiff competition on board for the opportunity to wear the "red suit", which ultimately was handed over to OSC Josh Tidey. He did a

great job and was very receptive to photo opportunities as well as over seeing the white elephant gift exchange held on Christmas day. There were some great gifts exchanged and everyone went away with a little something.

We all missed our families and friends and are looking forward to our return home in January.

Best Regards

Brian.

## Spotlight on the Engineering Department

The Engineering Department is responsible for the maintenance and operation of all main propulsion systems, auxiliary machinery systems, damage control systems, electrical systems, and for the control and correction of damage sustained onboard the cutter.

On CGC HARRIET LANE, the Engineering Department is led by the Engineer Officer, LT Matthew Gans. The Engineering Department is broken down into four divisions: Main Propulsion, Auxiliary Machinery, Damage Control, and Electrical. These divisions are led by LTJG Corey Linen, Assistant Engineer Officer, ENS Andrew Heil, Damage Control Assistant, and CWO Stephen Pitre, Main Propulsion Assistant.

The Main Propulsion Division is responsible for the proper operation, care, repair, and preventative maintenance of the ship's main propulsion plant and all related systems and equipment. The current mem-

bers of the Main "Prop" division are MK1 George Heape, MK2 Dakota Goff, MK3 Matthew Brazzel, FNMK Andrew Castengera, FN Marshall Washington, FN Andrew Orser, FN Andrew Yarborough, FN Matthew Mason, FA Michael Deaton, FN Brock Whitfield, and TAD from MSU Toledo, MK1 David Rowed.

The Auxiliary Machinery division is responsible for the proper operation, care, repair, and maintenance of the cutter's auxiliary equipment and systems. This equipment includes all of the refrigerators, air conditioning units, and other machinery systems not related to the propulsion of the cutter. The current members of the "A Gang" division are MKC Frank Linkous, MK1 Daniel Payne, MK1 Jaime Roach, MK2 Charles Brooks, MK3 Frank Levitsky, MK3 Jay Butterfield, FN Trevor Hester, FN Brian Hence, FN Christopher Yarrison, FN Gene Shorts, and FA Christopher Chancey.

The Damage Control division is

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*"Ships cannot operate effectively unless they are able to steam efficiently and casualty free."*

*Rear Admiral  
James F. Amernault,  
USN*

## Engineering Department continued...

responsible for establishing and maintaining an effective damage control organization on the cutter. Further, the division is responsible for the operation, care, repair, and maintenance of the cutter's damage control equipment. The current members of the Damage Control division are DC1 Brian Anderson, DC2 Christopher Woodward, DC2 Gregory Douthit, and DC2 Ronald Perry.

The Electrical division is responsible for the proper operation, repair, and preventative maintenance of the cutter's electrical power generating, stowage, and distribution systems. The current Electrical Division members are EMC George Rutledge, EM1 Brad Van Horn,

EM1 Jack Dos Santos, EM2 Josiah Pennington, EM3 Christopher Blanton, EM3 Zachary Sikole, and EM3 Maximiliano Castillo.

The Engineering Department ensures that HARRIET LANE is capable of carrying out her missions. They also ensure that many of the often "over looked" issues are addressed. They keep it warm in the winter and cold in the summer allowing the greatest amount of crew comfort while underway. They also spend countless hours while in foreign ports refueling and ensuring the cutter is ready to get back underway, usually at the sacrifice of liberty time.

***"A ship is in  
ever need of  
repairing."  
John Taylor***



The Engineering Department posing for a picture between the Main Diesel Engines.

## Awards



BMC Brian Kritz receives his 7th Good Conduct Award



ET1 Thomas Monica receives his 2nd Good Conduct Award



SN Dustin Lotz receives his Cutterman's Pin



BM3 Shane Beck and FS2 Andrew Mash receive their first Good Conduct Awards

## Qualifications

SN Dustin Lotz - Advanced DCPQS

SN Jonathan Zack - Advanced DCPQS

SN Dustin Jacobs - Security

OS1 Robert Miller - Basic DCPQS

SN Jonathan Zack - Basic DCPQS

EM3 Maximiliano Castillo - Basic DCPQS

ENS Diana Tkacs - Underway OOD

SN Andrew Yarbrough - Basic DCPQS

ET2 Christopher Mosquera - Basic DCPQS

SN Ryan Brooks - Basic DCPQS

GM3 Chad Clafshenkel - Basic DCPQS

IT3 Matthew Gasior - Basic DCPQS

MK3 Matthew Brazzel - Advanced DCPQS

SN Adam Sterry - Advanced DCPQS

FN Andrew Orser - Advanced DCPQS

ENS Diana Tkacs - Inport OOD

SN Dustin Lotz - Basic DCPQS

OSC Jeremy Gaylord - Inport OOD

ETC Patrick Petty - Inport OOD

FSC Kipp Rice - Inport OOD

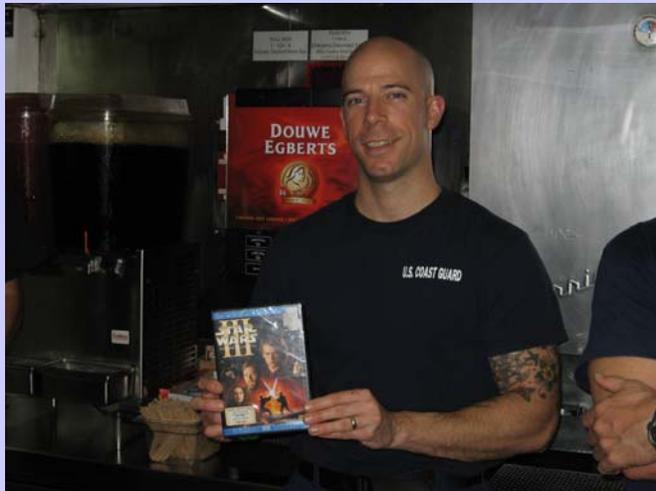
# Christmas Pictures



Christmas evening meal prepared by the FS Division



Even Santa helps set Dog Zebra



FSC Rice receives a Star Wars movie as his gift



Ship's crew enjoying the Christmas meal

Pictures provided by OS2 Craig

# Patrol Pictures



FSC Rice and OS1 Miller in Cozumel, MX



Cartagena, CO



Skeet shooting off the flight deck



Dolphins on Christmas Day

Pictures provided by OS2 Craig, CDR McKinley, and CWO4 Elliott



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*“The Desired Effect”*

*USCGC HARRIET LANE is a multi-mission Coast Guard cutter, responsible for a variety of Coast Guard missions including Search and Rescue, Enforcement of Laws and Treaties, Maritime Defense, and Protection of the Marine Environment. The versatility of the Famous class cutter makes it a very cost effective platform in carrying out national objectives.*

*HARRIET LANE’s modern command, control, and communications capabilities, including satellite communications, make the cutter an important asset for long range offshore missions. HARRIET LANE can effectively coordinate the efforts of multiple ships and aircraft while conducting missions over large areas of ocean.*

## **New Year’s Cutter Log Entry**

It is a long standing nautical tradition to write the ship’s first log of the New Year in prose. The following is the CGC HARRIET LANE’s first log entry of 2008. Written by FSC Kipp Rice.

HARRIET LANE is moored starboard side to a pier called Manga. That is in Colombia; the city of Cartagena. BMC said, “Double lines one through four”, After that it was a mad dash to the emerald store. Bravo 12 is our status, and you know what that means? Underway in 12 hours; away she steams. No services at all are received from the pier, Because of e-coli, HS1 tells us we must fear. Lane 1 and Lane 2 are secure for the night, The ready boat, Lane 1, is prepared for any fight. Now after sunset, we energize all lights to burn brightly, As the GPOW sits on the quarterdeck, not sleeping even slightly. Throughout the ship, there is no doubt we set Yoke, For watertight integrity, that is no joke! COMLANTAREA has our administrative control, All while JIATF tells us where to patrol. The OOD is OSC Tidey, under the instruction of FSC Rice. Another New Year’s Duty, Now that is just not nice!