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From the Cabin

Spring Greetings from HARRIET LANE – we’ve been keeping pretty busy during our first month of patrol in the Coast Guard’s Seventh District (D7). Within 12 hours of arriving, we interdicted and processed a dozen alien migrants recovered from a disabled vessel, completed an astern refuel of a Coast Guard 87’ Patrol Boat and completed a migrant transfer with a Coast Guard 110’ Patrol Boat. That first day set the tone and each and every crew-member has stepped to the plate and successfully and safely completed an incredible number of at-sea evolutions at all hours of the day and night.

HARRIET LANE crewmembers also participated in a couple of Community Relations Projects spearheaded by our Public Affairs Officer, ENS Ryan Kowalske. While anchored in Cap Haitien, Haiti last month, we were able to offload a large pallet of “Project Handclasp” humanitarian medical supplies to the USAID organization for distribution to charitable organizations throughout the country. While enjoying a port call in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, some crewmembers visited several charitable organizations to meet the residents and distribute additional humanitarian “Project Handclasp” supplies. Everyone enjoyed being able to spend some of their liberty time giving back to the community at large as good will ambassadors of the Coast Guard and United States of America.



In addition to our CG Operations and Community Relations Projects, many of the crew have embarked on their advanced education journey by signing up for a college level course; English Composition, offered onboard by a visiting instructor from Vincennes University. I’m very excited about this new program and encouraged by the number of sailors that have taken that first step towards a college degree. You can read more about this program in this edition of “Shore Ties”. I couldn’t be more proud of the accomplishments of this crew – on and off duty.

We’re all looking forward to getting home in the near future. Thanks to all our family and friends for your love and support – we couldn’t do our jobs without you!

J.W. McKinley
Commanding Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE

College At Sea



English Composition 101 class hard at work.

During the recent inport, the HARRIET LANE Command researched the educational opportunities available for crewmembers to further their professional growth while underway. The Command established four goals for the program: that it be simple to apply for and participate in, that it have the broadest applicability, that there be no cost to the crewmembers or that the costs be reimbursable, and that the course be part of a program with a definite plan ahead.

Vincennes University enthusiastically met all of the goals of the program. On March 19, Professor Piradee Aimjrakel embarked HARRIET LANE and began two English Composition 101 classes. Each of the classes had 10-15 members, allowing for more individual interaction with the professor. The classes were held in the morning and afternoon, which allowed students to meet their operational commitments and still attend class daily.

All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to further their professional growth. This unique program also served as a catalyst for students who have been out of school for a long period of time to begin the process of completing an advanced education.

HARRIET LANE is implementing a plan to continue the educational program during future patrols.

For more information on Coast Guard educational programs and benefits, please visit the Coast Guard Institute's website at:

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi/>

For more information on Vincennes University and their military specific programs, please visit:

<http://www.vinu.edu/cms/opencms/>

For more information on the GI Bill and military benefits, please visit:

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/>



Professor Piradee Aimjrakel provides instruction to the class in the wardroom.

Exodus from Haiti



“Soaring food prices in Haiti have spurred violent riots, which have left at least six dead and more than 60 injured.”

**Miami
Herald**

Exodus from Haiti con't



HARRIET LANE
small boat transfer
of migrants.



Second Haitian sail freighter interdicted by HARRIET LANE on 13 April 2008.

From April 12 - 13, the HARRIET LANE was involved in the successful interdiction of two Haitian sail freighters carrying 247 Haitian migrants.

It began in the early hours of 12 April, when a small vessel was detected by radar. At first light, a boarding team from HARRIET LANE was sent over. Upon arrival, the people on board said that there were approximately 60 people on the vessel. Ultimately, 116 people were rescued

from this 30 foot sailing vessel.

After processing, which includes the identification of each migrant, accounting for their personal items, and medical screening, all of the migrants were fed and offered blankets for resting.

In the middle of the very next night, 13 April, another small vessel was detected by radar. At first light, a HARRIET LANE boarding team was sent over and it became apparent that another unsafe condition existed. This time 131 Haitian migrants were rescued from the unsafe conditions.

The ability to complete and operation of this scope, without injury or death, is a testament to the dedication and hard-work of the HARRIET LANE crew. All of the migrants were repatriated in Cap Haitien, Haiti.

More information, including video footage, can be found at the following links:

<http://www.d7publicaffairs.com/>

<https://www.piersystem.com/>



Petty Officer Richardson administers first aid to a migrant.

Project HANDCLASP

Project Handclasp is the Navy's worldwide humanitarian and goodwill program. It's an official Chief of Naval Operations enterprise located in San Diego. Project Handclasp is the only program of its type in our armed forces, America, and the world.

It's a one-of-a-kind public-private partnership with corporations, public service organizations, and individuals throughout the United States. Project Handclasp humanitarian, educational, and goodwill materials are donated by America's private sector at no-cost to the government, and personally distributed by our Sailors, Marines, and Coastguardsman to those in need overseas. This aspect of the program not only ensures that people most in need receive the material, but also that the service members involved gain a personal appreciation for the challenges and ways of life of citizens of other nations. Project Handclasp material distributions are normally conducted in conjunction with community service projects (repainting/refurbishing schools, hospitals, clinics, orphanages,



HARRIET LANE crew at the Luisa Ortea orphanage and school.

homes for the elderly, etc.). This combination multiplies the benefits and impact of our nation's outreach. American military personnel serve as ambassadors of goodwill in this capacity, on behalf of the people of the United States. The life-changing impact on recipients can not be adequately described or measured. The significance for Project Handclasp participants, donors, and partners is also unparalleled, as is the enhanced perception of the United States in communities around the globe.



HARRIET LANE crew with HANDCLASP materials for Casa Nazaret orphanage.



HARRIET LANE crew at the Integracion Juvenil school.

Living Marine Resources



"It remains United States policy to support protection and use of sustainable fisheries as a food source and to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fishing...to fulfill my commitment to end overfishing, we are working ... to better manage our fisheries and keep our commercial and recreational fishing industries strong."

President George W. Bush



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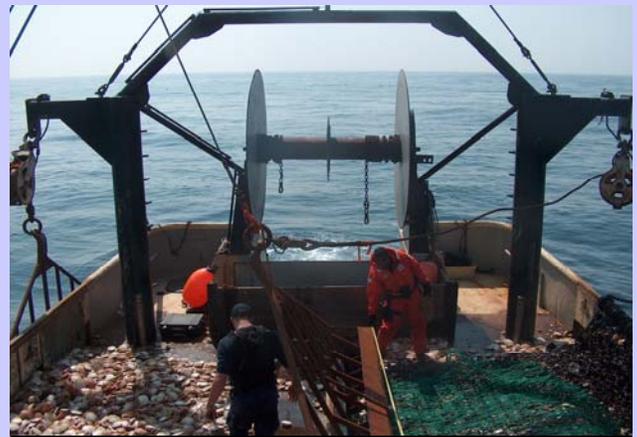
US fishing vessel fishing within the US Exclusive Economic Zone.

OCEAN GUARDIAN is the Coast Guard's ten year (2004-2014) strategic plan for enforcement of the nation's domestic and international commitments to living marine resources laws and regulations. This Coast Guard plan recognizes four cornerstones for a successful LMR enforcement program:

sound regulations, effective presence, productive partnerships, and the application of technology.

HARRIET LANE completed a District Five Living Marine Resources patrol during the months of April and May. This resulted in the successful boarding of over 65 US flagged fishing vessels to ensure compliance with applicable Commercial Fishing Vessel

Safety Act regulations, which ensure that the fishing vessel is operated in a safe manner and that it has all of the safety gear on board and operational. These boardings also ensure that the vessels are fishing in accordance with applicable regulations that provide a framework to manage the individual fisheries and ensure that they are not overfished.



HARRIET LANE boarding team inspecting fishing gear.

Commercial and recreational fishing comprise a \$69.5 billion industry in America and the U.S. commercial harvester fishing fleet (approximately 103,000 boats) is overcapitalized in certain fisheries *i.e.*, too many boats targeting too few fish. As the fish harvest decreases and public demand for fish increases, there will be greater pressure to fish illegally. *HARRIET LANE* enforcement of fishing regulations ensures that the fish stocks will remain healthy and that the fisheries will continue to grow and provide healthy stocks for future generations.



Whales near Hudson Canyon.

Awards and Advancements



Newly promoted OS1 Cameron Cruickshank, OS1 Andy Craig, and OS2 Robert Martin.



FSC Kipp Rice receives his third Good Conduct Medal.



OS2 Eric Falten reenlists in the Coast Guard.



YN3 Sergio Savain is the HARRIET LANE Sailor of the Year.

Qualifications

FN Christopher Yarrison - Basic DCPQS
ET2 Christopher Mosquera - Advanced DCPQS
MKC David Noel - Basic DCPQS
ET3 William Tucker - Advanced DCPQS
FN Matthew Mason— Advanced DCPQS

SN Paul Sickman - Advanced DCPQS
DC3 Jason Rhoad - Basic DCPQS
SN Brian Abel - Advanced DCPQS
SA Dyrrel Green - Advanced DCPQS
SN Craig Deats-Cascio - Basic DCPQS
FN Christopher Sullivan - Basic DCPQS

FN Charles Lewis - Basic DCPQS
ET3 David Myers - Basic DCPQS
SNOS Colin Reinhert - Basic DCPQS
SNOS Jonathan Hill - Basic DCPQS
SN Shawn Stanley - Basic DCPQS
ENS Robert Sumner - Inport OOD

Patrol Pictures



HARRIET LANE small boats conducting training.



Stern refuel with CGC SAWFISH.



Crew relaxing and barbequing in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



50 caliber gun exercise.

More Patrol Pictures



Cap Hatien, Haiti.



Astern refuel with CGC NANTUCKET



Picture of HARRIET LANE from helo.



Heavy rolls!



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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.

We Exist to Serve



CDR McKinley and the Chief - US Consulate in the Dominican Republic at an orphanage in Puerto Plata

As members of the United States Coast Guard, we are called to service every day. The nature of our work epitomizes public service. The crew of HARRIET LANE continuously seeks to pursue this "call to service" both at home and abroad.

At home, the crew has built homes with the Hampton Roads Habitat for Humanity. On June 2 through June 6 of 2008, the crew will be involved in the Habitat for Humanity Builders Blitz, where 13 homes will be built in 5 days.

Abroad, the crew serves as ambassadors of the United States, by delivering much needed medical and hygienic supplies throughout the Caribbean.

If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding community relations projects, please contact ENS Ryan Kowalske. The crew of the HARRIET LANE continually seeks new ways to serve both the local community and communities abroad.