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From the Cabin

Greetings from HARRIET LANE! I hope our newsletter finds all of our family and friends well. We're finishing up our last scheduled underway period for 2008 and looking very much forward to spending the upcoming Holiday Season at home.

Although this patrol was shorter than our normal underway periods, it was certainly a busy one. We were happy to welcome an Aviation Detachment from Corpus Christi Texas that included LT Robin Stotz, LT Warren Wright, LTJG Michael Ross, AMT2 Joseph Vieira, AMT2 Jason Montgomery, and AET3 David Wilhelm. Having a dedicated helicopter aboard provided us a unique opportunity to train and qualify new crewmembers in flight deck billets while conducting over 100 flight deck evolutions.

We had several exciting cases where we pursued "go-fast" vessels (30-40ft open hulled boats with multiple high powered outboard engines commonly used to carry illegal drugs or migrants). One pursuit and interdiction by HARRIET LANE's Over The Horizon (OTH) small boat and Boarding Team resulted in recovering a stolen boat valued at over \$200,000 and interdicting 15 Cuban migrants and detaining two suspected smugglers. In another case, we pursued a "go-fast" for over three hours with the cutter, OTH and helicopter. The vessel was finally intercepted as it approached Mexican waters. The boat was found to be carrying 12 Cuban migrants and 2 suspected smugglers. HARRIET LANE's

OTH recovered two of the suspected smugglers after they jumped into the water.

In addition to our Alien Migrant Interdiction Operation (AMIO) successes, HARRIET LANE participated in a Community Relations Project in Nassau, Bahamas where members of the crew painted several rooms and fencing, moved large trash items, and performed general maintenance tasks throughout the campus of the Ranfurly Home for Children. The Ranfurly Home is a safe and structured environment for children who have been orphaned, abused, neglected, or abandoned

As always, you can be very proud of the many accomplishments your HARRIET LANE crewmember achieved during this very busy and successful patrol.

We're all very much looking forward to reuniting with our families and friends for the Holiday Season. Thank you so much for your support – we couldn't do our jobs without it!!



J.W. McKinley
Commanding Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE

Message from the Executive Officer

Greetings everyone. As you read this edition of Shore Ties, our crew has completed another successful patrol. You can take great pride in our accomplishments as our crew executed all operational tasking with a high degree of effectiveness.

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on how our operational success may impact you from time-to-time. Our connectivity bandwidth is about one notch above “dial-up”. In fact, it is not “comcastic” in the least. Mr. and Mrs. Slowsky would probably be the only “people” that would be quite content with our connectivity. Accordingly, when we are heavily involved in an operational case, our internet connectivity will be restricted to a few personnel. In so doing, the limitation allows our Combat Information Center watchstanders to transmit and receive vital pieces of communication to our shoreside tactical commander. At these times, I will do my best to get prompt notification to our Ombudsman about the connectivity limitation and the restoration of full connectivity.

Looking in the rear view mirror for just a moment, I would just like to comment that the crew and cutter continue to be recognized for all of the great things we are completing as a team. On October 6th, Captain John Davis (Program Manager for all Atlantic Area cutters) visited with the crew to formally recognize our training accomplishments in July when the crew earned the Operational Readiness Award. Captain Davis also formally presented GM1 Joshua Jacques and BM2 Dennis Heard with a “snowflake” sticker that has been officially mounted on the side of the ship for the cocaine interdiction

back in August. Also, Seamen Kyle Abood was recognized for being the Bridge Lookout who spotted the go-fast vessel. Finally, our Engineering Department was also singled out for exceptional short-notice assistance provided to the cutter ESCANABA. Everyone on board has consistently demonstrated a commitment to operational success within the Coast Guard.

During the upcoming holiday season, the Captain and I have made concerted efforts to enable the crew to maximize time spent home with families and friends. We certainly hope you have a safe and fun time over the coming weeks. Looking ahead, our schedule is as follows:

- 25 November 2008 – 16 January 2009
Inport
- 19 March – 24 May 2009
Inport

Regards,

LCDR Adam B. Morrison
Executive Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE

*Please note our schedule is always subject to change and offshore weather may require us to sail early and return later than advertised.

Ports of Call

Ω 08 - 09 November 2008

Key West, Florida

Ω 21 –22 November 2008

Nassau, Bahamas

Message from the Command Chief

In the absence of Chief Kritz, I am humbled and deeply honored to serve as HARRIET LANE's Command Enlisted Advisor (CEA). From HARRIET LANE's first CEA, MKC Murray III, to the former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, MCPOCG Frank Welch, those selected to serve as HARRIET LANE Command Chiefs have served with honor, integrity, and distinction. Chief Kritz carried on that tradition, working tirelessly for his shipmates. Every day I draw upon what I have learned from Chief Kritz and I have assured him that I will continue to move forward with the work he has started.

HARRIET LANE's Chief's Mess looked considerably different for the October through November patrol. Chief Brian Kritz and Chief Pat Petty were required to stay ashore to tend to medical issues. While ashore, Chief Kritz lent his expertise to TRACEN YORKTOWN and Chief Petty offered his experience to the Electronics Support Detachment (ESD) in Portsmouth. Their wisdom, input, and friendships were certainly missed, but through the wonders of email, they continued to make valuable contributions to the Mess. BMC Jeff

Boswell left behind the falling leaves and plunging temperatures of SECTOR BUFFALO, New York, to join HARRIET LANE for this patrol. Chief Boswell is a 22-year veteran of the Coast Guard and presently performs Ready For Operations (RFO) inspections for units throughout the Ninth Coast Guard District. He provided valuable insight to both Deck Department and the Chief's Mess. Every bit as much as his professional and leadership abilities, his warm sense of humor will be sorely missed as he returns to his permanently assigned duties.

Thank you for all of your constant support. Have a safe and very happy holiday season!

FSC Kipp Rice
 Command Enlisted Advisor
 Food Services Officer
 USCGC HARRIET LANE

Members of the Chief's Mess

MKC David Noel	EMC George Rutledge
BMC Brian Kritz	BMC Jeff Boswell
MKC Thomas Daniels	OSC Jeremy Gaylord
OSC Joshua Tidey	ETC Patrick Petty



Changing of the Watch from BMC Kritz (right) to FSC Rice (left).



CDR McKinley congratulating FSC Rice and bidding farewell to BMC Kritz (left to right).

Ship-Helicopter Recurrent Standardization (STAN)



HH-6511 from CG AIRSTA Traverse City conducting a VERTREP.

Each Coast Guard Cutter capable of embarking a helicopter must be certified as qualified to land certain models of aircraft. The Shipboard-Helicopter Recurrent Standardization Training (STAN) program administers this certification/qualification process.

Personnel from the Aviation Training Center (ATC) Mobile's Ship-Helicopter Branch conducted STAN for the HARRIET LANE crew. ATC provides initial and recurrent qualification services to flight deck equipped cutters, and administers the maritime aviation standardization program for the fleet. ATC also provides a wide range of consulting, study, and training services both in person, and online.

This patrol began with the practical components of the certification process. HARRIET LANE personnel worked extensively to pass written examinations, execute practical exercises, and participate in classroom instruction.

HARRIET LANE successfully completed STAN and is certified to conduct the following op-

erations:

- A. Day/Night Launch and Recovery
- B. Refueling/Hot Refueling
- C. Level II helicopter control
- D. Day/Night Helicopter In-Flight Refueling (HIFR)
- E. Day/Night Vertical Replenishments (VERTREP)
- F. Night Vision Goggle (NVG) operations

A helicopter aircrew from CG AIRSTA Traverse City flying an HH-65 from CG AIRSTA Atlantic City assisted in completing day evolution certification tasks. The crew of HH-6580 provided the necessary platform in order to complete night evolution certification tasks. HH-6580 was provided by CGAS Corpus Christi. ∞



LTJG Lott and EM1 Van Horn as LSOs.

STAN (cont.)



HH-6580 from CG AIRSTA Corpus Christi in a "Box Pattern."



HH-6580 from CG AIRSTA Corpus Christi.

Migrant Interdiction

HARRIET LANES's primary role for this patrol was migrant interdiction in support of District Seven operations. HARRIET LANE and her crew had a very successful patrol, which included intercepting two "go fast" vessels resulting in the interdiction of 15 migrants attempting to enter the United States illegally.



Go-Fast Number One

In addition, HARRIET LANE rendezvoused with the CGC OCRACOCKE to act as a holding platform for 13 migrants interdicted by the OCRACOCKE, also operating in the vicinity of HARRIET LANE. CG Station Marathon also transferred 12 migrants to HARRIET LANE.

Once onboard, all migrants receive food, water, and medical treatment. Over the course of the patrol, one abandoned migrant vessel was destroyed as a hazard to navigation. All migrant cases led to the interception of actionable information for use in the fight against illegal immigration.

Both of the "go fast" vessels used in the

early cases were stolen and used as a means to transport the migrants. One vessel has already been returned to its rightful owner. All 40 migrants on deck were repatriated to Cuba. Four smugglers were brought to the United States and transferred to several law enforcement agencies.

Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations has been, and will continue to be, a concern for the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard is tasked with enforcing immigration law at sea. The Coast Guard conducts patrols and coordinates with other federal agencies and foreign countries to interdict undocumented migrants at sea, denying them entry via maritime routes to the United States, its territories and possessions. Thousands of people try to enter the U.S. illegally every year using maritime routes, many via smuggling operations. Interdicting migrants at sea means they can be quickly returned to their countries of origin without the costly processes required if they successfully enter the United States.

The Coast Guard's efforts help to support legal migration systems. Primarily, the Coast Guard maintains its humanitarian responsibility to prevent the loss of life at sea, since the majority of migrant vessels are dangerously overloaded, unseaworthy, or otherwise unsafe.

Migrants primarily originate from Caribbean nations and South America. The Coast Guard has interdicted migrants of various nationalities throughout the world. To date in Fiscal Year 2009, the Coast Guard has interdicted 419 migrants from various countries. ∞

Migrant Interdiction (cont.)



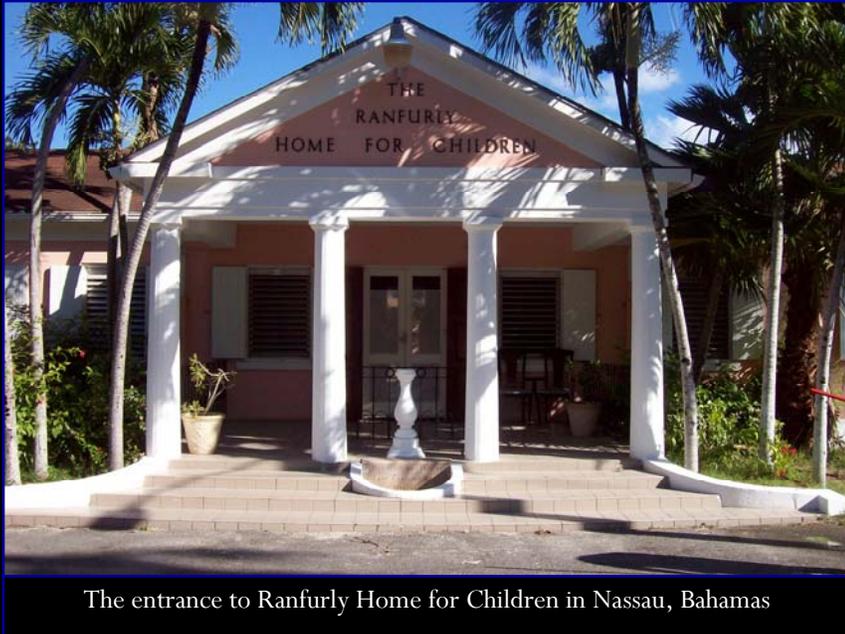
Migrant Transfer



Go-Fast Number One - Transfer to OTH

Community Relations

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.



The entrance to Ranfurly Home for Children in Nassau, Bahamas

At home, the crew has built homes with the Hampton Roads Habitat for Humanity. Abroad, the crew serves as ambassadors of the United States, by delivering much needed medical and hygienic supplies throughout the Caribbean.

During this patrol the crew of HARRIET LANE had the opportunity to paint several rooms and fencing, move large trash items, and perform general maintenance tasks throughout the campus of the Ran-

furly Home for Children. The event was documented by the CABLE 12, a local TV channel; the Tribute, a local newspaper; and the Public Affairs staff of the United States Embassy in Nassau. The Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Nassau, Tim Zuniga Brown stopped by to thank the crew for their time and giving.

Many thanks to the following personnel who volunteered their time during the COMREL project: CDR McKinley, LCDR Morrison, LTJG Himsey, LTJG Tkacs, ENS Kowalske, FSC Rice, EM1 VanHorn, EM1 DosSantos, FS1 Brown, IT2 Whitacre, FS3 Knowles, and SN Beavers.

The Ranfurly Home for Children has been a safe haven for thousands of Bahamian children since 1956. The Home provides a safe, structured environment for children who have been orphaned, abused, neglected or abandoned. The idea for the home originated as a result of a mid 1950's fire in downtown Nassau. Lady Hermoine Ranfurly, wife of the then Governor General, the Earl of Ranfurly discovered a group of homeless children sleeping in cardboard boxes in buildings and alleys near the burnt buildings during the aftermath and cleanup of

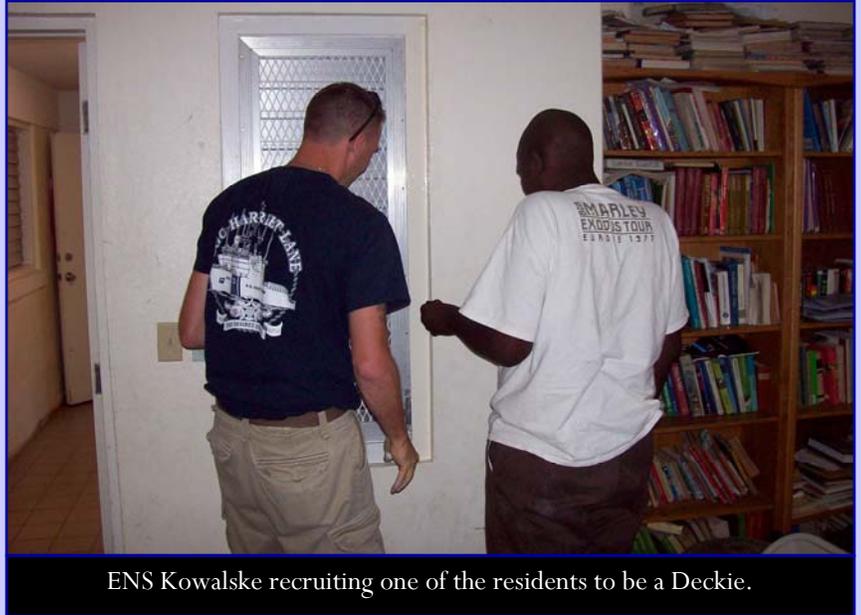


The Crew with the Deputy Chief of Mission and Administrator of Ranfurly Home for Children

Community Relations (cont.)

the fire.

Lady Ranfurly used her local and international contacts and together with the Queen Mary's Sewing Guild, began galvanizing worldwide support for the creation of the home. Help came from as far away as London-based merchants, to as close as a group of Bahamian workers on the Out Islands who pooled their limited resources, sending money to help change the lives of Ranfurly's first residents. Just six months after securing a spacious property on Mackey St., with room for children to play under the shade of Poinciana and sapodilla trees, the pa-



ENS Kowalske recruiting one of the residents to be a Deckie.



"I sure am glad this is not yellow paint!!"

trons and caregivers at Ranfurly welcomed the first residents into their full time care.

In 1997, the home that came into being as a

result of a tragic fire was nearly destroyed by fire. Patrons and board members had to once again turn to the community for support in rebuilding the boys' dormitory. The home now has the capacity to accommodate more than 45 children who range in age from 5 to 20 and is equipped with three dormitories, a study room, living room, a computer/library center and a kitchen and dining facility.

After school and weekend activities are at the center of learning at Ranfurly. Programs in place are geared towards motivating kids to possible life careers and allowing them to excel in the arts and sports. Some Ranfurly residents have been sponsored on trips as far away as Africa, seeing the world, others have found their passion in the arts and crafts—using natural passion to create their own worlds as they go along.

The crew of the HARRIET LANE continually seeks new ways to serve both the local community and communities abroad. If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding community relations projects, please contact the PAO, LTJG Jason M. Himsey, at Jason.M.Himsey@uscg.mil. ∞

Community Relations (cont.)



Painting the fence and resting at the same time.



LTJG Tkacs, EM1 Van Horn, and IT2 Whitacre cleaning screens.



The XO demonstrating to us how to clean vertical surfaces.



Getting one of the rooms ready to paint.

Community Relations (cont.)



Some tables we strengthened.



Painting the recreation room.

Advancements, Awards, and Promotions



Seaman Apprentice Haubenstricker
Advancement to Seaman



ENS Heil and ENS Tkacs Promotion to LTJG

Photos Not Available

Seaman Apprentice Coley Advancement to Seaman

IT2 Whitacre Awarded 1st Good Conduct Medal

ET1 Jarvis Awarded 2nd Good Conduct Medal

FN Yarrison Awarded Sea Service Ribbon

SN Linder Awarded Sea Service Ribbon

FN Mason Awarded Sea Service Ribbon

SN Boggs Awarded Temporary Enlisted Cutterman

SN Deats-Cascio Awarded Temporary Enlisted Cutterman

Patrol Pictures



LTJG Lott and ET1 Jarvis pretending to drive the ship!!



Parts drop from a CG Guardian.



Home at sea.



"Now, Set the Traversing Bill."

More Patrol Pictures



Scuba Steve



SN Beavers attempting to get on the XO's good side.



The boat races in Key West. View from flight deck.



The OTH in the water with ENS Kowalske, GM1 Jacques, EM2 Pennington, and BM2 Heard.

Pulling Into the Bahamas



Rock Band Rock Out



I think they missed their calling.



LTJG Heil... Well, not quite sure what he is doing!



"So, What do I do with this thing?????"
MK2 Goff enlightening LTJG Himsey



Now this is getting serious.

Fish Call!!



Soooo, how do we get the fish in here????



The Skipper fishing.



A thing of beauty.



The spoils of War!!



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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.

Qualifications

FN Ryan Swaoger - Flight Deck Fire Team
SN Daniel Coley - Flight Deck Fire Team
FN Thomas Burcham - Flight Deck Fire Team
MK2 Matthew Brazzel - Rescueman
EM2 Josiah Pennington - On Scene Leader
ENS Caleb McWaters - On Scene Leader
DC3 Jorge Solano - Throttleman
MK1 Corey Koura - Fuel Oil and Water King
MK2 Dakota Goff - Landing Signals Officer
MK1 Grant Boyette - Throttleman
BM3 Carleton Johnson - Inport Security
ENS Caleb McWaters - Throttleman

BM2 Dennis Heard - Recertified Boarding Team Member
BM1 Micah Pressman - Recertified Boarding Team Member
MKC Thomas Daniels - Underway Engineer Officer of the Watch
SN Demetrius McCulland - Advanced Damage Control PQS
SNOS Jonathan Hill - Gangway Petty Officer of the Watch
SN Jeremy Church - Basic Damage Control PQS
IT3 James Colquhoun, Jr. - Flight Deck Fire Team
SN Paul Sickman - Boatswain Mate of the Watch
LTJG Jason Himsey - Basic Damage Control PQS
BM1 Micah Pressman - Underway Officer of the Deck
LTJG Andrew Heil - Underway Officer of the Deck
ENS Ryan Kowalske - Designated as “The Bull Ensign”