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From the Cabin

Ahoy HARRIET LANE family and friends! I hope this edition of Shore Ties finds you all well... we cannot wait to be home with you soon. A special welcome to new shipmates and families that joined HARRIET LANE this Summer, and a hearty thank you to you all for welcoming me and my family. In the short 10 weeks that I have been aboard, I have been continually impressed by the pride and professionalism of HARRIET LANE sailors, and the stellar support those of you on the home front provide us... and each other!



Although this patrol has been a relatively short one, it has been action-packed. You may have read in a note I sent home through the Ombudsmen that our first day underway was a bit challenging. The crew worked throughout that day, all night and into Day 2 to get our systems operating at 100%. On our way south, we trained with the Coast Guard's District 7 staff and Law Enforcement Detachment in high-speed tactical boat operations. The crew performed magnificently, and received kudos from District 7. Our patrolling has demanded near continual small boat and helicopter operations, navigating the ship in various coastal areas, partnering with the Haitian Coast Guard, the Royal Bahamian Defence Force, and other U.S. agencies, and a steady

diet of vigilant searching. That work paid off in two mission areas as we interdicted a vessel attempting to smuggle 70 Haitians, and we uncovered 54 bricks of cocaine worth almost 1.7 million dollars hidden in another vessel.

We've also found time to enjoy great food, exercise, fishing and a swim call off the coast of Haiti, a ship's party and 3-on-3 basketball tournament in Guantanamo Bay, as well as the sights and sun in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. While there, we also had the chance to support the local community by painting a school sponsored by the Dominican Republic Education and Mentoring Project charity.

Consider attending the relationship workshop being hosted by Chaplain Goodbow on base on the 28th of this month... whether married or not, struggling or happy, it is time well spent (Darlene and I have participated in one of these and benefited greatly from it).

Enjoy the news that follows, and savor each day of this short upcoming inport period.

With thoughts of home from the high seas,

J.C. VANN

Commanding Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE

Message from the Executive Officer

To Friends and Family Members of HARRIET LANE:

HARRIET LANE continues to look great on the outside, and on the inside - things continue to change even more so for the better. We parted ways with many great shipmates during the summer months, and the replacements have answered the call.

Nearly every year we rotate approximately one third of the crew. Inherently, this transfer cycle creates many challenges for us organizationally, as we try to train new members to fill the roles and duties of those recently departed. As you read through the back pages of this edition, you too will be amazed at the aggressive approach towards qualifying crewmembers. It can be a daunting task as new crewmembers try and qualify in their primary watchstations, in addition to learning the principles of damage control and emergency response procedures. For those spouses, friends, and family members reading *Shore Ties* for the first time – the achievements noted in this newsletter are impressive to say the least.

Another noteworthy item to pass along is the pride and ownership being displayed by many crewmembers in the overall appearance of HARRIET LANE. Small painting projects are appearing in many different parts of the cutter,

showcasing the proud people that live and work in certain parts of the ship. In my opinion, these are not simply cosmetic improvements – but symbolic of an attitude change slowly taking place on board. Again, it is another great thing to observe from my vantage point.

As always, I would like to thank Mrs. Sarah Michelle Rice and Mrs. Jess Goff for all that they have done while we were at sea. They truly invest a great deal of time in being an active voice for all those that we leave behind. Congratulations to Jess and Dakota for their upcoming transfer orders to Aids to Navigation Team Portsmouth – we wish you all the best that this upcoming tour can offer you both.



Finally, please share with us photos from Halloween as you take to the streets in just a little over a week.

As for my daughter, Cora will either be a lobster or a bunny this year. Although she is only four months old, I intend to take her Trick or Treating in hopes of getting some good candy! Send those photos to Ensign Cate Gillen at: Catherine.m.gillen@uscg.mil. We'll post them on the bulletin board such that we have reminders from home on board the ship.

Very respectfully,
LCDR Adam Morrison
Executive Officer

Message from the Command Chief

The Chief's Mess would like to welcome CDR Vann and the Vann family back to the Portsmouth waterfront. Captain, on the heels of a very successful patrol, we look forward to many more opportunities to work closely with you in the months to come. Together we will ensure that HARRIET LANE continues to live up to our motto of "*Paratus, Volens, Validus*" or "*Ready, Willing, and Able*"!

This summer, we had the good fortune of welcoming BMC Chad Kiser to the Chief's Mess. Chief Kiser has accumulated 18 years of distinguished service, including 10 years in the U.S. Navy and 13 years of cumulative sea service. Since joining the Coast Guard in 2001, he has served aboard another Portsmouth-based cutter, CGC FORWARD (WMEC 911), the Atlantic Training Group (ATG), and most recently, CGC VIGOROUS, which is home ported in Cape May, NJ. Chief Kiser has been married to his wife Tiffany for 18 years. They have three children, Alec (12), Trevor (10), and Ashtyn (8). Chief Kiser is presently in route to Repair Party Leader School in San Diego. We wish him safe travels and look forward to his return.

During the first two weeks of this patrol, I had the opportunity to attend the Senior Enlisted Leadership Course offered by the Leadership Development Center (LDC) in New London, Connecticut. The Senior Enlisted Leadership Course builds upon the principles instilled at the Chief Petty Officer's Academy and represents the highest level of Coast Guard enlisted professional military education. The mission of this 80-hour course is to create a highly motivated, educated and trained senior enlisted cadre of Master Chief or future Master Chief Petty Officers for assignment to any position including special assignments such as Command Master Chief (CMC) or Rating Force Master Chief (RFMC). The course addresses human resource and organizational policies, professional communications, protocol, and the critical relationship between workforce and command. As the only Chief Petty Officer in a class of seventeen Senior and Master Chief Petty Officers, this course represented an exceptionally rare and extremely humbling opportunity to engage the Coast Guard's most senior enlisted leaders in frank discussions regarding successful senior executive leadership and organizational

challenges. And as always, Chief Noel did an outstanding job serving as Command Chief in my absence!

You may remember from Volume 16 of Shore Ties, Petty Officers Dos Santos and Koura were eagerly awaiting their authorizations for advancement to E-7. You will be pleased to know that both members have since put on their anchors. EMC Dos Santos recently executed his orders to Maintenance Logistics Command Atlantic and MKC Koura is presently serving aboard CGC ACUSHNET in Ketchikan, AK. Congratulations on your long-awaited and well-deserved advancements!

Finally, the Chief's mess would like to congratulate EM2 Josiah Pennington on his selection as HARRIET LANE's Sailor of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 2009! Through his leadership, Petty Officer Pennington demonstrated a relentless commitment to crew fitness as well as to the Law Enforcement program. His efforts have made a lasting impact on HARRIET LANE and make him especially deserving of this recognition!

After more than a month in the Caribbean heat, we are looking forward to the crisp fall nights awaiting us in Virginia. But most importantly, we are anxious to reunite with all of you who continue to show us unwavering support – thank you!

FSC Kipp Rice
Command Chief
Food Service Officer
USCGC HARRIET LANE

Members of the Chief's Mess

MKC David Noel ◇ MKC Thomas Daniels
OSC Jeremy Gaylord ◇ OSC Joshua Tidey
ETC Patrick Petty ◇ EMC Daniel Webster
FSC Kipp Rice ◇ BMC Chad Kiser

Quote of the Month

"We walk in the footsteps of heroes past – and some of those footprints are very fresh." – former Coast Guard Commandant

Non-Compliant Vessel Training

HARRIET LANE was very fortunate to be able to have the District Seven Use of Force and Non-Compliant Vessel training on the way down to our operational area. This training was a great refresher on how to respond to non-compliant vessels and also great training for our small boat coxswains. BM1 Ryan Dawson and his boat crew were able to have the unique opportunity to do pursuit drills with the District Seven Tactical Law Enforcement Team. It was a busy day spent in the classroom and out on the water, but by the end of the day HARRIET LANE was commended for its wonderful performance throughout the training.



Harriet Lane helps unveil 125 pounds of cocaine

So there we were... patrolling off the coast of Haiti and we received the call from the Bahamian Government indicating they needed our help. At that point we started heading north. Our boarding team was alerted in the middle of the night that they needed to be ready by 0800 to get into the small boat and head over to the Matthewtown, Great Inagua where a Haitian ship suspected of drug smuggling was moored.



MK2 Frank Levitsky cutting into the floor boards unveiling multiple bricks.

Bright and early on Monday, October 5th, our boarding team loaded up into the small boat and headed toward Great Inagua. Everyone on HARRIET LANE awaited patiently while the boarding team did their initial inspection of the vessel. Sure enough, within 30 minutes of boarding the vessel we got the call back that there was a “white substance” found when they drilled into one of the cross beams of the ship. Everyone on the bridge jumped and cheered and waited for more updates.

Meanwhile, the boarding team continued to search the vessel SAINTE ANNE and they continued to find more and more cocaine. They cut through floor boards, drilled through structure beams, emptied fuel tanks; and eventually dis-

covered 125 pounds of cocaine.

It was an exciting day for HARRIET LANE. Our boarding team, which consisted of EM2 Joe Pennington, MK2 Frank Levitsky, ET1 Chris Mosquera, and ENS Dan Hilburn did an exceptional job working with the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Royal Bahamian Defence Force. They were commended for their professionalism and devotion to duty.

In addition to the boarding team, there were also a number of break in



Final picture after the boarding.

boarding team members that participated in the boarding: LTjg Himsey, ENS Crump, ENS Gillen, SN Monreal and IS2 Moyano.

In addition to the boarding team, the boat crew and fuel team, consisting of BM1 Ryan Dawson, MK2 Cody Goff and BM3 Allan Wyle, LT Gans, ENS Hoekwater and MK3 Seraphin made the boarding possible.

HARRIET LANE's Sailor of the Quarter



EM2 Joe Pennington after his award presentation.

I note with pride and am pleased to commend you for your performance of duty while assigned to USCGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC 903) from 01 July to 30 September 2009. During this time period, you displayed outstanding knowledge, professionalism, and served as an excellent example for your fellow shipmates.

Upon being designated as the Law Enforcement Petty Officer, you expertly overhauled the program and corrected a lengthy list of discrepancies. The most notable deficiency was the shortage of qualified Boarding Team Members. This shortage was addressed in part by you personally assisting break-in members at the weapons range by passing along your weapons firing experience regarding breathing techniques, sight alignment, and proper shooting stance. Your guidance directly resulted in four shipmates qualifying on the pistol and rifle courses. Additionally, you created a thorough checklist to be used during the inport periods to ensure the law enforcement teams are prepared for upcoming operational and law enforcement tasking. This checklist also ensures the cutter gets underway with the proper amount of supplies and materials to support the same tasking. In the final months of fiscal year 2009, you researched and submitted procurement documents totaling in excess of \$15,000. The procured items have replenished much needed supplies and corrected shortfalls in law enforcement readiness, such as the ability to conduct living marine resources enforcement. Operational highlights included the repatriation of approximately 70 suspected Haitian migrants and the boarding of the Sailing Vessel *Lady S*. Both cases showcased your talents, abilities, and professionalism as a

maritime law enforcement officer. During this time period, you also continued to fulfill your rating duties as an Electricians Mate. For the August 2009 Aviation Certification inspection, you assisted the Electrician Division's Leading Petty Officer in reassembling the Stabilized Glide Scope Indicator, enabling HARRIET LANE to remain certified to conduct flight operations while underway. Finally, you continue to be an excellent friend and shipmate to so many on board, in so many different ways. You assisted numerous shipmates in reaching their fitness goals by spending countless hours in the gym, many times late at night, providing coaching and moral support in order to further enhance the overall fitness of crewmembers. In so many different ways, your personal work ethic, devotion to duty, and devotion to shipmates have yielded the *desired effect*.

You are commended for your outstanding performance of duty. By your meritorious service, you have upheld the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard.

You are hereby authorized to wear the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar. The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

J. C. VANN

Commander, U. S. Coast Guard

Commanding Officer, USCGC HARRIET
LANE (WMEC 903)

Astern Refueling of CGC CHANDELEUR

CGC CHANDELEUR, one of the Coast Guard's 110' patrol boats, called on HARRIET LANE to refuel. Here are some photos of the evolution. ∞



Advancements, Awards, and Promotions



FA Jessie Williamson advanced to FN



BM2 Rico Tyler's qualification as coxswain



Engineers recognized for their efforts to get us out to sea on time!



FA Patrick Brassfield advanced to FN

Patrol Pictures



Cheese, SN William Carter, saying "Cheese!"



EO, Matt Gans, is pretty pumped for Flight Ops



ENS Paula Fillion and ENS Cate Gillen practicing signals



Our first sunset underway.

Patrol Pictures (cont.)



Our sister ship the TAHOMA



Best looking ship in the fleet



MK2 Frank Levitsky during small boat operations



BM1 Ryan Dawson getting ready for small boat operations.



LT Steve Macias during his first Coast Guard helo flight.

WANTED

“NORTHERN RIVER OTTER”



VITAL STATS

3' to 4' in length

10 lbs to 30 lbs in weight

Hair originally brown but may be dyed in attempt to avoid authorities

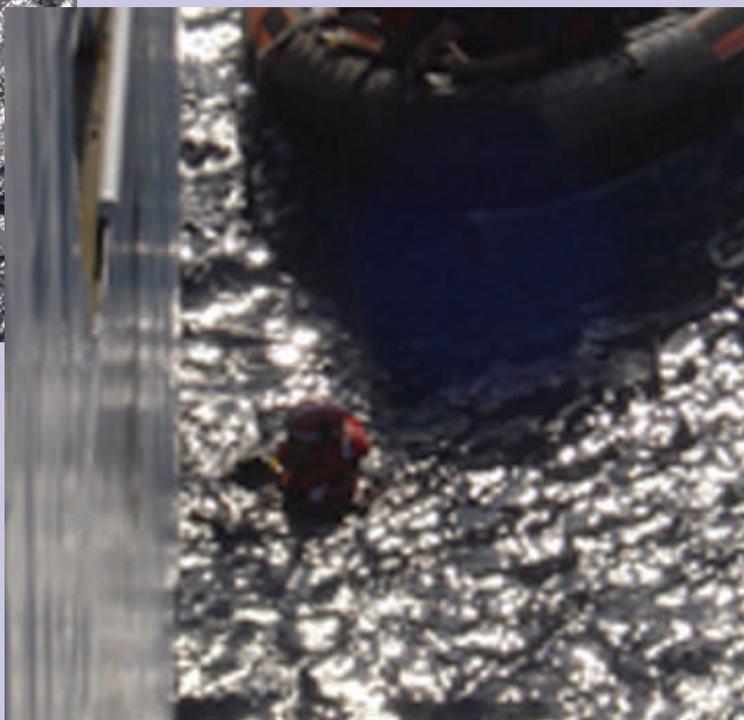
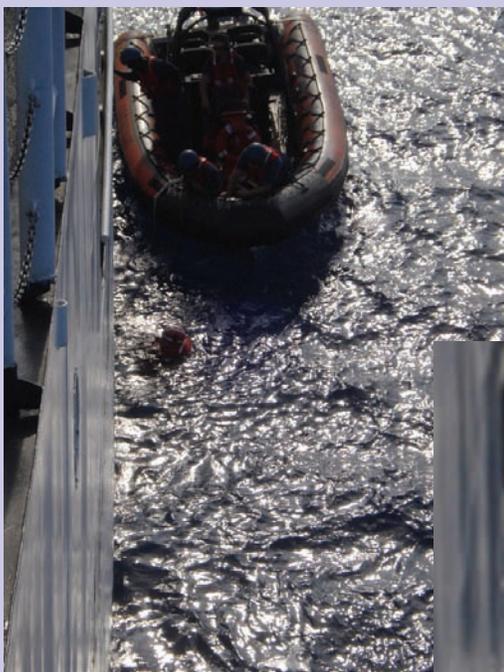
Last known location: UNKNOWN

Background information:

This semi-aquatic (or in one case aquatic) fish-eating mammals tend to have “cute” dispositions, and appear harmless to unknowing children. Suspected of packing floating debris into salt water overboard discharge ports in Coast Guard Cutters prior to departure and causing long nights for engineers, and increased stress for newly reported CO's. The suspect may be hard to locate because of inherent distrust of humans, and a long history of being the target of trappers through the 1900's.

Don't let otters near your ship...

Below are pictures of SN Scott Linder cleaning out the overboard exhaust which was filled with all kinds of goodies put in place by the suspected river otter. As said in the WANTED poster, the suspected otter really did give the whole ship a scare as we pulled out of Portsmouth on September 17th. Thankfully, with the help of SN Linder and our great engineers, we were still able to depart Portsmouth safely. Today; the whole 270' fleet has been made well aware of the dangers of possible river otters taking residence in the ships overboard exhaust! :)



Ship-Helicopter Operations with HH-6524



Sunset drills



SN David Leon and SN Josh Owens tying down the helo.



BM3 Allan Wyle as a newly qualified tiedown.



HARRIET LANE has the best Aviation Fuel Team

Ship-Helicopter Operations with HH-6524



Fueling the Helo



The A-Team Tie Down Crew



In-flight fueling operations with the helo

Ship-Helicopter Drills with HH-6524



Since all helicopter operations are so dangerous, we have to do numerous drills when we have the opportunity to be prepared for the worst case scenario. In the pictures above, there are tie down drills and fire fighting drills being done.

Port Visit: Guantanamo Bay Sept 27-28



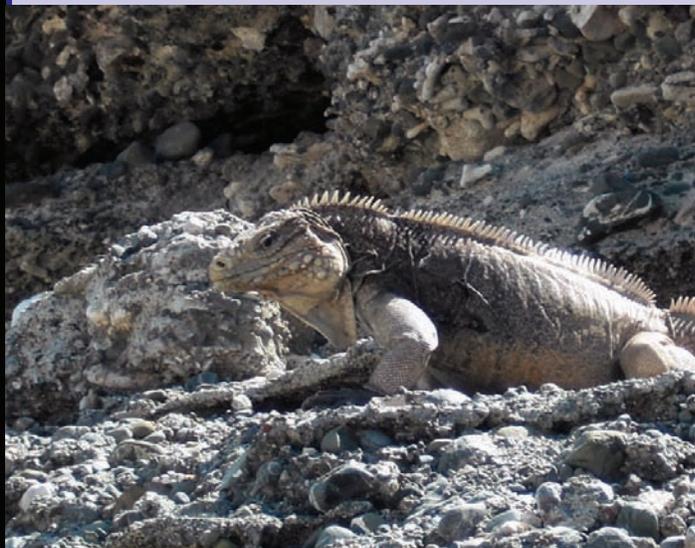
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Port Visit: Puerto Plata

Oct 9—11



OSC Jeremy Gaylord enjoying the go kart racing in Puerto Plata



MK2 Matt Brazzel and SN Jon Hill having one last hoorah before SN Jon Hill leaves HARRIET LANE.



Port Visit: Puerto Plata

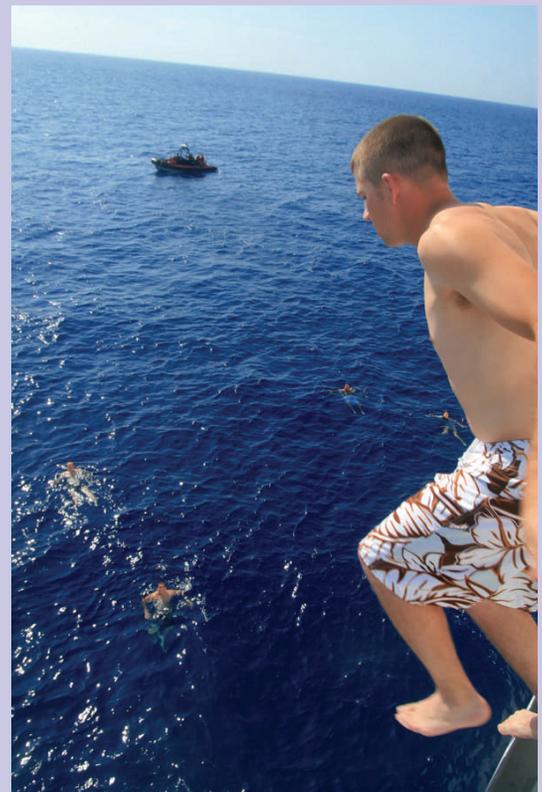
Oct 9– 11



Swim Call



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Qualifications

Underway Officer of the Deck

ENS Paula Fillion
LTJG Jason Himsey

Inport Engineer Officer of the Watch

EMC Dan Webster
MK2 Matt Brazzell

Underway Engineer Officer of the Watch

MK2 Cody Goff

Boatswains Mate of the Watch

SN Michael Brindley

QuarterMaster of the Watch

BM2 Jeremy Peplow
BM3 Rex Baker

Aviation Fuel Oil and Water Kings

FN Jose Tamayo
FN Patrick Brassfield

Auxiliary Watchstander

ENS Zach Hoekwater
MK3 Derrick Baker
MK3 Travis Chapman
MK3 Jason Seraphin
MK3 August Reddick

Basic Damage Control PQS

SN Cade Stombaugh
MK3 Derrick Reddick
MK3 Jason Seraphin
ENS Charlotte Delorey
DC2 Bobby Schweikert
SN Christopher Pastuf

Advanced Damage Control PQS

ENS Cate Gillen
ET1 Roy Gray
ET3 Ky Nguyen
FA George Stone
SN Mario Monreal
BM3 Rex Baker
FN Weston Hildreth
FA Christopher Lelyo
BM2 Rico Tyler
FS3 Nick Wernicke
HS1 Josh Garcia
ENS Jeannie Crump
BMC Chad Kiser

Permanent Enlisted Cutterman

OSC Josh Tidey
OSC Jeremy Gaylord

Helm/Lookout

SN Garrett Bell
SN Christopher Pastuf
SN Cade Stombaugh
SN Derrick Madieros

Inport Security Watchstander

MK3 Derrick Baker
SA Christopher Pastuf

CIC Watch Stander

OS3 Nick Campbell
ET3 Ky Nguyen
ET1 Michael Trumbo

Gangway Petty Officer of the Watch

ET1 Roy Gray
SK3 Alex Dahlmeyer
BM2 Rico Tyler
BM3 Rex Baker
SN David Leon

Throttleman of the Watch

EMC Daniel Webster
MK3 Derrick Baker

Inport SSDG Watch Stander

FN Eric Dittenhafer
FN Weston Hildreth
FN Jeffrey Bothman
FN Patrick Brassfield
FN George Stone
FN Christopher Lelyo

On scene Leader

ENS Zach Hoekwater

Landing Signal Officer

ENS Paula Fillion
YN3 Tyler Pepin

Coxswain

BM2 Rico Tyler

Helicopter Tie Down

BM3 Carleton Johnson
SN Spencer Braid
SN Josh Owens
SN William Carter



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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 off-shore missions. HARRIET LANE can effectively coordinate the efforts of multiple ships and aircraft while conducting missions over large areas of ocean.

End of Course Tests

BM2 End of Course Test

BM3 Carleton Johnson

Ports of Call

Ω 27 September 2009 Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Ω 9 October 2009 Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

Other Recognition (cont.)

Congratulations to OSC Josh Tidey for being recognized as the Honorable Mention winner of the Coast Guard Wide Photography contest!	DC1 James Birdwell Third Good Conduct
	ET1 Chris Mosquera Third Good Conduct
	ET1 Mike Trumbo Third Good Conduct
	FA Patrick Brassfield advance to FN
Thanks to YN3 Tyler Pepin for being awesome and helping out tremendously with this issue of Shore Ties!!!!	FA Jessie Williamson advance to FN
	MK2 Matthew Brazzel and OS3 Nick Campbell Air Station Borinquen Challenge Coin