

# THE HAMMERHEAD

*May, June & July 2011*

The Newsletter of CGC RESOLUTE (WMEC 620)

Written by the crew for the friends & families of RESOLUTE



**“Any Time, Anywhere, Any Sea”**



CGC RESOLUTE departed St. Petersburg on May 20, 2011. After sharing final farewells with family and friends, the ship headed south. During the first two days, the crew conducted Airborne Use of Force training with a helicopter from HITRON Jacksonville, and the ship also participated in a vertical insertion drill with two Air Station Clearater and two HH-60 helicopters, a rare event for any cutter! The patrol was focused on counter-drug operations in the Caribbean along with Search and Rescue. The crew enjoyed port visits and logistics stops in Costa Rica, Colombia and Grand Cayman.



The patrol was highlighted by an extensive week-long boarding and search of a vessel suspected of trafficking illegal narcotics.

# Advancements

On June 1st, William Pate advanced to rank of ET<sub>1</sub>, and Daniel Sundermeyer advanced to rank of MKC.

Bravo Zulu for their tremendous accomplishment and hard work!



ET<sub>1</sub> Pate receiving his insignia from ET<sub>1</sub> Auman and OSI Conners



MKC Sundermeyer receiving his anchors from MKC Rowland and the MPA, ENG<sub>3</sub> Fehervari



ET<sub>1</sub> Pate looking sharp in his new uniform!

# Welcome to the RESOLUTE Family...



ENS Elizabeth Kates joins RESOLUTE following graduation from OCS. She is from Petaluma, CA and enjoys the outdoors and spending time family and friends.



BM1 Edward Chalk joins us from Station Eatons Neck, NY as a TAD crewmember. He is originally from Baltimore, MD. He quickly became known for his saying, "BMOW more coffee please."



FS3 Joshua Holmes is originally from El Dorado, Arkansas. He joins RESOLUTE from Air Station Clearwater.



OS2 Michael Lucci is originally from Los Angeles, CA. He joins RESOLUTE from USCG HITRON, Jacksonville, FL as a TAD crewmember

SN Braeden Stanford joins us straight out of boot camp. Before joining the Coast Guard he lived in Jacksonville, FL. In the photo above, he celebrates the end of an all-hands fresh water washdown!

# Meet the rest of our Shipmates!



Our newest members who reported later in the patrol pose for a quick shot! (L) FN Medreil Sanchez is from New York City and reports straight out of boot camp. (R) SN Joseph Schreur is from Michigan and also recently graduated boot camp.



IT2 Matthew Polio joins RESOLUTE from CGC SPENCER in Boston, MA. He grew up in a military family and has been stationed throughout the country.



FNMK Derek Kampsnyder joins RESOLUTE from Sector San Francisco and is originally from Montrose, Colorado.



MK1 Nicholas Kunz joins us TAD from TRACEN Yorktown where he serves as an MK-A and C school instructor.



MK3 Ian Upson is from Santa Maria, CA and reports from MSST Anchorage, Alaska.

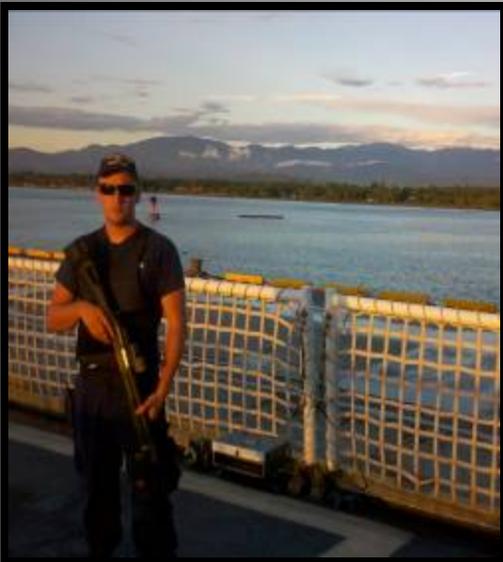
# More new crew members!



**GM1 Mitchell Hammac**



**OS3 Joshua Grindstaff joins RESOLUTE from USCGC GALLATIN in Charleston, South Carolina. He is originally from Asheville, NC and was married to his wife Jeana only a few days before reporting aboard.**



**SN Alex Felch joins RESOLUTE from Station Jonesport, Maine. He is originally from Raymond, New Hampshire.**



**EM3 Michael Rose joins us from Station Cape Cod Canal in Massachusetts and is originally from Lake Havasu, AZ.**

# Airborne Use of Force



Chief Sundermeyer's son, one of RESOLUTE's guests on board, observes as the helo makes its approach before the boarding team embarks.



The Captain and his son, who joined RESOLUTE from its' voyage from St. Petersburg to Key West, watch the helo hover off the port side.



Members from Airstation HITRON, Jacksonville, FL repel from the helicopter and simulate boarding a vessel.

**CGC RESOLUTE achieves Airborne Use of Force Certification to enhance their law enforcement capability!**

# Overturnded Kayak!

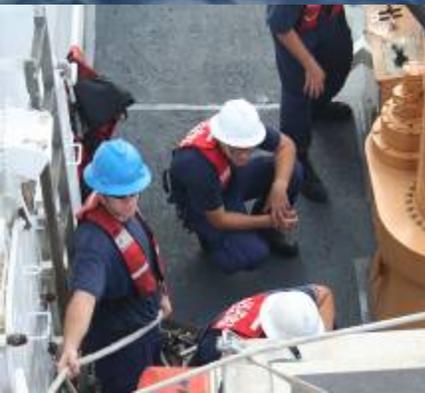


SN Ramm, SN Baynes, and ENS Scritchfield sighting and reporting the overturned kayak.



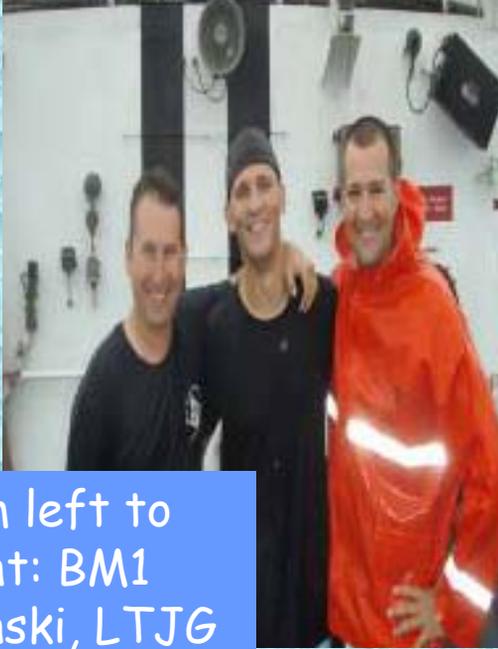
On June 6, CGC Resolute came across an overturned kayak. The crew launched the small boat to investigate. After confirming no casualties or people in the water, the ship recovered the kayak.

Below: Crew members lower the small boat into the water and retrieve the kayak.



# The Fresh Water Wash Down

Before pulling into Costa Rica, the crew participated in a fresh water wash down with a little help from mother nature!



From left to right: BM1 Kaczynski, LTJG Sharp, and BM1 Moskowitz



The XO, LCDR Chamie, helping out!

ME2 Terry enjoys the rain.



# Welcome to the JUNGLE!

## Puerto Limon, Costa Rica

On the first of June the crew embarked on a journey through Costa Rica. They zip lined through the jungles, rode the gnarly waves, and saw the great sights of Puerto Limon.



Top Left: BM3 White getting his boogie board on.

Bottom Left: SN Felch having a moment while enjoying the sights.

Top Right: Several crew members get ready to go zip lining through the jungle.

Bottom Right: EM3 Rose enjoying a smooth ride.

# We've got Fun and Games!

# DC TRAINING!

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, newly reported crew members participated in DC training on the flight deck.



DC3 Fialkowski loves DC training!



HS2 Winters, FS1 Lynch, and SN Duvall enjoying training!

Crew members take turns practicing the nozzleman position



Getting ready to energize the hose



Crew members don their flash gear and SCBAs

# DC OLYMPICS!

After weeks of intense training, it was time to put the skills to the test. The DC Olympics consisted of 4 events which included pipe patching, dewatering, rapid plotting, and locating a fire.



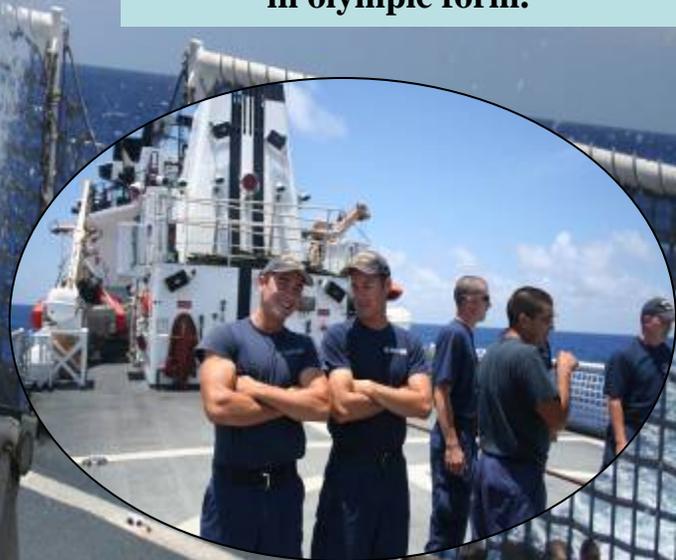
Crew members working as a team to dewater the tank.

Below: SN Mace having fun with the hose.



FN Rivas and MK3 Upson working hard to patch a pipe.

Below: SN Paluh and BM2 True in olympic form.



Left: A fire finder is used to find the hot spots.

Right: The crew works on rapid plotting.





GM1 carefully watching as SN Duvall and SN Paluh take turns manning the 50 cal, while ME2 Guinan strikes a pose between shoots.

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ENS Kates protecting her ears while rounds are being fired.



SN Paluh stands by as ME2 Guinan receives instructions.

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SN Blanchard proudly poses but the crew is much more interested in the real gun show.

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On 17 June CGC RESOLUTE located an overturned vessel that was a hazard to navigation. SN Duvall and SN Paluh manned the 50 cal to sink the vessel. The crew watched as they unloaded 500 rounds.

# Gone Fishing..



During their patrol, the crew found time to take a quick break from operations!



YN1 Terry showing off his catch!

SN Blanchard not to be Outdone by YN1!

Yum!

DC3 Fialkowski inspecting the bait

EM3 Rose makes a rare exit from the engineroom to give fishing a try

MK1 Kunz gets in on the action!



# Cartagena, Colombia

After nearly a month since Costa Rica, RESOLUTE arrived in Cartagena for some well-deserved rest and cultural adventures.

Colombia had many things to offer including delicious food, folklore music and impressive architecture.



A group of young Colombians performing a folkloric dance.



(Top) View of the old city

(Bottom) View of the new city from the Wall



# Grand Cayman Islands

**RESOLUTE** made a brief stop in Grand Cayman before the final transit back to St. Pete!

“Hell” is a coral reef in Grand Cayman. It was once under water, but after years the water receded causing it to look like what many imagine as hell!



i/c Lopez finds a new amigo in Grand Cayman!



# SAR!

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, the last evening of the patrol, RESOLUTE was diverted to help a fishing vessel taking on water. RESOLUTE quickly responded and the crew prepared to dewater the vessel. Due to the crew's expertise and quick response, the fishing vessel was able to make it safely to port.



BM1 Kaczynski takes controls of the small boat.



Crew members place a P-6 dewatering pump on board the small boat.

The crew is away in the small boat making their way to dewater the fishing vessel.



# Final Quarters

After RESOLUTE returned on July 9<sup>th</sup>, final quarters was held. Several members of the crew were recognized for their outstanding achievement.



The Captain presents three TAD members with awards for their hard work throughout the patrol. Above left: OS2 Lucci Above right: BM1 Chalk Right: MK1 Kunz.



FS3 Holmes and FS2 Proco are recognized for their exceptional performance and dedication throughout the patrol.



Fair winds and following seas to our shipmates who depart RESOLUTE PCS after completing their tour of duty.

Above from left to right, top row: LT Maliniemi, EMC Swanson, and FS1 Lynch and his mother. Bottom row: MK2 Patterson, OS2 Cheers-Stevens, and FN Pendergraft.

# Shout Outs!



I would just like to say that this patrol was very challenging while at the same time educational. There were a number of go-fast bills set and each time the crews were ready at the drop of hat. I personally had the experience of speaking to many Honduran fisherman and locals while at sea.

Questioning them was a challenge due to the language barrier; however, with the boarding teams experience coupled to mine, we were able to complete the missions. I look forward to completing similar missions in the future.

~ME2 Guinan

## Deck Force

Thanks for another successful patrol. You guys are the work horses behind every evolution RESOLUTE undertakes, and you do a great job. It is an honor to be the iLT. Thanks for your dedication.

~Mr. Sharp



# Congratulations!

During the patrol there were two additions to the RESOLUTE family with the birth of Carter, a handsome baby boy and McKenzie, a beautiful baby girl! On May 26 at 5:10 am, EM2 David Munne and his wife Calise became parents to a 7lbs 14oz baby boy, Carter Vincent Munne. On June 2 at 5:07 pm, OS3 Chris Cobb and his wife Kaitlyn became parents to a 8lbs 13 oz precious baby girl, Mckenzie.

**Congratulations to both families!**



McKenzie Ann Cobb

# The Command Chief Says...



Greetings from our current JIATIF patrol. I would like to welcome all our new crewmembers and their dependents to the RESOLUTE family, and give a farewell and following seas to our shipmates that have transferred to other units this summer, and a thank you to those crew members that hung around to make one more patrol before departing. The crew of RESOLUTE worked tireless over the last 50 days gaining experience exercising nearly every facet of RESOLUTE's multi mission capabilities. I would like to thank the following crewmembers who selflessly gave up time away from their normal duty stations and volunteered to accompany RESOLUTE on this patrol: BM1 Edward Chalk, MK1 Nicholas Kunz, OS2 Michael Lucci, and GM1 Mitch Hammac. GM1 Hammac will be joining RESOLUTE as a permanent crew member later this summer. Thank you again for your contributions to RESOLUTE. As many of our newly reported crewmembers achieved qualifications I would like congratulate all of those who qualified in their assigned watch stations. RESOLUTE also qualified 3 temporary Cuttermen with a rigorous examination board, the following sailors may now proudly wear the Cutterman insignia, DC3 Fialkowski, SN Pankonien, and SN Figuerado. Two crewmembers were also advanced on 1 June 2011; congratulations to ET1 William Pate on his advancement to first class petty officer. The Chiefs Mess also welcomed its newest member when MK1 Daniel Sundermeyer was advanced to Chief Petty Officer on 1 June. As we switch gears to our inport routine I urge everyone to make the best of their time at home with family and friends, and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Thank You,  
FSC Steve Jedziniak  
Command Chief

# CAPTAIN'S



# LOG

Greetings RESOLUTE crew, families, friends and fellow Coastguardsmen. We've safely returned from another very successful deployment to the deep Caribbean. As a crew, we worked very hard in a very remote, very active and very hot area of the world. Based on the many preparations that were made before we sailed, the outstanding condition of the ship and the dedicated efforts of everyone onboard, we were able to meet all of our mission assignments and earn fantastic results.

Along the way, we were able to enjoy some wonderful port calls. We visited historic Cartagena, Colombia, the jungles and beaches of Costa Rica from the port of Limon, and finally the pristine island of Grand Cayman. The crew and I took tours, explored new places and experienced new cultures. As always, the crew were superb envoys from our homeland to the many people we met.

I'd like to send many thanks to our families and friends. We can't tell you how much we appreciate your support and encouragement as we carry out our chosen profession. Being away from you results in great sacrifice on your behalf but always know that our missions are important to the security of our homeland. Keeping illegal drugs off our streets, preventing human smuggling, rescuing mariners in distress and responding to disasters is what we do and we know that you are proud of that.

Our 2011 continues to be a busy one with our next patrol just around the corner. Cherish the time you have together while we are at home. Semper Paratus!

CDR Sam Jordan, USCG  
Commanding Officer, USCGC RESOLUTE (WMEC 620)

# A Look Back...



