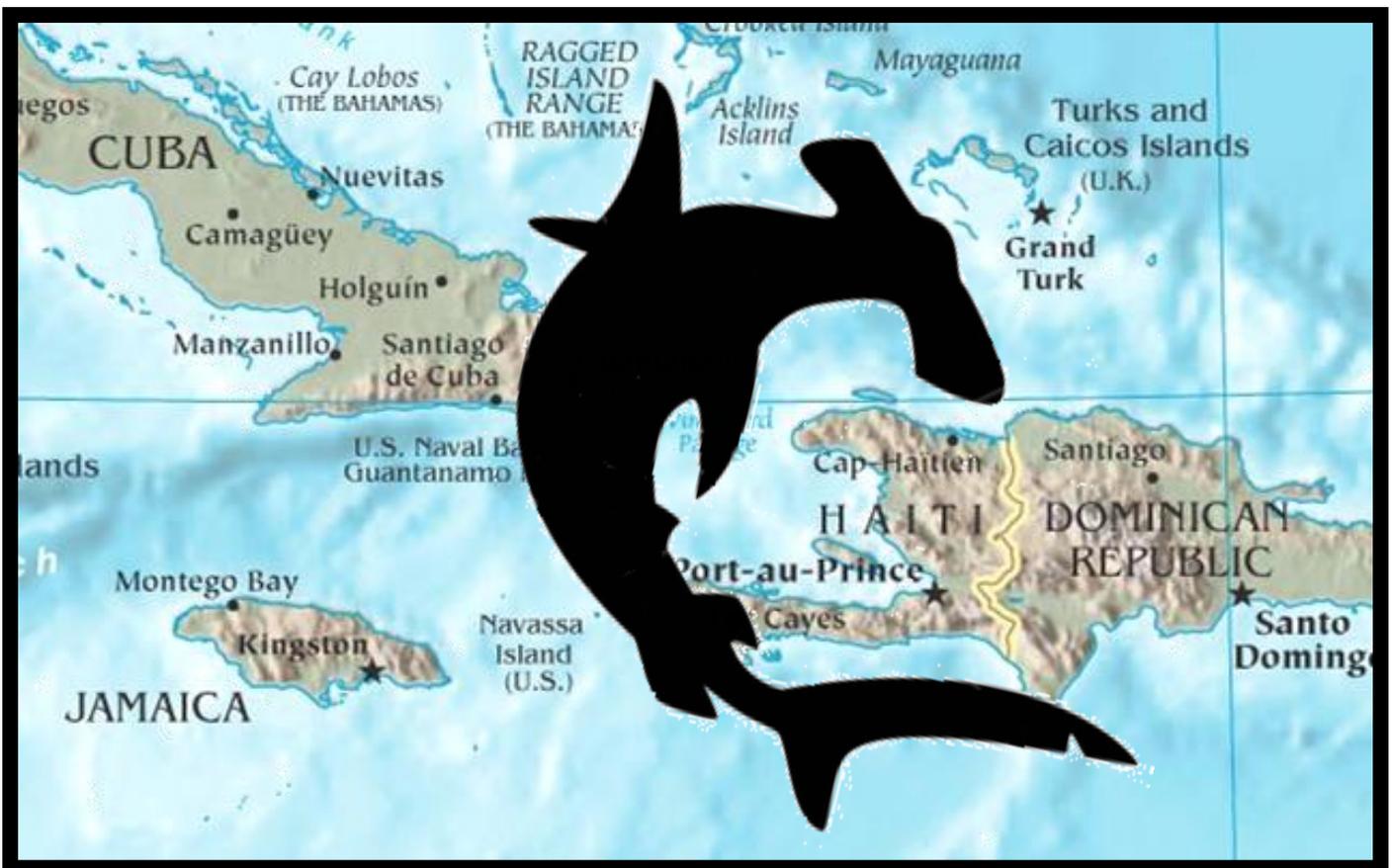


USCGC RESOLUTE (WMEC 620)

THE HAMMERHEAD

WINDWARD PASSAGE PATROL



DETERRING MIGRANTS FROM

09 FEB 11 – 31 MAR 11

FROM THE CABIN



COMMANDER SAM R. JORDAN

As we close the chapter on another successful RESOLUTE deployment, we have a lot to be thankful for. We got to patrol in an area of the world that few get to see and even fewer get to experience to the level that we did. Our interactions with the people of Haiti, Turks and Caicos, Dominican Republic, France and the United Kingdom were positive and professional and demonstrated our nation's commitment to safety at sea. No matter what the mission was, we executed it flawlessly- responding rapidly to many changes to our mission.

I want to thank the RESOLUTE crew for their hard work, dedication and commitment as we worked long days and the often-interrupted nights. Your enthusiasm and energy were un-ending and truly inspirational. This was a true team effort and required each person to give it their all.

Also, I'd like to thank the families and friends of the crew for their support while we were gone. The emails, pictures and stories of the life back at home helped us all stay on target as we lived this often-dangerous and very challenging life at sea. I also appreciate the patience that everyone showed as we returned home a day later than scheduled due to the devastating storms that blocked our return to home port.

RESOLUTE is a fine ship with an outstanding crew who embodies the ship's motto of "Anywhere, anytime, any sea" as well as Semper Paratus.

FROM THE CHIEF'S MESS



BMC CHAD TURNER

Greetings from the D7 Windward Pass Patrol, our patrol started out a little different than most. RESOLUTE needed to recertify as a helicopter platform and small boat pursuit tactics, mainly the ability to shoot at the engines of another boat. Once all the recertifying was complete we were on our way toward the operations area. Once arriving we went to work launching and recovering helicopter and small boats to search the area and to talk to locals about current conditions in Haiti. Being in the small boat was a unique experience, because we were able to get right along side the smaller sail boats and interact with the locals, and also had access to the local ports in which they conducted their business. Once we were released from the area, we headed to Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, where the crew was able to get some much needed rest. After leaving Dom Rep, we went right back to full throttle conducting business as usual. After some time in the operations area, we were treated to my personal favorite port call of Grand Turk. With the relaxed and laid back atmosphere the crew was able to snorkel, scuba, beach volleyball, and just unwind. The newly promoted LTJG's treated to the crew to a "wetting down" in GTMO, Cuba, to include a 100 pound pig, beach volleyball and assorted beverages.

This patrol was extremely busy and highly productive. We were able to complete all of our required drills for the next 6 months. There were huge personal and professional accomplishments as well, from boat crew and coxswain certifications, small davit operators, multiple tie downs, BM3 Tuck: Navigator Petty Officer of the Watch, MKC Rowland: Engineer of the Watch, ET1 Auman: Landing Safety Officer, OS1 Conners: Helicopter Control Officer, ENS Grier with her first U/W OOD letter, BM1 Moskowitz with his inport OOD, and MK2 Cevallos with Fuel and Oil Water qualification.

In addition to new qualifications, multiple members of the crew received orders to their next duty stations, including myself. This will be my last patrol, and as always a bitter sweet time. Leaving behind a GREAT crew, command, ship, and fantastic support network of spouses, family and friends. As always, stay safe, thanks for your continued support for RESOLUTE crewmembers during deployments.

MEET OUR NEW SHIPMATES

BM3 LADONYWON TUCK



BM3 Tuck joins RESOLUTE from BM A-school after previously serving two years onboard CGC VIGILANT. He is 20 years old and is originally from Tallahassee, Alabama. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, going to the lake and chillin' with friends. Ladonywon also shares, "I love three minutes fixes!"

FS3 ANDREW MCCAY



FS3 McCay reported to RESOLUTE from FS A-School after two years at AIRSTA Sitka in Alaska. He is also 20 years old and is from Bakersfield, California. He enjoys the outdoors, working-out, and spending time with his family. His favorite genre of food, Italian.

OTHER NEW FACES

A few other crewmembers reported aboard this past inport.

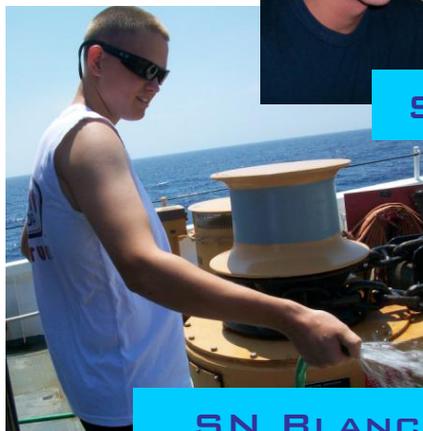


FN RIVAS

FN TORDT



SN REED



SN BLANCHARD

SNAPSHOTS FROM HELOSTAN



The crew completes a Foreign Object Debris walk-down and prepares for Helo In Flight Refueling (HIFR).



Conducting a HIFR.



XO stands watch as bridge safety officer during flight ops.



Tiedown team members SN Pankonien, SN Blanchard, SN Roginski, and SN Paluh



Proxymen DC2 Philpot and DC3 Fialkowski safely extract the pilots from the burning aircraft.



HELO!



LT Maliniemi simulates a class Bravo fire during a crash-on-deck drill.

The preparation and dedication of RESOLUTE's HELOSTAN project team and aviation personnel resulted in full qualification for the ship. Bravo Zulu!

DAILY FLIGHT OPERATIONS



I was given the opportunity to become tieddown crew qualified this patrol and go for a morale flight over Haiti in the HH65. They both were experiences I will never forget. Standing under the helicopter while its hovering for a VERTREP was exhilarating and definitely not something I imagined ever doing in my life. I never thought I would fly around the coast of Haiti either, but both experiences were the highlights of my patrol. - SN Cody Ramm



Special thanks to CG6509 for spending 40 days embarked on RESOLUTE. Thanks to their involvement we were able to recertify all aviation personnel and qualify 5 new tieddown team members, 1 new LSO, and 1 new HCO!

PUERTO PLATA

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Truck-Bus Ride



Crushing up Cocoa Beans for Chocolate!



Hand Rolled Cigars



Taking the Jump



Natural Mud Masks



We headed out into the Dominican countryside in an open truck-bus with seats in the back. We reached the top of a mountain and stopped for a "Dominican Breakfast." The view was incredible. We continued our journey stopping at several local villages and sampled local made coffee, chocolate, cigars, and native art and jewelry. At this point I felt that the trip was worth it and we hadn't even seen the waterfalls yet.

When we get to the entry point to the waterfalls and put on life jackets and helmets. We then journeyed into the forest. Eventually we caught up to another group of tourist who looked to be coming back. These people were soaking wet, so we new we were close. We reached a large pool of water that looked cool and inviting. There was a waterfall in the far corner of it that you had to swim to. We all got in and swam across to be pulled up onto the top of the waterfall. At the top, we had to swim through another pool of water to the next fall and so on and so forth. Each canal of water was unique with distinct and natural formations. Finally, we made it to our last fall.

Coming back down the falls was better than climbing up. We had the choice of sliding down the natural rock slides or just jumping from 30 feet up seemed to be the "cool" thing to do, and it was. It was an amazing way to see Puerto Plata!

- FS2 David Proco

27 WATERFALLS

PUERTO PLATA

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

DIVING



We arrived at a pristine cove with picture perfect turquoise water, thick grain sand and rock walls topped with palm trees. We got our gear set up and pilled into a small fiberglass, single engine boat which we pushed into the water from the beach ourselves. After a 7 minute ride we jumped into the water and the abundance of colors and creatures surrounded us immediately. The guide brought bananas with him and we fed the fish like birds; they ate that stuff up! My hand was shaking from the force of them hitting the chow! We saw lion fish, lobsters, crabs, eels and parrot fish. The max depth was 56 feet and the bottom time about 50 minutes each. It was an incredible experience!

- SN Mateusz Lemanski

CABLE CAR TOUR

After numerous helicopter and small boat operations, it was relaxing to pull into Puerto Plata and take a cable car ride to the top of Mount Isabel de Torres and enjoy a scenic view of the city and surrounding countryside.

- BM3 Eric White



BARCELA



Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic rivals at the top spot for the best port call. Barcelo was where I spent all of my liberty time, and it was time well spent. There was so much to do between the beach, the huge pool with swim up to bar and waterfall, nightclub, too many restaurants to list, tennis etc. Then, on top of all that, add the fact that it was all inclusive!!! I would happily go back.

- ET2 Roger Brown

TRANSITING THE CANAL DE LA TORTUE



“My first reactions to the people were that seemed very unwelcoming and angry however, turns out many of them were very happy to see us. On land, it seemed as if they were still rebuilding after the earthquake. Due to the lack of roads and heavy equipment, everything has to be transported by boat (usually sailing vessels) and then the work is completed by hand. The people looked weathered from the sun and tired which made me appreciate the rest I am able to get each day, even if it is just a mere amount. Giving the local people the small amount of food and water we had on the small boat gave me a great feeling. They received everything with thanks and a smile. The transit through the Canal de Tortue is truly a visit I won't forget any time soon.” - ME2 Burt Guinan



Traveling through the canal in the small boat was definitely an experience. Seeing the way people live out here is so humbling. It makes you appreciate what you have because the people of Haiti barely have what they need.

- SN Michael Paluh



TRANSITING THE CANAL DE LA TORTUE



COXSWAIN'S CORNER

All I can truly say is that it is humbling to see the way of life the Haitians have, and it make me appreciate everyday what we have in the US. The experiences that I have shared with my crewmembers, during small boat operations in the Canal de la Tortue, will last me a lifetime. Our interpreter, Jules, has been very helpful and educational with sharing insight and experiences while communicating with the Haitian people.

- BM1 Matthew Moskowitz



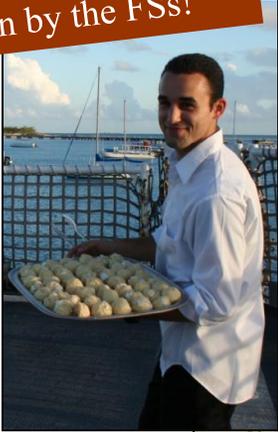
Talking to the locals of Haiti was humbling to see such poverty up close. To see the value of food and water, that we take for granted. One moment that stuck out the most for me, was giving up my food to a pregnant woman on a sailing vessel and seeing how grateful she was. Just getting an apple and filling up their water jug made me appreciate what I have instead of what I don't have...

- BM2 John True

GRAND TURK

MIXING AND MINGLING

A great spread put on by the FSs!



RESOLUTE was the first Coast Guard Cutter of her size to have pulled into the beautiful Island of Grand Turks in three years. We really wanted to show our hosts' what a fine service the Coast Guard truly is and Resolute rose to the occasion. Resolute's Food Specialist Team put on a welcoming reception with creative planning and hard work. The food was delicious and kept our guests coming back for more. We closed out the night with a warming sunset and a toast to bring the Coast Guard Cutter Fleet back to the Turks and Caicos Islands.

– FS2 Cory Legnetti

A toast to a beautiful sunset gathering and to our friends in Grand Turk!



GRAND TURK

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

JACK'S SHACK

The RESOLUTE crew found their watering hole at "Jack's Shack"; just a short walk from the ship. With intense games of volleyball by day and relaxing by night, the crew epitomized what it meant to be on "island time."

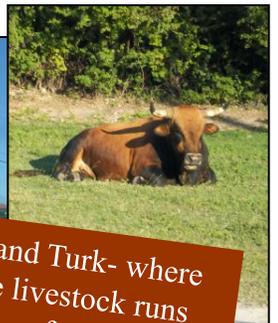
- LTJG Steve Sharp



DIVING

Diving in Grand Turk was an incredible experience. The island is known for its famous "Wall" dive. Visibility was estimated to be over 80' and while swimming along the wall, you could not see the bottom; it was just dark blue as far as you could see.

- BMC Chad Turner



Grand Turk- where the livestock runs free!



ON THE BRIDGE



LTJG Jacobsen stands one of his final OOD watches before he heads to CGC JUNIPER as OPS!



LTJG Sharp points out a contact off the port side.



SN Jones is one of RESOLUTE's two master helmsmen and a critical part of all special evolutions.

Master Lookouts, SN Cody Vollmer and SN Patrick Figuerado



SN Ramm shows why he's one of RESOLUTE's outstanding navigators!



OPS sets the standard for voice comms!



SPECIAL TRAINING

HELICOPTER IN-FLIGHT REFUELING (HIFR)



ASTERN FUELING AT SEA (AFAS)



VERTICAL REPLENISHMENT (VERTREP)



PURSUIT TRAINING



GUNNERY EXERCISE

Meet the Target.



Meet the People Who Have Made It Their Mission to Destroy Said Target

Watch As They Shoot...



Watch As They Hit...



...and Send the Target to Davy Jones' Locker.

A FEW FINAL SHOTS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CUTTER



SHIPMATES – THANKS FOR A GREAT PATROL AND ALL YOUR HARD WORK