

# Damage Controlled!



ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - Crewmembers from Coast Guard Cutter Resolute, a 210-foot cutter homeported in St. Petersburg, conducted routine damage-control training intended to test the crewmembers' skills in firefighting, dewatering and plugging. The training is designed to prepare the crew for their upcoming Tailored Annual Cutter Training (TACT) evaluation in Mayport, Fla. TACT is training that is meant to ensure a ship's crew can defend itself from fires, flooding and structural breaches, and the crews are graded on their performance.

ABOVE: Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua Esparza, a firefighting attack-team leader, listens for instructions from Ens. Eric Vryheid, Resolute's Damage Control Assistant, while manning a live firehose.

RIGHT: A firefighting team uses a wide-fog pattern on their firehose to simulate how they would maximize coverage area during a real fire.

BELOW: Petty Officer 3rd Class Chaz McGee, with assistance from another crewmember, is timed while dressing-out in a firefighting suit and breathing apparatus.



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