



Press Release

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CGC Seneca manned and ready for flight operations (U.S. Coast Guard photo/Mark Haynes)

CGC SENECA crew arrives in Miami

Miami – The Coast Guard Cutter *Seneca* moored in Miami Sunday morning, stopping for fuel and other logistics before continuing on to patrol the Caribbean Sea.

After getting underway from Boston last week, *Seneca* and her crew completed 25 landings with an HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew from Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, Mass., as well as in-flight refueling and cargo hoisting drills as part of Coast Guard required Helicopter Standardization Training. Experts from Aviation Training Center Mobile, Ala., evaluated *Seneca*'s crew and provided vital training to ensure the crew is capable of safely performing helicopter operations both during the day and at night using Night Vision Goggles.

Prior to completing Helicopter Standardization Training, the cutter's crew spent 60 days in port diligently preparing for their current patrol. Although time in port is crucial to performing maintenance on eager to return to operations.

"I always looking forward to doing my duty as a Guardian at sea," said Petty Officer Second Class Wilfredo Garcia.

The cutter, whose homeport is Boston, has a crew of 101 active duty personnel who carry out homeland security, search and rescue, and law-enforcement missions throughout the western hemisphere.

This is *Seneca*'s first visit to Miami in more than two years.

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