



**USCGC TAMPA (WMEC-902)  
End of Patrol Newsletter  
February 2012**



TAMPA was very lucky to have Public Affairs Specialist David Weydert temporarily assigned this patrol. He took hundreds of photographs and hours of video of the crew in action. With the understanding that a picture is worth a thousand words, please enjoy this edition of the TAMPA Newsletter.



Recovering the Small boat!



IT3 Jeffries learning survival skills by donning a "Gumby suit". This suit helps keep you buoyant, warm and easily identifiable in the event we abandon ship.

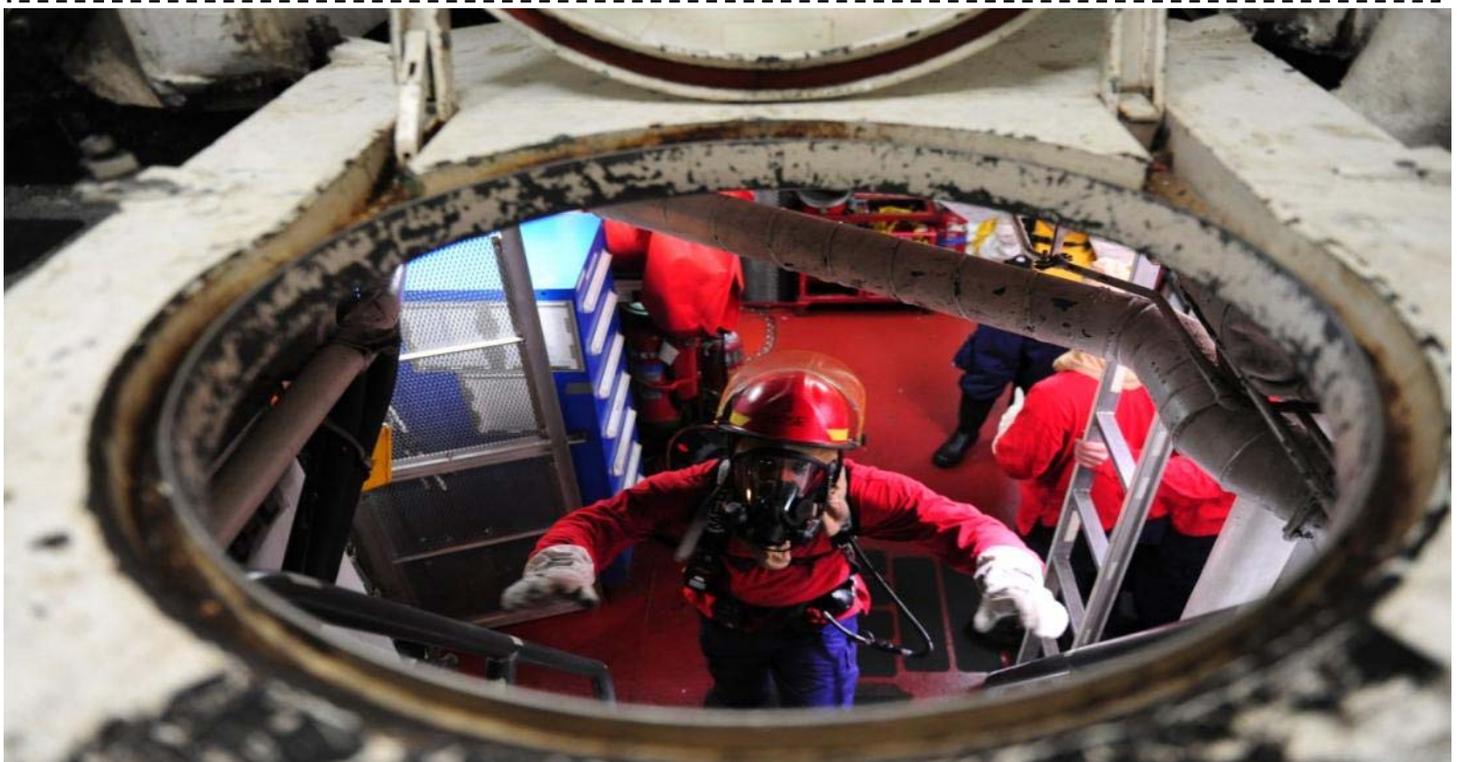


Congratulations to TAMPA's newest Chief, MEC John Smithers!



## Damage Control DRILLS!

The crew is well trained in how to respond to casualties that could affect the safety of the cutter and crew. The crew runs drills several times a week to keep their skills sharp.





## Flight Operations

The crew is ready to land a helo in a moment's notice.

Pictured: An HH-65 landing. FS3 Lauter, SN Felton, SN Phares and ET3 Arnette as tie downs.





## Boat Operations

TAMPA uses its two small boats for a multitude of missions, including chasing go-fasts! The crew frequently launches the boats to maintain proficiency, safety and speed.  
Above: SN Holste and BMC Smith work with the rest of the boat deck to get the Over the Horizon boat (OTH) launched.  
Below: The OTH Crew takes it for a spin.





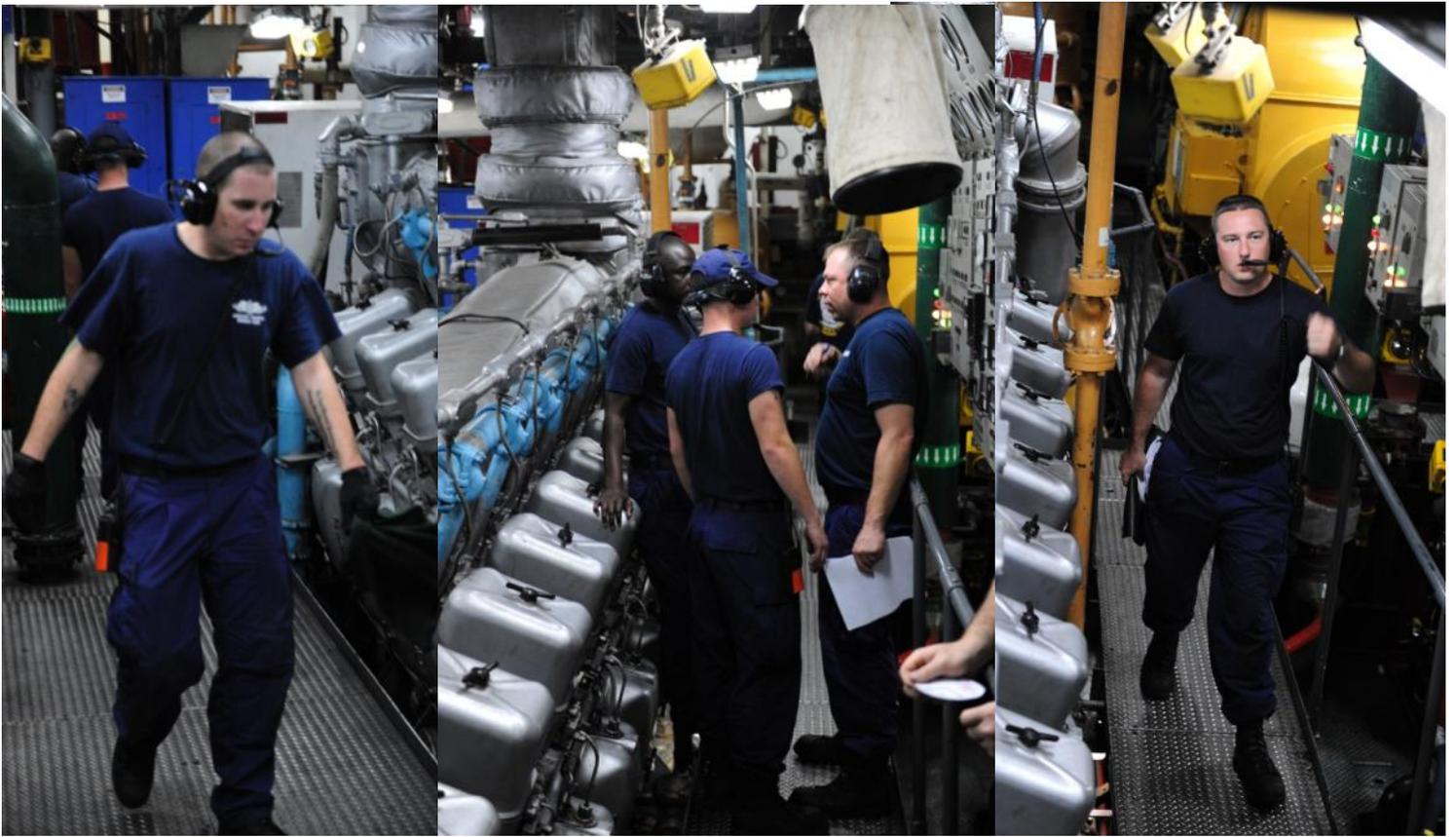
## Watch Standing...Bridge

The crew stands vigilant 3-4 hour watches several times a day to keep the ship running smoothly. The bridge watches ensure safe navigation for the ship and keep us on course.

Above: SN Phares, SN Knoblock and SN Folger standing lookout.

Below: BM3 Mehrbrodt and BMC Smith ensuring TAMPA is steering a safe course.





## Watch Standing...Engine Room

These watches involve checking all of TAMPA's machinery to ensure all items are running smoothly. The Engineers frequently run training drills during watch. Below, FNDC Caruso deals with a simulated casualty as MK1 Crawford, MK1 Secka and MK2 Wiedenfeld standby ready to teach and assist.





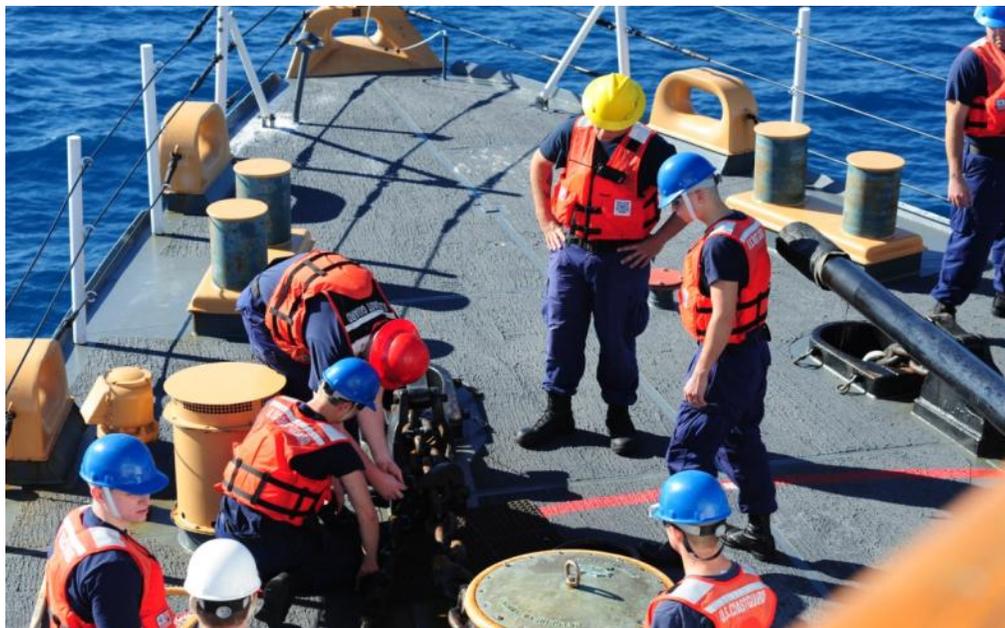
## **Puerto Plata!**

The crew spent two days in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. With a port call comes Special Sea Detail, where all hands are involved in the mooring and unmooring of the ship.

Above: A tug pulls TAMPA away from the pier. SN Goode looks on.

The crew works to pull the brow on board.

Below: The crew works to get the anchor ready.





**TAMPA had a very successful cruise and many crewmembers received awards and/or qualified in various positions throughout the ship. Bravo Zulu's to all! Thank you for the hard work you do everyday!**