



**USCGC VENTUROUS
WMEC 625**

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**THIS IS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT WE DO
WHEN WE LEAVE THE PIER.
IT WAS AN EXCITING PATROL TO THE END!**

Coast Guard Cutter *VENTUROUS* Returns Home From Another Successful Patrol

Early in the patrol, *VENTUROUS* embarked 50 Cuban migrants over a 3-day period from local Coast Guard assets stationed in Key West, Fla. *VENTUROUS*' crew ensured that each person was given proper medical attention, as well as food, water, and blankets for the seven day period they were onboard. In addition, a specialized Coast Guard Doctor was flown in on a HH-65C Dolphin Helicopter to assist in the medical screening.

VENTUROUS also conducted several days of helicopter operations with the HH-65C helicopter, during which the helicopter flew Law Enforcement sorties day and night for the cutter, searching for potential law enforcement targets of interest, while also completing critical shipboard-helo training for both crews.

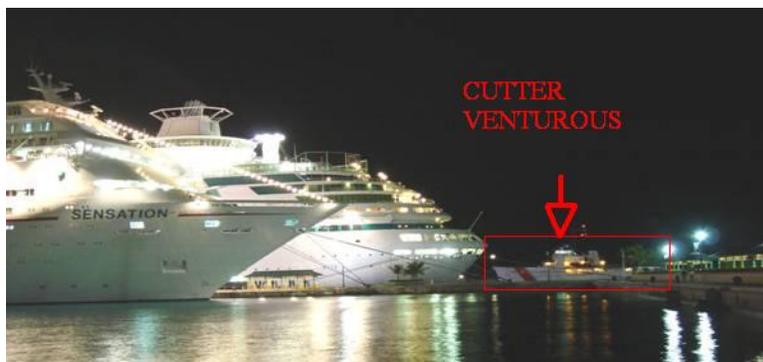


Mid-way through the patrol, *VENTUROUS* interdicted four Cuban migrants at night floating 25 nautical miles offshore Cuba. The four men onboard had created a raft composed of planks of wood connected to four inner tubes and a homemade sail in an attempt to travel the 90 mile stretch of water across the Florida Straits from Cuba.

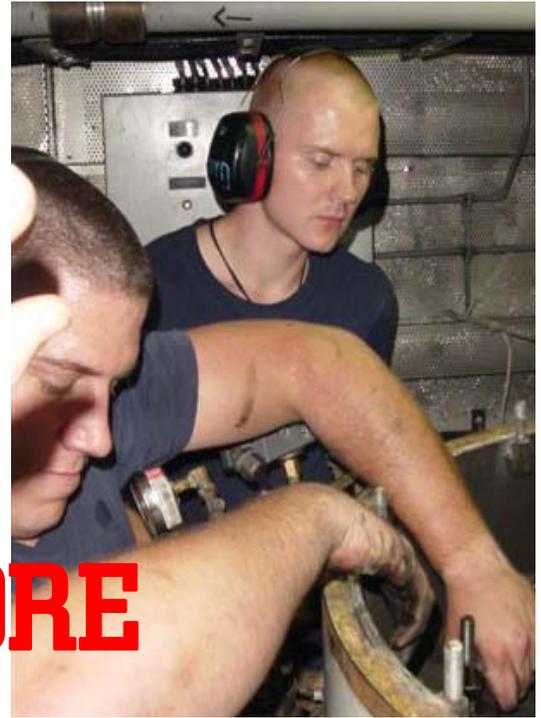
The four men were given similar care and treatment and transferred to the Coast Guard Cutter *SITKINAK* for repatriation back to Cuba.

In her final week of patrol, *VENTUROUS* interdicted a go-fast vessel attempting to smuggle seven migrants into the United States from the Bahamas. The contact was spotted on radar 6 nautical miles from the cutter traveling at nearly 30 knots and with her navigational lights extinguished. *VENTUROUS* quickly launched her small boat and a five-man “Go-Fast” response team, and set off on a chase that lasted an hour and a half at speeds of over 40 knots. During the chase, *VENTUROUS* received critical air support from a Customs and Border Patrol aircraft which aided in the team’s successful interdiction and boarding of the vessel. Two Bahamian, one Jamaican and 4 Haitian migrants were detained while the two suspected Bahamian smugglers were turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials for prosecution.

LITTLE SHIP, BIG DREAMS!
VENTUROUS MOORED UP IN NASSAU, BA.



After spending some much earned time with their families, the crew departed in late March to drop *VENTUROUS* off at the CG Yard in Baltimore, Maryland for a six month maintenance period where many of her systems will be modernized to once again extend her service life well beyond her 40 years.



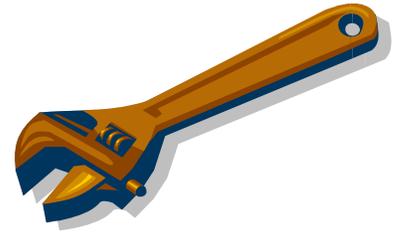
BEFORE

While we patrolled, things broke. It happens-it also happens that the top notch engineering team onboard the Mighty Warship VENTUROUS was here when it did. "It's a dirty job, but someone's got to do it!" said MK3 Joe Langdale. Here's to you Joe and your engineers- Everyone else was complaining about sea-showers and you were getting dirty!



AFTER

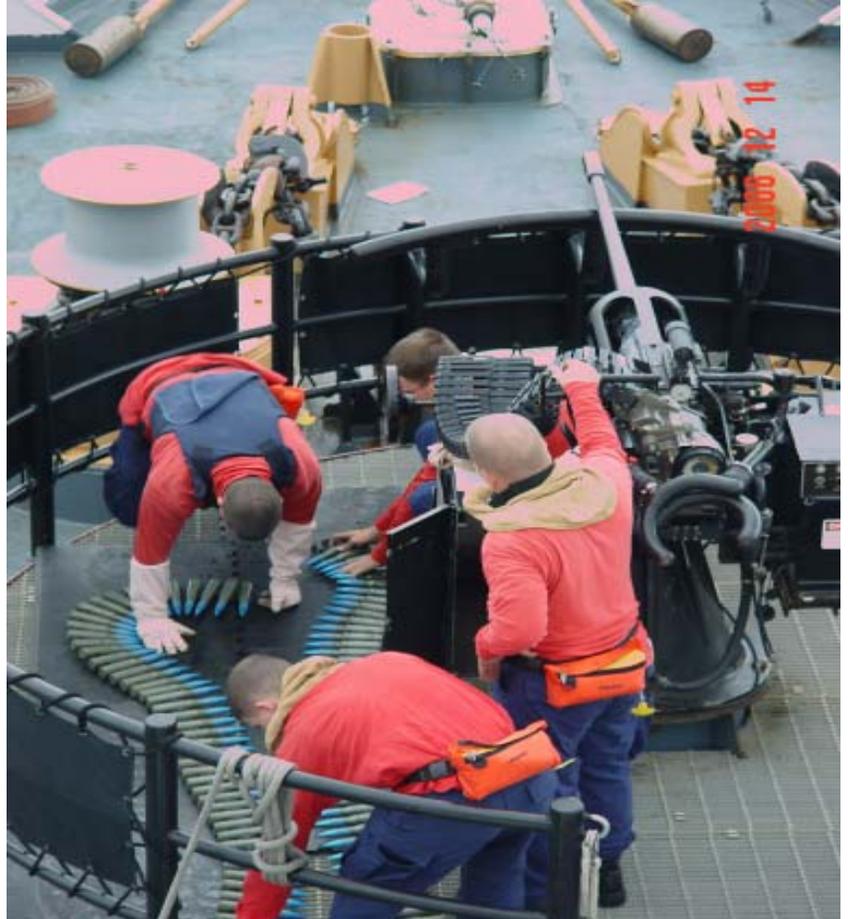
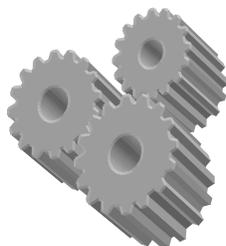
Another Successful GUNNEX....



The EO and his team of Engineers work with GM1 DiGennaro to fix the .25MM



MKC Wilson works well into the night to fix the .25mm while GM1 DiGennaro looks on. Also, someone's arm is busy working- we're not sure whose it is, but its doing a good job!



During the patrol there was time for training:
Many VENTUROUS crew members qualified in their
watchstations this inport/patrol.

Congratulations to:

Underway Officer of the Deck: **ENS Bruno, ENS Carlton, ENS Jarbeau**
Inport Officer of the Day: **ET1 Johnson, IT1 Kane, YN1 Primmer**
Inport Engineer Officer of the Watch: **MK3 Langdale, DC2 Kennison**

Underway Quartermaster of the Watch: **BM3 Mackey**
Gangway Petty Officer of the Watch: **SN Lazakovich, SA Masciopinto**
Helm/Lookout: **SN Massei, SN De La Nuez, SN Lorenzo, SN Amaya**

Landing Signal Officer: **ENS Bruno**
Fuel, Oil, And Water King: **MK3 Nease**
Boarding Team Members: **BM3 Furey, SN McKenna, SA Masciopinto**

TRANSFER SEASON!!

Every year tensions run high as the departing crew members wait for their
order to post. Some of the departing crew this year are headed off to
some pretty nice places:

Captain: OCS– Official Civilian Status!

LT Matthew Waldron: CO of CGC MONHEGAN, Key West

LTJG Nathan Mackenzie: XO of CGC CUSHING in Puerto Rico

LTJG Tracey Swaynos: LSSU Baltimore, MD

LTJG Elisabeth Murtha: Sector NYC

BMC Malcolm Kennedy: NAV Chief on CGC RESOLUTE

FS1 James Angevine– Loran Station Port Clarence, AK

SK1 Neal Jones: PSU St. Petersburg

BMI Michael Kapantais: Station Key West

DC1 Greg King: NESU Seattle

BM2 Danny Summa: USCGC VISE

FS2 Greg Runo: CGC KNIGHT ISLAND

YN3 Andrew Lyon: MSO Port Arthur, TX

FN Zach Faily, HS "A" School

SN Dan McKenna: BM "A" school

SN Chris Sentell: AMT "A" school



Happy valentine's Day VENTUROUS!



VENTUROUS intercepts 4 Cuban migrants on a homemade "Chug-Chug" on Valentine's Day during this D7 patrol.



Nothing says "I Love you" like AMIO Phase 1!!



SWIM CALL!!!



SA De L Nuez, OS3 Morris, SN Amaya, SA Massei, and ET2 Hazelwood take a moment to smile for the camera!

FS3 Parker takes a welcome break from the hot kitchen to enjoy the cool water of the Caribbean!



LTJG SWAYNOS, HS2 POOLE, AND THE OTHER TWO THAT WE COULDN'T IDENTIFY LOUNGE AROUND IN THE BEAUTIFUL CARIBBEAN.



FISH CALL

BMC Kennedy, Ops, and HS2 Poole hold up their catch after a long hard day at fish call.

NICE FISH GRANDPAW !

Which one is bigger?? YOU VOTE!!



BUT DON'T GET THE WRONG IMPRESSION...WE DO KEEP PRETTY BUSY ON THESE PATROLS!!



DECK FORCE PREPARES FOR AN ASTERN REFUELING



BM3 FUREY LOOKS UPWARD AS VENTUROUS COMPLETES AN R&A DRILL. BMC WHITE HOLDS THE WHEEL STEADY AS MEMBERS OF THE P-100 TEAM RAISE THE P-100 TO ASSIST IN DEWATERING THE R&A PLATFORM.



THE OTH SPEEDS ALONG WHILE CARRYING OUT SMALLBOAT DRILLS. THE OTH MAKES SPEEDS OVER 40+ KNOTS, AND WAS SUCCESSFULLY USED IN THE 2 HOUR HIGH SPEED GO-FAST CHASE THIS PATROL.. VEN CAUGHT 2 SMUGGLERS WANTED BY I.C.E., AND THE 7 ILLEGAL HAITIAN MIGRANTS THEY WERE TRYING TO SMUGGLE INTO THE US.



PERSONNEL TRANSFER JUST OFF THE COAST OF MIAMI-FSC DARLING AND ET2 GUZMAN CAME BACK WITH MUCH AWAITED MAIL WHILE XO, ENS CARLTON, AND ENS BRUNO LEFT THE PATROL EARLY TO GO TO SCHOOLS.