



Shore Ties



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JIATF-S Patrol
"THE WE NEED A HELO PATROL"**



VENTUROUS Moored in Georgetown, Grand Cayman

50 Days from home port and we have finally returned! We have been very busy this patrol so far searching the Caribbean for drugs, and found a few surprises along the way.





VENTUROUS Experienced Some Rough Seas a Few Days

Before we even made it to the Caribbean VENTUROUS managed to aid a migrant raft with 14 Cubans on board and safely transfer them to the CGC CONFIDENCE in the Florida Straights.



After an unexpected MEDEVAC for our HS1 who had kidney stones (ouch!) we took the opportunity for a BSF (Brief Stop for Fuel) in Guantanamo Bay, CU. Then VENTUROUS was off to the Caribbean to get some drugs!





VENTUROUS responded to a SAR case involving three Jamaican's that have been drifting in the Caribbean for 5 days. We were able to locate them, provide them with food and water and safely return them back to their government.



EAT THIS!

Article by ENS Emily Hartmann

Do you ever look at your dinner plate and wonder what your Coastie is eating at each meal? Would you believe me if I told you that the crew of VENTUROUS has been enjoying delicious plates such as Seafood Primavera, Filet Mignon, Chicken Marsala, and Tuna Steaks with Pineapple Topping; or International Cuisines such as Spanish Floutas, or Korean Chicken Bul Golgi? The Food Service Technicians have also perfected many favorite dishes, such as BBQ chicken, fried chicken, tenderloins, and turkey club sandwiches.

In addition, the FS Staff has also worked to reduce the number of fried meals and implement numerous healthy alternatives, such as lean Boars Head brand deli meats, low sugar drinks, and reduced fat/reduced sugar condiments. However, they still tempt the calorie counter by serving savory desserts such as Boston cream pie, apple pie, danishes, blondies, brownies, and giant bakery-like cookies. I can't forget to mention the cheesecakes, with flavors such as chocolate swirl, apple, and turtle/pecan. Rest assured families and friends, the VENTUROUS FS Staff is satiating the desires of the sweet tooth's and slender minded sailors alike. Much thanks to FSC Dickey, FS1 Simolon, FS2 Newnam, FS2 Brunner, FS3 Zuniga, and FS3 Gilkerson for their hard work, upbeat attitude and devotion to delicious dishes!



After a few weeks of patrolling VENTUROUS went into Georgetown, Grand Cayman for a port call. It was short lived though, 24 hours later VENTUROUS was underway again for storm avoidance.

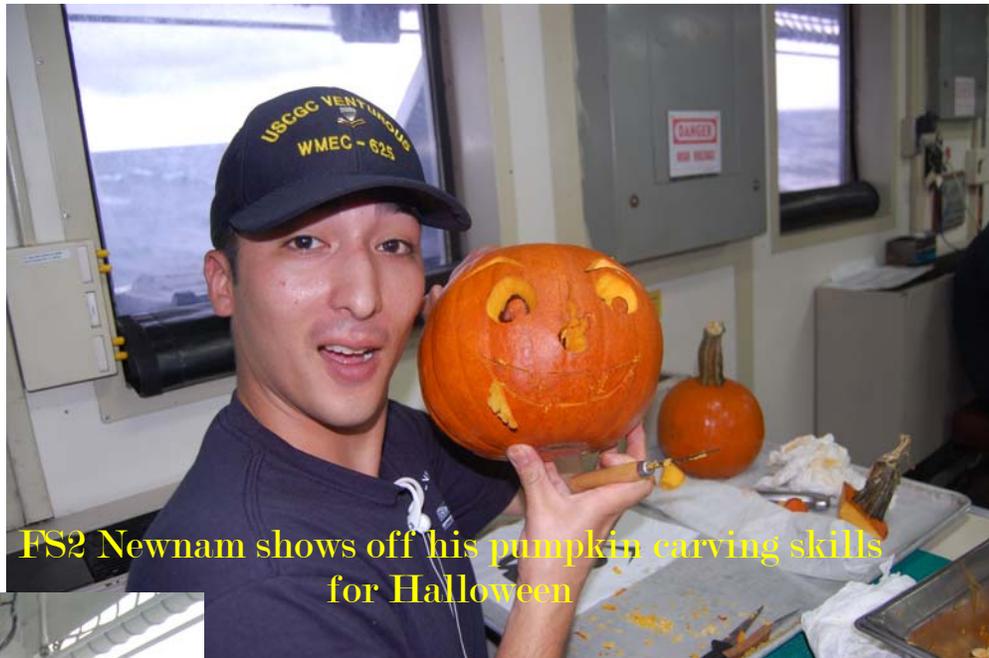


Our Boarding team has been very busy so far this patrol with three boardings already, many of them late night. Here BM1 Johanson and MKC Julch take a break from searching a fishing vessel suspected of smuggling drugs.



VENTUROUS also enjoyed port calls in Curacao, and San Juan Puerto Rico!

With two days remaining in the patrol, VENTUROUS conducted its second SAR case of the patrol by aiding a 58 year old male who was suffering from severe chest pains. VENTUROUS responded, provided medical care, and safely escorted the vessel and its Captain to Grand Cayman.



FS2 Newnam shows off his pumpkin carving skills for Halloween



ET1 Johnson takes time to enjoy a good book on the fantail



Before getting underway, VENTUROUS had a lengthy inport and received many new crewmembers ready to join the family.

Permanent Change of Station – Reporting

LCDR Curtiss Potter	FSC Stacy Dickey
DC1 Brandon Prior	MK1 James Hoffer
DC2 Jamal Parham	ET2 Frank Crisafulli
EM2 Jerome deObaldia	OS3 Craig Underwood
OS3 Kevin Retamar	SK3 Jeremy Dyke
EM 3 Nolan Justice	SN Nathanael Meltz
SA Tyler Miller	FA Rory Boyle
FN Harold Kilpatrick	FA Grant Payne
SA Richie Cortez	

Permanent Change of Station – Departing

YN3 Bryant – MSU Morgan City	SN Kreinest – OS “A” School
FN Morgan – SK “A” School	SN Miller – OS “A” School
SN Maldonado – BM “A” School	

This patrol has seen many of VENTUROUS crew members get qualified all around the ship, here is a list of some of the qualifications.

Underway Officer of the Deck

BM2 Furey

Underway Engineer of the Watch

MK1 Hanson
DC1 Prior

Operations Specialist of the Watch

ET2 Maharaj	OS3 Underwood
ET2 Crisafulli	OS3 Retamar

Auxiliary Engineer Watchstander

DC1 Prior
MK1 Hoffer
MK3 Johnson
FN Hemmingway
FN Kozlowski

Throttleman

ENS Sprenger
MK1 Hoffer
EM3 Armstrong

Gangway Petty Officer of the Watch

SK3 Dyke	SN Pena
SN Michaels	FA Kozlowsky
SN Larsen	

Helm/Lookout

SN Kreinest	SN Meltz
SN McCall	SN Miller



The Official Press Release

By: LTjg Benson

CUTTER VENTUROUS RETURNS HOME FROM 50 DAY DEPLOYMENT

ST PETERSBURG- Coast Guard Cutter *Venturous* (WMEC-625) returned home today following a highly successful 50 day deployment that included conducting counter-drug operations off the coasts of South and Central Americas. *Venturous* and her crew were deployed to the area under the direction of the Joint Interagency Task Force South, the government organization that drives the nation's maritime counter drug program.

While transiting south, *Venturous* came across a raft containing 14 Cuban migrants attempting to make landfall in the United States. *Venturous* successfully transferred the migrants to another cutter and continued her transit south. Once arriving in her theater of operations, *Venturous* quickly began counter-drug boardings of suspected narcotic trafficking vessels. Early in the patrol, *Venturous* spotted a high speed vessel known as a "Go-Fast" heading toward the Honduran coast. The cutter quickly dispatched a boarding team in her and high speed small boat and pursued the vessel for over two hours in speeds of excess of 45 miles per hour before the vessel dropped its illicit load of cocaine. Due to nightfall and deteriorating weather conditions, the Honduran Navy was dispatched to recover the cargo which amounted to just under 2000lbs.

Venturous was also called upon to rescue three Jamaican fishermen after a C-130 aircraft from Air Station Sacramento, CA spotted the men adrift in their small, wooden vessel. The men strayed off course and were adrift in the Caribbean Sea without food, water, or a way to return to land. *Venturous* steamed at full speed to rescue them, provided medical attention, and towed their vessel to safety.

The commanding officer of *Venturous*, Commander Robert K. Thompson, stated - "It was an extremely successful patrol for us as we performed almost every Coast Guard mission. It was a pleasure to work off the coasts of South and Central Americas with our partner agencies and nations in the war on drugs. It was great for the crew to take part in a cocaine seizure; however, everyone is glad to be home with their family for the holidays."

Coast Guard Cutter *Venturous* is a 210-ft *Reliance* class cutter, home ported in St. Petersburg, Florida. The 40-year-old ship has a crew of 77 officers and enlisted personnel. Typical missions include counter-drug operations, alien migrant interdiction, and fisheries enforcement. Although the crew thoroughly enjoyed visits to Grand Cayman, Guantanamo Bay, Curacao, and Puerto Rico, each member is glad to be home today.



And the Pictures taken at Various Points of the Patrol

The Go Fast response team
Prepares for another chase!



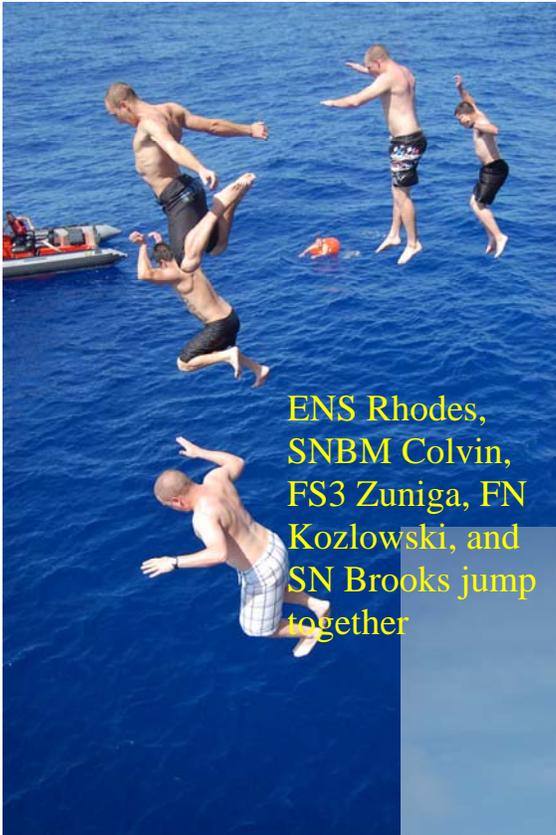
Spending Halloween Underway, the
crew puts on a costume contest. What
the heck are you suppose to be FS1?



Small boat training provides fun times for our BM's



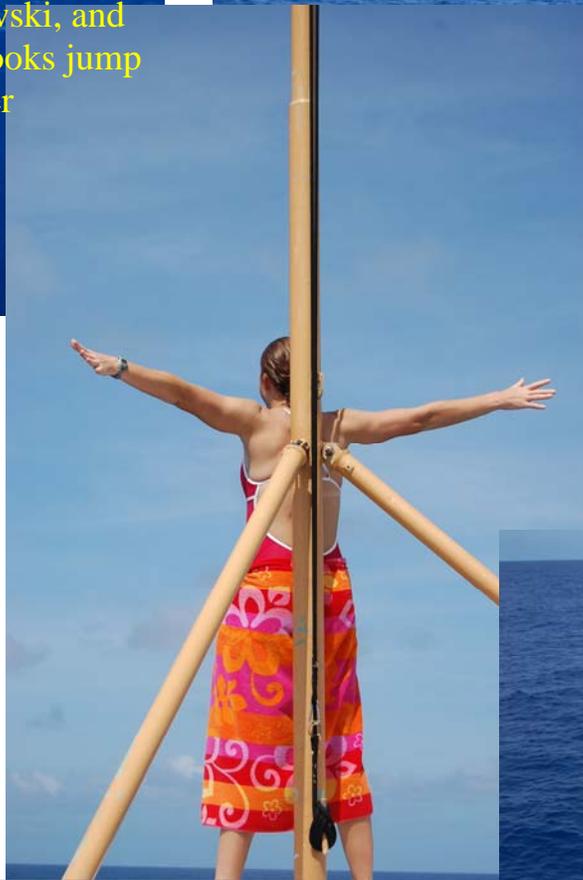
SWIM CALL!



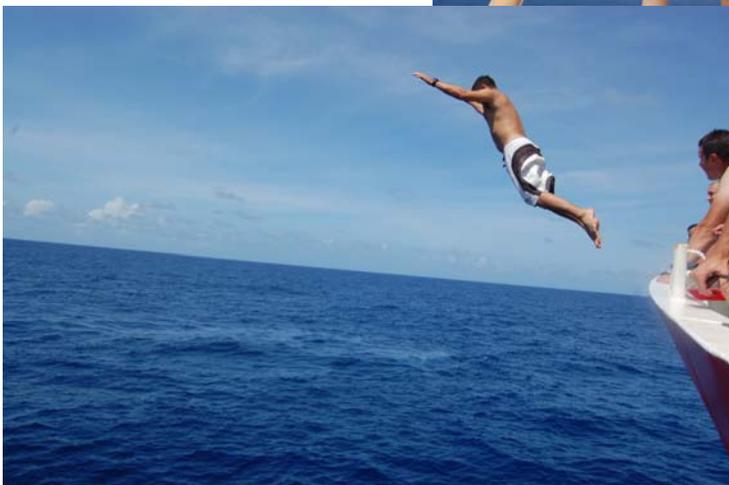
ENS Rhodes, SNBM Colvin, FS3 Zuniga, FN Kozlowski, and SN Brooks jump together



LTJG Benson shows everyone he needs a floatie to sun bathe on after he jumps



ENS Gordon is "Queen of the world"



SNBM Colvin does target practice

The Crew Gathers for Quarters



BDS Members FS2 Brunner and SN Amaya stand by during one of the many drills VENTUROUS undertook this patrol

From the Editor:

I would like to thank FS3 Zuniga and ET1 Johnson for the pictures, the various crew members who submitted articles and SNYN Bronner for the Reporting information.

I am always looking for members of the crew to submit pictures for the newsletter and also anyone interested to write an article.

-OS3 Brandon DeVore

