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Leaving Home....

After a highly successful and busy in-port period, **USCGC JARVIS** and her crew embarked on a fisheries, law enforcement, and search and rescue patrol in the Bering Sea. On Sunday, June 29th, the cutter gracefully got underway from ISC Honolulu and began the 2,000+ mile transit to Kodiak, AK. During the 8 day trip, the crew experienced some typical North Pacific weather. Winds and seas buffeted the **JARVIS** from the West as she made her way North.

After arriving in Kodiak, AK, the ship's crew spent 4 days diligently learning the intricacies of Bering Seas Fisheries and enforcement. Members of the North Pacific Regional Fisheries Training Center (NPRFTC) worked with individuals and groups, providing training that has greatly assisted the cutter in safely enforcing Bering Sea fishing regulations.

Search And Rescue!!

As many family members may already be aware, **JARVIS'** presence in the North Pacific has already made an impact. During a recent volcanic erup-

tion on the remote Aleutian island of Umnak, 9 people requested emergency evacuation. **USCGC JARVIS** and **USCGC MELLON** were

both diverted to assist. Thankfully, both cutters were released from the case when a local helicopter pilot and a local mariner came to the rescue of



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Training

There's always something to do aboard USCGC JARVIS! Not long after leaving the balmy waters of Hawaii, the cutter held a series of important drills. Every member on board learned how to properly respond to a man overboard situation, where to find their

life raft for an abandon ship scenario, and also how to properly and safely fire distress flares.

The Weapons Department taught the ship's company several life-saving techniques; from donning "Gumby" immersion suits to the several different methods of inflating a life

raft. There was also a session on how to properly ration out water and food supplies for maximum survivability; all crucial tools in the event of a serious casualty.



Cdr. Meilstrup takes his Gumby training very seriously!

JARVIS hosts teachers...

Wayland Baptist College sent along Professor Pamela Lucas to teach a general history course. Students met with Mrs.



Mrs. Lucas gets a hand donning her first Gumby suit!

Lucas in the wardroom during the evenings. Professor Lucas offered instruction through video, lecture, song, and discussion. The class counts as college credit & 15 students were enrolled onboard JARVIS! Professor Lucas departed in Kodiak, but will rejoin the ship to finish the class towards the end of the patrol.

Mr. Glen Corlin, from the Work Life Program at ISC Honolulu also joined the ship for the trip to Kodiak. Mr. Corlin shared his knowledge on Coast Guard work place policies with the crew during a series of lively General Training sessions. Mr. Corlin was also a regular visitor on the bridge & an enthusiastic member of the ship's crew!



Mr. Corlin tries his hand at shooting a Pencil Flare during pyrotechnics training.

...and Cadets!!

Both California Maritime Academy and the Coast Guard Academy sent cadets along for part of the trip. First class cadets Lee and Delorey, from the Coast Guard



Cadets Lee & Delorey enjoy some down time in the wardroom!

Academy, joined the cutter in homeport & spent some time getting accustomed to ship-board life there. They have both gained considerable experience and knowledge as Officers Of the Deck, both inport and underway.

Cal Maritime First Class Cadet Konze joined the ship just prior

to departure. His college major put him in the engineering side of the house. He, too, has already practiced much of what he has learned at the Academy & is enjoying the underway life!



Cadet Konze, ENS Rest, ENS Loop, MK3 Camacho, & MK2 Olson enjoy the brisk Alaskan air out on the flight deck!

MORALE!!!

Independence Day can be celebrated anywhere! Just ask the JARVIS' crew! Despite the cutter's



Yummy burgers!!!!

high operational tempo & some fairly rough seas, the Food Services division, along with the Morale Com-

mittee kept folks' spirits up during the holiday! The festivities began with a hot-dog eating contest, which FS3 Young won, & finished with a hotly-contested Rock-Paper-



FN Shimotakahara prepares herself for hot-dog eating battle!

Scissors contest!! Dinner was the traditional burgers, fries, dawgs & lots of great beans & salad! Thanks to all who organized this!!



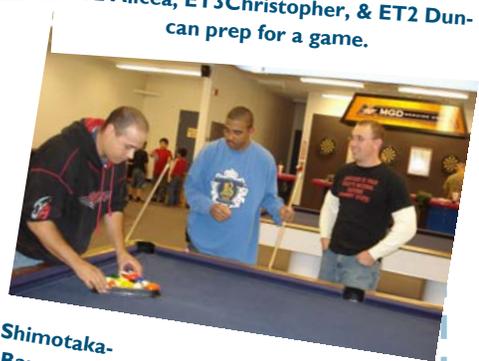
A rare sighting of CWO Yealey shows him & fellow ETs; ET3 King, ET3 Christopher, & ETC Garcia sizing up the hot-dog eating competition!



IT1 Joiner shows off his pool skills!

While the cutter was in Kodiak, AK, the Morale committee came through again! They organized a bowling, pool, & pizza night on Kodiak's base! Attendance was

excellent & all who went enjoyed the free bowling & tasty local pizza. There was a beautiful hike to the top of Mt. Barometer, which was also organized by the Morale Committee!



ET2 Alicea, ET3 Christopher, & ET2 Duncan prep for a game.

ENS Mullins, OS2 Vallet, & FN Shimotakahara pose at the summit of Mt. Barometer.



Crew members carefully descend Mt. Barometer

each Saturday night. The ward-room provided the first evening of festivities, followed directly by the support department. Both served some excellent pizza & created some fun also!!

A bird's-eye view of JARVIS, snapped by SN Dougherty during a helicopter familiarization ride!



Morale for some is different than for others; here, SKC Gallettes rides a rather chilly wave, off the Kodiak coast!



Besides special holiday events, the crew enjoys a weekly morale dinner,

Cdr Meilstrup & LT Morrow show off EO's new "Mess Cook Lower Half" hat!!



LAW ENFORCEMENT!!



BMI Costa prepares to transport the Boarding Team to a Fishing Vessel

USCGC JARVIS has been busy out on the high seas. As part of an effort to protect the US' natural resources, the cutter has authority to stop and search fishing vessels. Each vessel's information; from its length to its hull color, and from its target species to its crew numbers, is stored in a Coast Guard-wide system. As each fishing boat is boarded by a USCG cutter, the

ET2 Alicea & ENS Maca take a moment before a boarding for a picture



boarding is logged & the vessel is usually allowed to continue on its way.

JARVIS is responsible for locating, identifying, boarding, and gathering data on vessels throughout the Bering Sea. On a body of water as immense and notoriously harsh as the Bering Sea, this is no small feat!

"JARVIS has met the 4th quarter boarding targets for Pollock stern trawlers & Pacific cod liners in 4 major areas, according to CG District 17," LT Johnson, Operations Officer



BMC Carney runs the boat deck for crucial smallboat evolutions.

"Smallboat away to starboard!!"



"Now, set LE Phase 1!!"

All departments work in unison to support the US' efforts to monitor the fishing activities in the high seas. The engineers keep the cutter and small boats running, the operations department locates & conducts intelligence checks, the weapons department provides the necessary armament, boat crew, and boat deck personnel, and the support department furnishes hearty meals, warm clothing, and other vital supplies.



OS2 Kangrga (above) & OSC Knudson (TAD-below) gather critical intelligence on vessels of interest at all times of the day and night.



Russian fishing vessel TIGIL awaits the arrival of JARVIS' boarding team. The TIGIL had been of interest to port authorities for more than a week before JARVIS inspected the vessel.

BATTERIES RELEASED!!!

The Gunnery Division has been extremely busy so far this patrol. Aside from keeping the boarding teams supplied with guns and ammunition, the division also conducted a highly successful 25mm and .50 caliber gun shoot at the beginning of the patrol. Dazzling both new crewmembers & slightly saltier coasties, the division completed some excellent training for gun crews.

Also, on July 5th, the Gunner's Mates conducted required semi-annual pyrotechnics training for all hands onboard JARVIS, as GM1 Layell explains: "This is required training for all hands. All newly-reported personnel were allowed to expend live pyro-



GM3 Klunder demonstrates the proper use of the MK-127 parachute flare.

technics in support of that training. The training was primarily conducted by GM3 Klunder and GM3 Drodgy to complete a practical factor required for their advancement to GM2." SN Nunnally, a GM in the making

also assisted with the highly successful training.

Beginning with an all-hands brief, the Gunner's Mates hit on all aspects of pyrotechnics handling. "The topics covered during the training were safe handling and use of pyrotechnics and the appropriate uses for each



The ship's fantail is aglow with the orange smoke of the MK-124 flare.

type," said GM1. The training began with the MK-58 smoke float. This pyro is "...used to mark objects in the water..." said GM1. Such pyro can be used to mark a man overboard's location. As such, the MK-58 flares can be found on each bridge wing while the ship is underway.

Next on the training agenda was the MK-127 para-



Crew members watch the eerie glow of the night side of the MK-124.

chute flare. This pyro-



GM1 Layell keeps an eye on the 25mm gun crew as they blast through rounds!

technic is primarily used to light up the ocean surface at night. However, it can also be used for signaling.

Proper use of the compact & versatile pencil flare kits came next. GM1 explained that there are a variety of colors that may be used to signal to a passing ship or aircraft. Both qualified & break-in helm & lookout watchstanders gained valuable insight into what they might see from a person in the water.

Finally, the division covered the MK-124 day/night flare. This flare "can be used both at night with a red flare or during daytime with the smoke end which emits an orange smoke that really gets on everything!" explained GM1.

This valuable training was well-presented by the gunnery division & well-received by the crew. Hot on the heels of Independence Day, it was a perfect ending to a great day!

SNOS Robles gets some help firing her pencil flare.

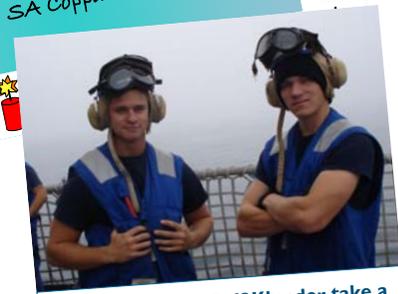
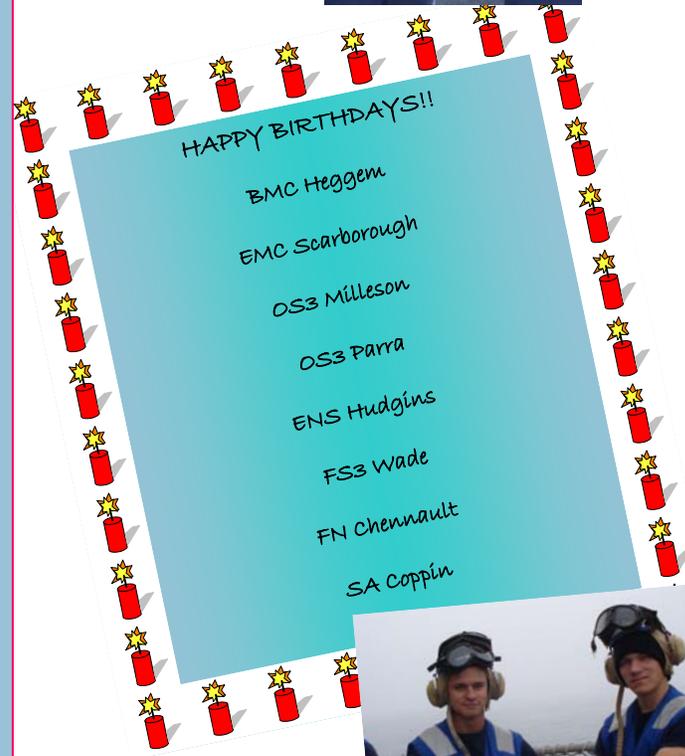


CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Newly-promoted BM3 Sauer receives a handshake from the Command Senior Chief, FSCS Brady.

- * OS3 Kruger qualified as CIC Watch Supervisor
- * ETC Jeffers qualified as inport Officer of the Deck (OOD)
- * ENS Foster qualified as underway OOD
- * OS3 Carey & SNOS Robles qualified as underway Radio watchstanders
- * MKCS Patterson, CWO4 Stevens, MK1 Aponte, & ENS Hu qualified as underway Engineers of the Watch (EOWs)
- * ENS Hu, ENS Mullins, MK1 Huggins, MK2 Olson qualified as throttlemen
- * SN Bonine, SN Bryan, SN Ogg, SN Horgan, SN Webster, SN Camp, & SN Conrad qualified as helm/lookout
- * SN Dashnaw, SN Biladeau, & SN Knoeppel qualified as underway Boatswain's Mates of the Watch (BMOWs)
- * OS3 Kahley & OS3 Parra qualified as CIC watchstanders
- * MK1 Moeller, EM1 Lewis, DC2 Knapp, MK2 French, EM3 Tutwiler, & EM3 Barcinas qualified as machinery watchstanders
- * MK3 Humphries, EM3 Appleman, & FN Berardino qualified as auxiliary watchstanders
- * FN Page, FN White, FN Shimotakahara, FN Brown, & FN Smith qualified as security watchstanders
- * FS2 Wright & ENS Maca qualified as a boarding team members
- * BMC Heggem qualified as a boarding officer
- * GM3 Klunder qualified as helo tiedown crew-member
- * SNBM Yingling qualified as rescue swimmer
- * SN Jaykins qualified as master helmsman



SN Knoeppel & GM3 Klunder take a break during helo tie-down training

July's Advancements/Awards

- * OS2 Lambert was awarded the Achievement Medal
- * FN Berardino & SN Bedford received Letters of Appreciation
- * ET1 Bear, ET2 Bowman, FS2 Wright, & OS3 Morrell received Good Conduct medals
- * SA Knoeppel, SA Parkhurst, & SA Padron advanced to SN
- * SNEM Tutwiler advanced to EM3
- * SNBM Sauer advanced to BM3

SNAPSHOTS!!



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1—SNFS Ocariz & SK3 Yonker plug a hole in DC Stores during a DCTT drill; 2—OS3 Carey & OS3 Morrell take bearings of landmarks as JARVIS leaves Kodiak; 3—BM3 Jakubowski awaits the return of Jar2; 4—SN Kershner & SN Coppin run the boat deck; 5—FS2 Wright models LE equipment; 6—SN Webster, FN Dodd, SN Parkhurst, SN Ramirez, SN Dashnaw, DC3 Edsell, BM1 Hollingshead, SN Sneed, & SN Biladeau are ready to handle lines 1 & 2; 7—MK1 Huggins, MKCM Beitler, MK2 Olson, FN Shimotakahara, FN Bernardino, FN Blalock, & MK1 Lutz in main control; 8—SN Nunnally w/ his freshly-caught Pollock; 9—the navigation team plots JARVIS' course into Dutch Harbor; 10—FS3 Hagans uses her free time to study hard; 11—SN O'Neill, SN Hartigan, SN Parkhurst, & BM3 Sauer await small boat ops; 12—EM1 Pantoñan-Libre & MK2 Kauffman enjoy Kodiak's scenery; 13—EM3 Vitale & EM3 Barcinas fix a ground in the Chief's Mess; 14—SK2 Merchant & YN2 Moore lead the tie-down training; 15—small boat away; 16—the Senior Chiefs!

SNAPSHOTS!!!



1—FN Dodd, DC2 Knapp, & DC3 Edsell take a moment to pose; 2—BM2 Macri show off the halibut he caught during fish call; 3—SN Bowen assists a shipmate with donning a Gumbo immersion suit; 4—OS2 Roedl shows off his rare uniform item—the cold weather watch cap; 5—FN Luras & FS3 Wade are mighty chipper at 0500; 6—SN Ramirez is REALLY pleased with his pollock; 7—SN Dougherty enjoys a helicopter flight over beautiful Kodiak, AK; 8—SN Padron & SN Okey catch a hefty halibut; 9—YN2 Idlebong & SN Cordell share information across the main passageway; 10—the GMs put on a show; 11—OS2 Roedl & OS3 Carey do their part to save the ship; 12—FN Page, SN Ogg, & FN Prewett learn a lot during DCU; 13—ET3 Christopher coaches new flight deck fire fighters in the proper methods of advancing on a helo crash; 14—SN O'Neill, SN Ogg, SN Hartigan, SN Parkhurst, SN Dougherty, & SN Padron keep warm while waiting for Jar 1 to return; 15—BM3 Spencer, SN O'Neill, & EM3 Tutwiler enjoy some Alaskan sunshine!

FROM THE DESK OF THE CAPTAIN...

Aloha to All from the Bering Sea.

I hope those families with children are enjoying the last few days of school vacation. I must say that I thought it would be a bit warmer here than it has been, considering it is the middle of "summer". Regardless, it is absolutely warmer than during our last patrol, and we are thankful for that.

We have been aggressively performing our law enforcement and search and rescue missions, and conducting training to integrate our new crewmembers and improve our readiness. Our new shipmates

that arrived this summer have brought lots of new per-



spectives, ideas and suggestions. Using those ideas, and the ideas of our "veterans", we are working hard to make our ship better every day.

We have enjoyed a few days in Kodiak and had great weather during our stay. With it staying light until 2300 we were able to get some work done in the morning and then enjoy some outdoor activities late into the evening. The Morale Committee hosted a bowling and pizza event, as well as a hike to the top of Barometer Mountain and a fishing trip, that were lots of fun for all hands. We even had a few brave souls catch some surf while in Kodiak.

The remainder of our patrol should be challenging and rewarding. The crew is clearly capable of completing whatever missions come our way, and I look forward to their con-



tinued successes and new adventures.

Best wishes to all JARVIS families and friends for a safe and enjoyable summer. Mahalo for your support of the crew of JARVIS and the Coast Guard. I encourage you to contact our Ombudsman, Mrs. Amy Joiner or ET3 Jessica King, if you have any questions or issues that may require command assistance.

CAPT J Prince

USCGC JARVIS

SHOUT OUTS!!!

- * I hope all is going well at home! Enjoy the last days of summer & I can't wait to see you all in Charleston! Love, Bubba
- * Hey, Chris & Syd! I can't wait to throw you in the pool & wrestle! Give your Mom a big hug from me! Love-Dad
- * Shout out to my wife, Lynn, & my beautiful girls Evelynn (Happy 16th Birthday), Jessica, Alea, & Vanessa! I love & miss you all very much! -Daddy
- * Here's a Shout Out to my Mom, my Grandparents, Cindy, Stephanie, DJ, Haley, and Mr. Richie! I love you all & hope you have a wonderful summer!
- * To Mom, Dad, David, & Laura! Wish you were here! David & Laura, maybe we can move your wedding to Alaska? I hear it's beautiful here in September! j/k! I love & miss y'all very much & can't wait to see you when I see you! ~Jennifer
- * To Pirate Girl from Coast Guard Boy... "I'm thinking about you!"
- * Stacey & Kayla-you are my everything! I'm still trying to find Seward's family. I'll be home when I do. I love you big time!!
- * Amy, Alyssa, & Jaxson-good luck starting school this month! I love & miss you very much...Jay/Dad
- * Hey, Mom & Dad! Hope you had fun at the beach! Things are good on the Mighty "J"! I'll call when I can. See you soon! Love, Paul Andrew
- * I will be home soon, Lauren—miss you!
- * To Tobie, Kaitly, & Olivia—I love my girls! -cj
- * Taco kisses for my Desirre & Sage
- * To Mom & Dad in Rockport, TX—I love you both very much & will talk to you soon!!
- * To Kaleo, Jessie, & Kathleen, Daddy loves you & can't wait to see you soon!
- * Dylan to Suzie: "Hi, Honey! Tug! Tug! Toot! Toot! Miss you! Love you!"
- * Happy Birthday, Kelley!!!
- * Hey Mom, Pops, & Cam! I hope you guys are doing good at home! I miss y'all. Tell the dogs I said hi & the rest of the fam I'm doing good. Miss & love y'all...Stephen Tut
- * I love you, Crystal!
- * I love my fuzzy lumpkins!!
- * Aloha wau ia oe 'o Elise Nicole!!
- * Megs! I miss you, sweetheart! Love, Randy
- * Kenzi, Maddi, & Scooter, I miss you crazy! Love, Dad
- * Hey, Lady. I love you, Paul
- * Hey, Dad! Just wanted to say congrats on your wedding! I'm sorry that I can't make it. I'll be home soon enough. Miss ya. Love, J.R.



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Military Activities and Happenings: www.greatlifehawaii.com

Military Spouses looking for Employment: www.jemsjob.com

Army Hawaii Family Housing: www.armyhawaiiifamilyhousing.com

ISC Housing: www.uscg.mil/mlcpac/ischon/housing

A note from your Public Affairs Officer

My name is Ensign Katie Thompson & I recently took over as Public Affairs Officer on board JARVIS. Aside from our newsletter **JARVIS JARGON**, we have several other avenues to keep you informed of the events that take place onboard both in port and underway :

For news and information regarding your friends and family members serving on JARVIS, please visit our website at: <http://www.uscg.mil/pacarea/jarvis/101.htm>

The latest press releases regarding our current patrol can be found at www.uscgpacificarea.com.

Thank you!

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