



Captain Matthew E. Miller
Commanding Officer

Underway

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Dear MIDGETT Family and Friends,

I hope that you enjoyed our extended time in Seattle, and took advantage of the time we had off during all the holidays. Both you and the crew deserved this extended break. The crew worked exceptionally hard and accomplished a great deal of maintenance and repair on the ship, keeping MIDGETT the best operating and best looking ship in the Coast Guard. We departed Seattle on Monday, March 9th in the early afternoon and within hours the crew was already at work saving two CGC POLAR SEA crewmembers who had fallen overboard from their ship near Port Townsend, Washington. The crew's quick and professional action saved these two fellow sailors from serious injury if not possible death. We have since conducted flight operations with Air Stations Port Angeles, North Bend, and San Francisco as we continue our transit to our operating area. The crew's focus, teamwork, and professionalism will most certainly result in another successful patrol. I will keep you updated on our accomplishments during this patrol. Of note, our scheduled return to Seattle is 10 June 2009.

As a reminder, Angela Keane remains our OMBUDSMEN. She has done an exceptional job for us all, so please do not hesitate to contact her if you have questions or need assistance during our deployment. Her contact information is:

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Unfortunately Angela and her husband will be transferring from MIDGETT this summer, so we are in need of someone to fill her shoes. The OMBUDSMEN is a critically important link between the command and the families. If anyone is interested please do not hesitate to notify Angela of your interest.

Serving together,



Matthew Miller