# Coast Guard Art Program 2021 Collection



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*Rescue near Galveston* by John Ward Acrylic

2020 George Gray Award Recipient

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# Cover: Rescue near Galveston John Ward 2020 George Gray Award Recipient for Artistic Excellence Acrylic 16 x 31 inches Saranac Lake, N.Y.

An Air Station Houston MH-65 Dolphin Helicopter aircrew rescues a 58-year-old man from an oil tanker 50 miles south of Galveston, Texas. The captain of the tanker requested a Coast Guard medevac after the victim—a tanker crewmember—experienced symptoms of a heart attack. The Coast Guard is recognized worldwide as a leader in the field of search and rescue.

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#### About the Artist

John Ward, a New York native, received a bachelor of science degree from Niagara University and a master's in art education from SUNY (Plattsburgh) and a master's in illustration from Syracuse University. He received his New York State teacher certificate from St. Lawrence University Graduate Program. He retired from the Saranac Lake High School where he taught art for 30 years. His art has been used by more than 60 publishers and he has received numerous awards. His work was chosen by the U.S. State Department for its Art in Embassies Program and exhibited in Swaziland, Africa. Ward's works have also been shown at the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass., and the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., among many other locations. He is a former member of the Society of Illustrators and the Graphic Artists Guild. Ward has designed two Adirondack rustic homes in the village of Saranac Lake, where he has his home and studio. He was recently inducted into the Niagara University Athletic Hall of Fame for rugby. He is the official ice carver for the Saranac Lake Winter Carnival Ice Palace and creates sculptures out of enormous 600 pound blocks of ice. He now spends much of his time creating portraits. This is the artist's third George Gray Award. He has previously won the award —the art program's best in show award—for his outstanding work in 2006 and earlier in 2000.

The U.S. Coast Guard and its art program thank the New York Council of the Navy League of the United States for the invaluable support and interest it has provided for years. The Service is indebted to the League and honored by its assistance.

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# About the Coast Guard

The U.S. Coast Guard stands "Always Ready" to safeguard the most robust and complex maritime operating environment in the world. America's maritime operating domain comprises **95,000** miles of coastline and **25,000** miles of inland waters, serves **361** commercial ports, and carries more than **90** percent of our nation's critical resources and goods. This marine transportation system (MTS) facilitates **\$5.4 trillion** of economic activity each year. It is also essential to U.S. strategic requirements, as our military depends heavily on the MTS to move approximately **90** percent of its supplies and equipment overseas on U.S. Military Sealift Command, or other U.S.-flagged and crewed vessels. Our MTS, focused domestically but interconnected globally, is vital to U.S. and world safety and prosperity.

# The Commandant's Three Guiding Principles

Admiral Karl L. Schultz, 26th Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard



#### Ready

Semper Paratus, "Always Ready," is more than a motto. It is our core purpose.

## Relevant

Serving our nation's current and emerging needs is both a privilege and a calling.

## Responsive

The Coast Guard is an agile and adaptive problem solver, with a bias for action.

## About the Coast Guard Art Program

The Coast Guard Art Program (COGAP) uses fine art as an outreach tool for educating diverse audiences about the Coast Guard. Today, more than ever, the Service addresses an abundance of challenges as it works to maintain the nation's security at home and abroad and executes its statutory missions. COGAP art provides visual testimony to the unique contribution the Service makes to the nation in its multifaceted roles as a military, humanitarian and law enforcement organization. Art from the program is exhibited at museums around the country. It is displayed in the offices of members of Congress, cabinet secretaries, senior government officials and other military services and Coast Guard locations nationwide. It has also been displayed by the State Department overseas in its prestigious Art in Embassies program.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Coast Guard Art Program. Today, the collection holds over 2,000 works that capture the myriad missions the more than 41,000 active-duty men and women of the Coast Guard perform daily, including homeland security, search and rescue, marine environmental protection, drug interdiction, national defense and natural resource management. Paintings and drawings bring to life the work performed by the Coast Guard and vividly demonstrate the Service's contributions to the country.

The 2021 collection is comprised of 32 works of art created by 26 artists. Among missions captured in these remarkable works are the many varied training exercises that help the Coast Guard be *Semper Paratus*, illegal drug interdiction, patrols, ice-breaking, daring search and rescue missions, and the Service aiding people and even their pets in response to natural disasters. All works are generously donated by COGAP members, most of whom are professional artists.

# About the Salmagundi Club, COGAP's partner organization

Since 1981, the Salmagundi Club has been a sponsor of the Coast Guard Art Program. In the course of its 150-year history, it has served as a center for artists from New York and around the country and today has a membership of over 1,000 artists and patrons. It offers exhibitions of paintings, sculpture and photography; conducts art classes and painting demonstrations and holds auctions of member artists' work throughout the year. It has a collection of over 1,500 works of art spanning its century and a half history.

Originally formed as the New York Sketch Club in 1871, the club adopted its present name over 100 years ago from Washington Irving's *Salmagundi Papers*, a satirical and urbane periodical he co-authored.

Through the years, the club has been the gathering place for important artists such as Childe Hassam, William Merritt Chase, Howard Pyle, N. C. Wyeth, Charles Dana Gibson, Ogden Pleisner and many others. Honorary members have included Sir Winston Churchill, Buckminster Fuller, Paul Cadmus, Al Hirschfeld, Thomas Hoving and Schuyler Chapin.

The Salmagundi Club is located in a historic brownstone at 47 Fifth Avenue, between 11th and 12th Streets. To learn more about the club, please visit its website at <u>www.salmagundi.org.</u>

#### The George Gray Award

Named for the co-founder of the Coast Guard Art Program, the George Gray Award recognizes Coast Guard artists for outstanding artistic achievement. One artist from the 2021 collection of contributors will be named recipient of this award.

George Gray worked as an artist for more than seven decades. A muralist and illustrator, he specialized in historical and military themes. Love of country compelled him to enlist in the Coast Guard during World War II. During the Vietnam War, he spent six weeks sketching Marines in action for the U.S. Navy's fine arts program. He cofounded COGAP in the early 1980s and served as its chairman and champion for over 20 years. Born in Harrisburg, Penn., in 1907, he is a direct descendent of Capt. Robert Gray, who, in 1788, became the first American to carry the nation's flag around the world. He died in 2004 at the age of 96.



*George Gray* by James Dyekman

#### Jurors for the George Gray Award

Rear Admiral M.W. "Joe" Raymond is the Acting Director of Governmental and Public Affairs for the Coast Guard, where he is responsible for external engagement with Congress, the media, and other inter-governmental entities. He most recently served as the Chief of Coast Guard Congressional and Governmental Affairs and was responsible for external engagement with Congress and promoting the Service's legislative agenda. He is a graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, the Joint Military Intelligence College, and the Naval War College. He has served on four cutters, commanding two, and previously served as the Commanding Officer of Maritime Force Protection Unit Kings Bay and as the Sector Commander and Captain of the Port for Sector Puget Sound. Rear Admiral Raymond has extensive experience in legislative affairs with previous assignments as a Congressional Fellow on the staff for the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; the Coast Guard Liaison to the U.S. Senate; and as the Deputy Chief of Congressional and Governmental Affairs. From 2017 to 2019, he served as the Executive Assistant to the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Vice Commandants of the Coast Guard. His many personal awards include two Legions of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

Elizabeth Spencer was Club President for two years beginning in 2019. She has also served as the Club's First Vice President, Chair of the Jury of Awards, on the Board of Directors and as a longtime member of the Art Committee. The latter juries artwork for Salmagundi Club exhibitions and the artwork of prospective club artist members. She is a gifted artist who works in oil, watercolor and pastel and has won numerous awards in all three mediums. Her work is held in collections in the U.S., Europe and the Far East. The artist teaches painting and color theory privately and a popular painting and drawing class at the Salmagundi Club.

Alasdair Nichol is Chairman and Director of Fine Art at Freeman's—America's oldest auction house which he and two colleagues acquired in 2016. He joined Freeman's in 1999 and was instrumental in establishing its departmental fine art sales and showcasing single-owner collections. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, he studied Fine Art at Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen. He later graduated with a master's degree from the University of Ulster in Belfast. In 1985, he embarked on his career in the auction world with Phillips in Edinburgh before moving to Glasgow, where he organized the first sale of Scottish Contemporary Art at the Glasgow School of Art. He then moved to London where he specialized in Modern and Impressionist Art before transferring to New York as Head of Fine Art in 1997. Since 1998 he has been a familiar face on the PBS television program *Antiques Roadshow*.

# Natural disasters: Coast Guard to the rescue



Safe in his arms Tom Hedderich Watercolor 16.5 x 11 inches Westtown, N.Y.

A Coast Guard machinery technician from Station Galveston holds an infant after rescuing him from a grounded fishing vessel near Rollover Pass in Gilchrist, Texas. Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston watchstanders received a report of three fishing vessels aground in the Intracoastal Waterway north of Rollover Pass when concerns were raised about possible rollovers occurring due to Hurricane Delta. This was the tenth-named storm to strike the United States in 2020 and the third major one in that year's record-breaking hurricane season.

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The search for hurricane victims Leendert van der Pool Oil 18 x 24 inches Brooklyn, N.Y. Coast Guard Sector Ohio Valley's Shallow Water Response Team (SWRT) rescued six adults, three children and their beloved dog near Navarre Beach, Fla., as the destructive Hurricane Sally caused flash flooding. SWRTs responded to areas impacted by the hurricane and conducted search and rescue operations. Coast Guard Art Collection 202128



#### Searching in the storm

John Ward Acrylic 11 x 19.75 inches Saranac Lake, N.Y.

A Coast Guard aviation survival technician—better known as a rescue swimmer—from Air Station Houston, battles the wind and rain while surveying for stranded victims and damage from Hurricane Isaac. The hurricane made landfall in Louisiana, resulting in many deaths and significant property losses.

Coast Guard Art Collection 202131

#### Friends

Debra Keirce Oil 18 x 27.75 inches Broadlands, Va.

Members of a Coast Guard Shallow Water Response Team (SWRT) conduct search and rescue operations in the



wake of severe flooding in North Carolina, rescuing both people and pets. The flooding was caused by a violent hurricane thrashing both North and South Carolina. The SWRT was comprised of the Coast **Guard Maritime Safety** and Security Team and the Tactical Law Enforcement Team South—both out of Miami, Fla. Coast Guard Art Collection 202115



#### Against all odds

Priscilla Messner-Patterson Transparent watercolor 11 x 14 inches Post Falls, Idaho

Coast Guard rescues often go unheralded or are briefly mentioned in the news such as the rescue depicted here. Upon receiving a distress call from stranded hunters on a remote Alaskan island close to Russia, Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak dispatched an MH-60 helicopter. The helicopter crew traveled over 700 miles, braved blowing snow and gale force winds, to locate the three people on the island. But dedication paid off: the three were successfully located and safely transported to Nome for medical attention.

Coast Guard Art Collection 202120



#### South of Cape San Blas Oscar Romero Oil 16 x 12 inches Sacramento, Calif.

A Coast Guard rescue swimmer (center) from an MH-60 Jayhawk Helicopter out of Air Station Clearwater, Fla., assists with dewatering a fishing vessel taking on water 67 miles south of Cape San Blas, Fla. The dewatering device—the box submerged in water—was hauled aboard by the Coast Guard member. The Coast Guard Cutter Seahawk later safely towed the vessel to St. Andrews Marina in Panama City, Fla.

# On patrol



Returning to the Cutter Swordfish

Louis Stephen Gadal Watercolor 14 x 20 inches Los Angeles, Calif.

A crewmember on a small boat from the Coast Guard Cutter Swordfish returns after a patrol on Puget Sound. The 87-foot Swordfish is a patrol boat homeported at Group/Air Station Port Angeles, Wash. The vessel performs a variety of missions including maritime law enforcement, search and rescue, and protecting living marine resources.

Coast Guard Art Collection 202105

#### **Evening patrol**

Leon Wescoat, III Oil 16 x 20 inches Absecon, N.J. The Coast Guard crew of a small boat patrols the azure waters in Ocean City, N.J. These boats usually operate near shore or on inland waterways. The bridge shown here underwent renovation and was replaced with a fixed span and a pedestrian walkway. Coast Guard Art Collection 202132



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Searching for illegal drugs Chuck Van Horn Watercolor 16 x 20 inches Glen Head, N.Y. Coast Guard Cutter Munro crewmembers inspect a selfpropelled semi-submersible in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. The

Coast Guard seized more than 39,000 pounds of cocaine and 933 pounds of marijuana in 14 separate suspected drug smuggling interdictions and disruptions. The street value of the seized drugs was estimated at \$569 million. The searches by three Coast Guard cutters and occurring off the coasts of Mexico and Central and South America were conducted during a three-month period.

Coast Guard Art Collection 202129

# A Coast Guard demonstration

#### Fast rope insertion: demonstrated

Frank Gaffney Oil 16 x 20 inches Mountlake Terrace, Wash. A service member from the Coast Guard Maritime Security Response Team (MSRT)-West in San Diego executes a fast rope insertion from a Coast Guard helicopter down to the deck of the Cutter Steadfast. MSRT-West service members undergo advanced training and are proficient in specialized techniques to operate alongside federal, state and local partners and protect the nation from threats at sea and in air.



# **COVID** virus mitigation



Safety first Kristin Hosbein Oil 16 X 20 inches St. Joseph, Mich. A Coast Guard marine inspector with Sector Anchorage in

Alaska carefully checks a survival suit as part of a commercial fishing vessel safety exam in Levelock, Alaska. All Coast Guard members were tested for COVID-19 before deploying, followed by appropriate quarantine procedures. Inspectors wore protective equipment and practiced social distancing.

#### Coast Guard Art Collection 202113

#### Greeting at sea

Crissie Murphy Acrylic 10 x 10 inches Lowell, Mass.

A Coast Guard operations officer of the Cutter Stone bumps elbows in greeting and celebration with a member of the Guyanese coast guard near the shore of this Latin American nation. All personnel wore masks as a COVID virus mitigation practice. The two nations had just completed their first cooperative training exercise combating illicit marine traffic in support of a bilateral agreement.



#### **Escorting the USNS Comfort**

Emily Waldman Watercolor 9 x 11 inches Pittsford, N.Y. The Coast Guard and the New York City Police and Fire Departments provide a security escort for the USNS Comfort's arrival into New York Harbor. The Navy vessel was sent to assist in responding to the COVID-19 virus. Coast Guard crew from Cutters Shrike and Sitkinak, Maritime Safety and Security Team New York, Station New York and Air Station Cope Cod participated in the escort.

> Coast Guard Art Collection 202130



# Aiding commercial fishing



#### Fishing vessel rescue

Don Hatcher Acrylic 16 x 20 inches Newport, Wash. Cutter Dependable crewmembers prepare to broad a commercial fishing boat in waters 80 miles east of Cape Cod, Mass. The commercial vessel was disabled when a fishing net became enmeshed in the vessel's propeller. It was safely towed by the Coast Guard crew to Cape Cod Bay.

#### Coast Guard rescues a fisherman in Alaska

Don Hatcher Acrylic 24 x 30 inches Newport, Wash. A Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak, Alaska, helicopter pilot awaits the arrival of an injured fisherman on a small boat from the commercial fishing vessel seen in the distance. The helicopter crew transported the man safely to emergency medical services in Kodiak.

Coast Guard Art Collection 202110



# Heaving the towline for a rescue

Karen Loew Oil 18 x 24 inches New York, N.Y. A crew member of the Coast Guard Cutter Liberty heaves a towline to a disabled commercial fishing vessel. The cutter towed the fishing boat to safety in Elfin Cove, Alaska, 80 miles west of Juneau. The cutter, homeported in Juneau, is a patrol boat with primary missions that include search and rescue, law enforcement, and homeland security operations.



# Training to be Always Ready



bers are with Patrol Forces Southwest Asia—PATFORSWA—the largest Coast Guard unit overseas. PAT-FORSWA maintains a maritime humanitarian presence on the seas and provides the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet with combat-ready assets. It is comprised of six 110-foot cutters, shore-side support personnel, Advanced Interdiction and Maritime Engagement Teams, and other deployable specialized forces. Coast Guard Art Collection 202104

#### Decompressed

Bahrain

James Dyekman Watercolor

Susanne Corbelletta Oil 20 x 20 inches Glen Head, N.Y.

A Coast Guard diver emerges from a decompression chamber during a simulated training exercise aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Polar Star. The chamber allows the crew to perform lifesaving procedures in the event of a dive emergency. The cutter, dispatched to McMurdo Station in Antarctica, breaks ice for refuel and resupply vessels as part of Operation Deep Freeze—the U.S. military's contribution to the National Science Foundation-managed civilian U.S. Antarctic Program.





Joint helicopter training Don Hatcher Acrylic 16 x 20 inches Newport, Wash. Coast Guard Cutter Campbell's crew ventured onto Disko Bay off the western coast of Greenland along with a Danish naval vessel, to conduct training exercises. The bay is well known

for its many large icebergs. The cutter safely navigated these hazards—some the size of sports stadiums—and also launched its MH-65 helicopter. The Danish naval vessel is certified for landings and take offs of this Coast Guard air asset.

Coast Guard Art Collection 202109

#### Training in 30-foot waves

Anne Kullaf Watercolor 11 x 14 inches Philadelphia, Penn.

Coast Guard surfmen, often considered among the service's most proficient small boat operators, undergo demanding training. Training provides them the skills for meeting maritime emergencies caused by violent storms. The National Motor Lifeboat School (NMLBS), located near the mouth of the Columbia River, is the only school for rough weather surf rescue operations in the country. The Columbia River Bar, known as the "Graveyard of the Pacific," provides an ideal NMLBS training environment. Depicted here is a surfboat navigating in extreme conditions at Cape Disappointment on the north side of the river.



# Coast Guard: Serving in the Arctic



Rescue training, Arctic style Don Hatcher Acrylic 16 x 20 inches Newport, Wash. Coast Guard aviation personnel from across the nation deploy to

Alaska to participate in

the service's annual Arctic Shield Operations. Here, an aviation technician—flight mechanic—from Air Station Cape Cod, Mass., hoists an aviation survival technician—rescue swimmer—from Air Station Elizabeth City, N.C. The exercise took place near Oliktok Point on the coast of the Arctic Ocean.

Coast Guard Art Collection 202111



#### Sling load operations

Amy Digi Oil 16 x 20 inches Yorktown Heights, N.Y. A Coast Guard avionics electrical technician attaches a buoy to an MH-60 Jayhawk Helicopter during sling load operations conducted in Chiniak, on Kodiak Island, Alaska. Aircrews routinely conduct sling load hoisting of buoys and large towers to practice moving large navigational aids, simulating work crews will conduct on water and in remote locations throughout the state. Coast Guard Art Collection 202103



Keeping a watchful eye Ken Stetz Oil 15 x 24 inches Neptune, N.J. Maritime Safety and Security Team members from Pacific Area units provide security as a landing craft

utility vessel approaches Seward Boat Harbor in Seward, Alaska, during an Arctic Expeditionary Capabilities Exercise. This joint training exercise tests expeditionary logistical capabilities in the Arctic region and prepares joint forces to respond to crises across the Indo-Pacific.

Coast Guard Art Collection 202125

#### Preparing for lift off

J.C. "Jim" Smith Watercolor 17 x 14 inches McMinnville, Ore.

A Coast Guard flight mechanic keeps watch over a MH-60 Jayhawk Helicopter during start-up before a flight from Kotzebue, Alaska. Helicopter crews from Air Station Kodiak are forward deployed to Kotzebue in support of maritime activity in the Arctic. *Coast Guard Art Collection 202123* 



# Ice-breaking for maritime traffic



# Coast Guard Cutter Willow

J.C. "Jim" Smith Watercolor 14 x 17 inches McMinnville, Ore. The Willow, a 225-foot seagoing buoy tender,

is homeported in Charleston, S.C. While the cutter's primary mission is servicing aids to navigation, other duties include maritime law enforcement, maritime environmental protection, and search and rescue. The Willow, also an ice-breaker, has participated with other nations in the Arctic environment, as here depicted, and patrolled the region.

Coast Guard Art Collection 202124

#### Clearing the way

Kirk Larsen Acrylic 24 x 24 inches Hicksville, N.Y.

The Coast Guard Cutter Katmai Bay breaks ice for freighters navigating through the St. Marys River in the Great Lakes and near Group Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. During the winter, paths must be made in the ice for commercial vessels to continue shipping goods.





Warning of things to come C.R. "Bob" Bryant Oil 16 x 20 inches Cape Neddick, Maine The crew of Coast Guard Cutter Legare works a stern towline for the disabled fishing vessel Aaron & Melissa II off the coast of Maine. Under rough weather conditions seeing 10-foot high seas and turbulent winds, the fishing vessel was taking on water. A Coast Guard helicopter crew was dispatched from Air Station Cape Cod, Mass., and rescued the four crewmembers aboard, bringing them to safety at a nearby hospital. Coast Guard Art Collection 202101

# Testing to meet challenges

#### Hoisted

Debra Keirce Oil 18 x 26.75 inches Broadlands, Va.

A Coast Guard aviation survival technician completes the final qualification flight before becoming a fully qualified helicopter rescue swimmer. The hoist training he undergoes is conducted from the Coast Guard Cutter Naushon off Kodiak, Alaska. He is hoisted down to the cutter and then back up to a Coast Guard MH-60 Jayhawk Helicopter. *Coast Guard Art Collection* 202116





## Passing the safety exam

Sandra Hart Acrylic 16 x 20 inches Arlington Heights, Ill.

A Coast Guard boatswain's mate goes over the positive results of a dockside safety exam with a commercial fisherman in Yaquina Bay, Newport, Ore. These mandatory exams, conducted free of charge, insure a fishing vessel is in compliance with all safety regulations.

Coast Guard Art Collection 202107



# *Cutter Valiant conducts flight operations*

Don Sturdivant Oil 18 x 24 inches Mt. Pleasant, S.C. The Coast Guard Cutter Valiant conducts flight operations with an Air Station Miami MH-65 Dolphin Helicopter in order to qualify flight deck team members while in the Caribbean. Earlier, Valiant crew conducted training with two MH-65 Dolphin Helicopters from the air station.



#### Interagency response

MST3 Thomas Unger Coffee and pen 22.5 x 28.5 inches New Bern, N.C. Pollution responders from the Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment in Fort Macon, N.C., work with local authorities to reach a partially submerged sailboat in shoal waters and assess the pollution threat to the environment. In one year alone, the Coast Guard conducted over 340 inspections in North Carolina. *Coast Guard Art Collection 202127* 

# **Semper Paratus**

#### Always Ready

Debra Keirce Oil 12.5 x 36 inches Broadlands, Va.

Coast Guard musicians,—one playing a clarinet, the other a saxophone—and a Navy flute player perform before the backdrop of lyrics to the Coast Guard's official marching song, *Semper Paratus*. Coast Guard Band members tour throughout the country to promote the work of the men and women in the Coast Guard and to serve as a bridge between the service and the American people.

Coast Guard Art Collection 202114



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