



The Coast Guard in Alaska 2010

**America's Maritime Guardian ...
in the heartland, in the ports, on the seas, around the globe**

The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard protects against hazards to people, maritime commerce, and the environment. It defends our maritime borders and saves those in peril. The Coast Guard responds quickly to disasters to restore the nation's waterways. It helps sustain the Marine Transportation System, which carries 99% of U.S. imports and exports.

Missions

By law, the Coast Guard has 11 missions:

- ✳ Ports, waterways, and coastal security
- ✳ Drug interdiction
- ✳ Aids to navigation
- ✳ Search and rescue
- ✳ Living marine resources
- ✳ Marine safety
- ✳ Defense readiness
- ✳ Migrant interdiction
- ✳ Marine environmental protection
- ✳ Ice operations
- ✳ Other law enforcement

(listed in order of percentage of operating expenses)

Assets in Alaska

Cutters (65 ft. and greater)	15
Boats (less than 65 ft.)	65
Aircraft	17



Number of Coast Guard Personnel

Military Active	2,203
Civilian	401
Military Reserve	47
Auxiliary (uniformed volunteers)	480
Active Retired	746
Reserve Retired	15

Budget Allocations, FY 2010

Operating Expenses	\$313.1 million
Acquisition, Construction & Improvements	\$29.1 million

Boating Safety Grants, FY2010

Administered by the Coast Guard	\$1.0 million
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Operational Statistics, 2009

Search and Rescue case responses	666
Aids to navigation (buoys) serviced	671

Prime Contractors, FY 2010

Jay Brant General Contractors, LLC	\$6.7 million
Global Diving and Salvage, Inc.,	\$5.4 million
Southeast Alaska Lighterage	\$4.0 million
Foss Maritime Company	\$3.5 million
Southeast Alaska Petroleum	\$3.0 million

Most Active Ports, 2008 (tons)

- Valdez
- Nikishka
- Kivilina
- Anchorage
- Unalaska Island

Commercial Fish Landings, 2008

Total pounds	4.5 billion
Total value	\$1.7 billion

Boat Registrations

2009	60,069
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Coast Guard Contacts (phone numbers)

Governmental Affairs	907-463-2071
Public Affairs	907-463-2065



Coast Guard Facts & Figures

In an average day, the Coast Guard ...

- ✦ Saves 13 lives
- ✦ Responds to 64 search and rescue cases
- ✦ Rescues 77% of mariners in imminent danger
- ✦ Keeps 959 pounds of cocaine off the streets
- ✦ Saves \$260,000 in property
- ✦ Interdicts 10 undocumented migrants trying to enter the United States
- ✦ Services 49 buoys and fixes 21 discrepancies (such as buoys moved by a hurricane)
- ✦ Provides a presence in all major ports
- ✦ Screens 679 commercial vessels and 170,000 crew and passengers
- ✦ Issues 200 credentials to merchant mariners
- ✦ Inspects 70 containers
- ✦ Inspects 33 vessels for compliance with air emissions standards
- ✦ Performs 30 safety and environmental examinations of foreign vessels entering U.S. ports
- ✦ Boards 15 fishing boats to ensure compliance with fisheries laws
- ✦ Investigates 12 marine accidents
- ✦ Responds to and investigates 10 pollution incidents
- ✦ Does security boardings of 5 high interest vessels
- ✦ Escorts 4 high-value U.S. Navy vessels transiting U.S. waterways
- ✦ Identifies one individual with terrorism associations
- ✦ Has 6 patrol boats and 400 personnel:
 - Protecting Iraq's offshore oil infrastructure
 - Training Iraqi naval forces
 - Keeping sea lanes secure in the Arabian Gulf



In 2009, the Coast Guard ...

- ✦ Performed domestic icebreaking to keep waterways open for commercial traffic
- ✦ Enabled the transport of \$2 billion worth of cargo
- ✦ Assisted 479 ice transits
- ✦ Tracked 1,200 icebergs that had drifted into transatlantic shipping lanes
- ✦ Detected 112 foreign fishing vessels illegally encroaching the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone
- ✦ Brought scientists to the Arctic to map the Arctic Ocean floor and for studies on polar bears, ocean sediment and methane gas
- ✦ Conducted cooperative patrols with China for fishery enforcement in the North Pacific



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Recruiting

gocoastguard.com

Academy

www.cga.edu

Civilian Jobs

www.uscg.mil/civilian

Coast Guard Auxiliary (volunteers)

www.cgaux.org

Boating Safety

www.uscgboating.org

In Your Community

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