

BEAR TRACKS

USCGC BEAR NEWSLETTER

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JIATF-South Patrol

USCGC BEAR is coming home after yet another successful patrol of the Caribbean! Returning from the June Patrol, BEAR had a busy inport highlighted by the transfer of one-third of crew, aviation and small boat standardization inspections, and a Change of Command Ceremony in which CDR Andrew Meverden relieved CAPT David Ramassini as the Commanding Officer. With fresh new faces, BEAR was eager to get underway and carry out Coast Guard missions. BEAR went above and beyond this patrol in operational endeavors by making BEAR's first drug bust in a little over three years! BEAR worked closely with USCGC LEGARE stop a go-fast vessel carrying over 1,000 kgs of cocaine. However, our success didn't stop there; the crew continued their operational prowess and kept BEAR in the hunt. We conducted a 56 hour boarding on a suspicious coastal freighter, Motor Vessel (M/V) BOROCHO, where approximately 700 kgs of cocaine was found. BEAR exercised its versatility in the middle of the boarding by responding to a Search and Rescue (SAR) case and saved two souls whose vessel was taking on water. Even with a contingency of people on the boarding team, the BEAR crew was still able to respond and rescue these survivors in record time. With a million things happening all at once, BEAR took the 2000 ton M/V BOROCHO in tow and hauled it 1,200 nautical miles from the coast of Panama all the way to Miami, FL. This patrol tested the endurance and stamina of all crewmembers onboard and our success is a testament to the long hours spent training and executing the mission. We live for mission execution and this time BEAR came out on top!

Welcome Aboard!

- CDR Meverden
- LT Greenley
- ENS Davis
- ENS Moreno
- ENS Ludewig
- ENS Kenney
- CWO2 Pierce
- FSC Eakes
- HSC Dixon
- EMC Daniel
- BM1 Daigle
- YN1 Karim
- MK1 Stommel
- MK1 Scott
- ET1 Laule
- GM2 Hoff
- GM2 Ross
- SK2 Catalioto
- ET3 Wilson
- FS3 Tucker
- FN Raph
- FN Hoadley
- SN Page
- LT Ingram (TAD)
- LT Matthews (TAD)
- MEC Kelly (TAD)
- ISC Fuentes (TAD)
- ET1 Bird (TAD)
- IS2 Neville (TAD)
- IS2 McMahon (TAD)
- IS3 Kinnamont (TAD)
- AMT1 Farquhar (TAD)
- AMT2 Cole (TAD)
- AMT2 Witruke (TAD)
- AET3 Devault (TAD)

Fair Winds and Following Seas

- SN Vidal
- SN Stewart
- SN Renaud
- FN Cash
- FN Maisonave

FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Hello BEAR Family and Friends,

As the end of BEAR's patrol draws near, it is tremendous to look back at all we have accomplished over the past two months at sea. We started the patrol with nearly a third of the crew new to the cutter, including me. Not only did BEAR come together quickly to train all of our new shipmates, I was impressed at how the crew rose to the challenge of integrating each new member into our teams to ensure we were mission ready. The efforts paid off quickly as we enjoyed several operational successes including joint operations with maritime partners from Honduras, Panama and Columbia, a search and rescue case resulting in two lives saved, and two counter-narcotics interdictions.

While there were a few long days, including two different multi-day boardings of cargo vessels, the patrol flew by with all of our operations, training, and dedicated efforts needed to keep the 31 year old cutter running strong. Our success has been driven by the hard work put in each and every day by the tremendous group of men and women serving in BEAR. It is clear to see that we strive to make every day we are away from our loved ones back home matter, and we carry a sense of pride in service to each other, our cutter, the Coast Guard, and our nation as we approach each day's operations.

Thank you for your continued support of the BEAR crew throughout the patrol. BEAR looks forward to returning home and spending some time with all of our family and friends as we begin preparations for future operations.

Best Regards,

CDR Andrew Meverden, Commanding Officer



QUALIFICATIONS

Underway Officer of the Deck (OOD)

ENS Justin Maio
ENS Andrew Bratman
BM1 Erik Daigle

Quartermaster of the Watch (QMOW)

BM1 Erik Daigle
BM2 Christopher Shore
SN Kyle Smith
SNSK Nicholas Stewart

Gangway Petty Officer of the Watch

BM1 Erik Daigle
BM2 Christopher Shore

Helm and Lookout

ET1 Carl Laule
IT1 Daniel Bryce
YN1 Otmane Karim
SN Christopher Page
SN Sara Maynard
SN Ismael Hidalgo Fernandez

Boatswain's Mate of the Watch (BMOW)

SN Marquis Barefield
SN Trey Harrison

Basic Damage Control

ENS Lena Ludewig
ENS Aaron Davis
ENS Nicole Kenney
ENS Gus Moreno
EMC Demosthenes Daniel
FSC Raymond Eakes
MK1 Robert Scott
MK1 Edward Stommel
ET1 Carl Laule
BM1 Erik Daigle
YN1 Otmane Karim
BM2 Christopher Shore
GM2 James Hoff
GM2 Thomas Ross
SK2 Lawrence Catalioto
MK3 Camden Carie
DC3 Blas Pulgarvidal
SN Christopher Page
FN Patrick Raph
FN Michael Hoadley

Engine Room Watchstander

ENS Lena Ludewig
MK1 Robert Scott
MK1 Edward Stommel
DC1 Lucas Mangold



Underway Security Watchstander

ENS Lena Ludewig
MK1 Robert Scott
MK1 Edward Stommel
EMC Demosthenes Daniel
MK3 Camden Carie
DC3 Blas Pulgarvidal
FN Michael Hoadley
FN Patrick Raph

Inport Security Watchstander

ENS Lena Ludewig
EMC Demosthenes Daniel
MK1 Robert Scott
MK1 Edward Stommel
GM2 Thomas Ross
SK2 Lawrence Catalioto
MK3 Camden Carie
DC3 Blas Pulgarvidal
FN Patrick Raph
FN Michael Hoadley
SN Evan Renaud
SN William Walters

Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Sentry

BM2 Christopher Shore
GM2 James Hoff
SN Trey Harrison

Master Helmsman

SN William Walters
SN Trey Harrison

Fuel, Oil, and Water King (FOWK)

MK2 Stephen Fleming

CIC Watchstander

ET1 Carl Laule
ET3 Patrick Wilson

Boarding Team Member

GM2 James Hoff
SN Christopher Bowman

Advanced Damage Control

ENS Lena Ludewig
MK1 Robert Scott
MK1 Edward Stommel
FS3 Victor Beaty
MK3 Camden Carie
DC3 Blas Pulgarvidal
SN Evan Renaud
SN William Walters
SN Kody Weers
FN Patrick Raph



HARD WORK PAYS OFF

Navigation Anchor Watch

IT1 Daniel Bryce

ET1 Joseph Schubert

Boarding Officer

BM2 Christopher Shore

OTH Coxswain

BM1 Erik Daigle

BM2 Christopher Shore

OTH Boat Crewmember

BM1 Erik Daigle

BM2 Christopher Shore

BM2 Meredith Stocker

ME3 Christopher McAbee

MK3 Michael Tanner

OTH Boat Engineer

MK1 Landon Carter

ET2 Jeremy Moore

MK3 Michael Tanner

CB-L Coxswain

BM1 Erik Daigle

BM2 Christopher Shore

CB-L Boat Crewmember

MK3 Michael Tanner

Non-Compliant Vessel Pursuit Crewmember

MK2 Brett Winkelmann

BM2 Christopher Shore

SN Kyle Smith

SN Christopher Conkey

Non-Compliant Vessel Pursuit Coxswain

BM3 Domenic Keenan

Flight Deck Fire Party Team Member

ENS Lena Ludewig

SK2 Lawrence Catalioto

DC3 Blas Pulgarvidal

Aviation Fuel Handler

MK2 Brett Winkelmann

Aviation Fuel King

MK2 Brett Winkelmann



ADVANCEMENTS:

Daniel Dixon to HSC

William Kelly to MEC

Blas Pulgarvidal to DC3



AWARDS:

Sea Service Ribbons:

SN Kenneth Hawkins



Good Conduct Ribbons:

ET1 Joseph Schubert

IT2 Christopher Silva

SN Kyle Smith



4 Years Cumulative Sea Time:

OSC Donald Newton



TALES FROM THE BOROCHO

THE PRIZE CREW COMMODORES OF THE MOTOR VESSEL BOROCHO!



AFTER TAKING THE M/V BOROCHO IN TOW, A HANDFUL OF LUCKY CREW MEMBERS (MKC RAWLINGS, MK1 SCOTT, MK3 TANNER, MK3 CARIE, BM2 SHORE, SN BOWMAN, SN CONKEY, SN SMITH) WERE NAMED THE PRIZED CREW OF THE BOROCHO. OVER THE COURSE OF 1,200NM, THESE NEW PLANK OWNERS ENSURED THE SAFETY OF THE TOW AND MAINTENANCE OF THE VESSEL'S GENERATOR. EACH 24-HOUR WATCH TEAM BATTLED AGAINST FLESH EATING COCKROACHES, DIVE BOMBING HAWKS, SLIPPERY OIL-COVERED DECKS, AND RUSTED THROUGH HANDRAILS. WE THANK ALL OF OUR CREWS FOR THEIR HARD WORK, ADAPTABILITY, VIGILANT WATCHSTANDING, AND OF COURSE, OUTSTANDING COMPANY. AND REMEMBER, WHAT HAPPENS ON THE BOROCHO, STAYS ON THE BOROCHO.

YOUR EVER PROUD CAPTAINS,

ENS KENNEY, ENS DAVIS, AND ENS LUDEWIG



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK...



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

What an amazing patrol for BEAR and certainly for the Engineering Department! Facing some pretty big challenges right out of the gate, the Main Propulsion and Electrical Divisions were literally pouring out blood and sweat to correct a major casualty on one of the ship's generators. The team worked through long 20 hour days while standing watches and keeping up on the already extensive work list. With outstanding stamina and hard work, they were able to correct several individual problems with the generator and return it back on line supplying power to the ship.

22 days and over 100 man hours from the main prop division, consisting of ENG2 **Dalton**, MKC **Allen**, MK1 **Stommel**, MK2 **Rhodenhizer**, MK3 **Carie**, MK3 **Williams**, FN **Cash**, FN **Hoadley**, FN **Levitsky**, and FN **Maisonave**, and BEAR finally had a working SSDG.

As a byproduct of the SSDG not working, BEAR had to run the Emergency Diesel Generator requiring an extra watch stander from the department. Due to the EDG not being typically run as a primary generator, all the maintenance had to be done on it while it was shut down, typically around midnight, requiring some long nights from the Auxiliary division of ENS **Ludewig**, MKC **Rawlings**, MK1 **Carter**, MK2 **Fleming**, MK2 **Winkelmann**, MK3 **Tanner**, FN **Rodriguez- Felix**, and FN **Raph**.

While a lot of focus was on keeping the machinery running, the Damage Control Division of ENS **Bratman**, DC1 **Mangold**, DC3 **Bosley**, DC3 **Pulgarvidal**, and FNDC **Jaime** were kept busy with some of our more interesting problems. For instance, they fabricated a new cover for the Helicopter Landing Lights that became "FOD" (Foreign Object Debris), and blew away during a landing. Extensive repairs were made to the Migrant/Detainee facilities while in Key West, with excellent craftsmanship from all DC's the system has never worked better. As always transfer season takes a huge toll on the DC's as they train all hands in Basic and Advanced Damage Control, maximizing versatility and readiness for emergencies.

The Electrical division of EMC **Daniel**, EM1 **Colletti**, EM3 **Burns** and EM3 **Jones**, were also hard at work trouble shooting the reoccurring issues with the SSDG and chasing several grounds. The team was stretched thin during Flight Operations with an EDG watch, Hanger watch, Fire Team, and LSO; nothing can stop the smallest of engineering divisions!

All the hard work of the engineers paid off when BEAR was able to run full power in hot pursuit of a go fast vessel. There are 270's that cannot successfully run full power at all and BEAR managed to do it on two separate occasions this patrol!

Engineers throughout the Coast Guard pride themselves on the repairs made, the readiness of the machinery plant, and its ability to answer all bells whenever called upon. This Engineering Department in BEAR was no exception and continued to keep us in the hunt no matter the obstacles encountered. We all thank the Engineers for their dedication and countless hours, keeping us safe on the high seas.



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (CONT.)



OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

It was an exciting patrol for Operations! Led by **LT Daniel Bell**, **ENS Justin Maio**, **ENS Virgil Moreno**, **ENS Aaron Davis**, and **ENS Nicole Kenney**, the Operations Department continues to excel in operational endeavors. The Department's hard work and continued readiness resulted in the overall seizure of just under 2 tons of cocaine and 17 detainees. We were also able to respond to a search and rescue case in the middle of a boarding, successfully rescuing two Nicaraguans stranded on their small boat with no engine. During the boarding of the M/V BOROCHO, we sent our helicopter to CGC VENTUROUS in support of the operational area. BEAR furthermore assisted with the transfer of 5 Cuban migrants between two CG patrol boats. Over the patrol, we conducted 172 shipboard helicopter evolutions and safely towed M/V BOROCHO for over 1,200 nautical miles through the Caribbean Sea. This patrol proved BEAR to be a great asset in the battle against illicit maritime activities on the high seas.

ELECTONICS- The July-September Patrol was another opportunity for the BEAR Electronics Division to display their expert knowledge, work ethic, and dedication. Through numerous casualties and long lasting evolutions, the ETs and ITs always found a way to execute and excel. BEAR's technicians quickly isolated casualties to the correct component. Having necessary parts delivered to foreign ports was challenging, forcing the shop to adapt and draw on years of combined knowledge to effect repairs in-house. These repairs ensured BEAR's mission success until permanent repairs could be made. This was the first patrol in the shop for new arrivals **ET1 Carl Laule** and **ET3 Patrick Wilson**, as well as for **ENS Justin Maio**, the new Electronic Materials Officer (EMO). The shop's new members worked diligently to learn from the returning division members, **ETC William Coffey**, **ET1 Joseph Schubert**, **IT1 Daniel Bryce**, **ET2 Jeremy Moore**, **IT2 Christopher Silva**, **ET3 Michael Ploski**, **ET3 Nicholas Jolicoeur**, and **IT3 Richard Caruso**. The electronics shop acted as the ship's North Star on a clear night, providing RADAR detection, navigation tracking, and computerized log keeping and communications. In addition to normal duties, the electronic shop members pursued qualifications that were vital during long lasting evolutions, providing

in between watches. Qualifications pursued by the shop members outside of normal duties included helm and lookout, quartermaster of the watch, towing watch, and boat crew engineer. ELEX division is proud to be part of the BEAR team and will continue to perform admirably as such. So a tip of the hat to the ELEX division, and all other divisions onboard, to a safe and successful patrol!

LAW ENFORCMENT - This patrol, **ME3 Christopher McAbee** welcomed **MEC William Kelly** from CGPD, Sector New York as a temporary member to the Law Enforcement Division. Together they conducted multiple boardings, totaling over 100 hours, which resulted in two successful drug interdictions. These interdictions kept approximately \$50 million worth of cocaine out of the United States, interrupting drug traffic throughout the Caribbean. Furthermore, in their spare off time, they also spent many hours conducting law enforcement training, allowing for the qualification of two Boarding Officers, two Boarding Team Members, and three Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Sentries.

WEAPONS - The Weapons Division, consisting of **GM1 Forrest Gladman**, **GM2 James Hoff**, and **GM2 Thomas Ross**, is responsible for keeping all of the firearms in good working order and ready to defend our crewmembers. We welcomed aboard **GM2 James Hoff** this August for his first afloat tour, and he has dived into his duties and qualifications, adding to BEAR's versatility.



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This patrol, our Gunner's Mates have exercised the .50 caliber machine guns for surface warfare and coordinated pyrotechnics training for the whole crew. **GM2 Thomas Ross** looks to complete his MK75 technician course and continue the division's success.

NAVIGATION - Being on patrol brings many challenges, one of which is being ready at all times no matter the situation. The Navigation Division embraced this challenge, ensuring that BEAR was always navigating in safe waters. The Nav Division consisting of **ENS Aaron Davis**, **BM1 Erik Daigle**, **BM2 Meredith Stocker**, **BM3 Langlois** and **SNSK Stewart** spent countless hours preparing charts and navigation briefs to keep BEAR ready for any changes to the operational mission. While not spending time on the bridge, the Nav BM's were actively involved in small boat operations and law enforcement boardings. This patrol we welcomed **BM1 Erik Daigle** who quickly qualified OTH, CB-L coxswain, and underway Officer of the Deck. He has proven to be an extremely valuable asset to the bridge team. **SNSK Stewart** joined the division mid patrol and is looking forward to attending BM "A" School in December. Good luck to **SNSK Stewart** and his future career as a boatswain's mate!

COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER - The Operational Specialists **OS1 Rebecca Murray**, **OS1 Paula Verden**, **OS2 Michael Lucci**, and **OS3 James Noble**, led by **ENS Nicole Kenney**, **OSC Donald Newton**, and **OSC Steven Earles** ensured BEAR maintained the tactical operational picture for command while keeping communications with BEAR's tasking agent and other playmates in the operational area. All division members played crucial roles in collecting and relaying information to D7 during our multiple boardings. CIC watch supervisors and watchstanders stood vigilant watches, keeping BEAR in the know and on top of operational tasking. We were also able to qualify 2 CIC watchstanders!

The Operations Department conducts a wide variety of tasks that all combine to complete the Coast Guard mission. This patrol was a huge success and the Operations Department should be proud of their accomplishments!



SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

Tremendous success is made possible by tremendous support and this was the certainly the case during BEAR's July-September JIATF patrol.

SK1 Weschrek superbly led the Storekeepers in the acquisition of vital services and maintenance of crucial spare parts throughout this deployment. Under her guidance **SK2 Catalioto**, **SK3 Martin** and **SNSK Stewart** met and conquered multiple challenges. BEAR Operating Materials and Supplies storerooms attained an impressive 100% accountability rate early in the patrol, assuring availability of parts and materials to repair any and all mechanical emergencies. Additionally, last minute supplies and services were handled expertly, such as the logistically challenging oil offload in Key West, FL during BEAR's JIATF inbrief and AUF workups and shipment of CASREP parts to repair BEAR's SSDG in Bocas Del Toro, Panama. BEAR's Storekeepers continued to impress with their forward leaning stance on operational commitment. **SK3 Martin's** contribution as a Boarding Team Member during BEAR's two high yield drug interdictions was a testament to his commitment to BEAR's success. **SK2 Catalioto** broke in as Quartermaster of the Watch, enabling BEAR to be operationally flexible during our high pace drug interdictions and Search and Rescue tasking during this patrol. **SNSK Stewart** continued his stellar support of BEAR's operations serving as a qualified QMOW and helicopter tie down crew member.

Our newly reported Yeoman, **YN1 Karim**, assimilated himself quickly to BEAR's routine and made significant improvements to BEAR's administration. He skillfully reorganized and corrected the Personal Data Records of every member aboard BEAR during BEAR's Key West port call, assuring the accuracy of all crewmembers' critically important service data. He adroitly handled TAD orders for crewmembers "C" schools and assignments to Base Portsmouth. Furthermore, **YN1 Karim** contributed to the flexibility of BEAR's operational ability, breaking in and qualifying as a helmsman and lookout on the bridge while also breaking in as a helicopter tie down crew member.

FS1 Lamm stepped up strongly as temporary Food Service Officer in the absence of **FSC Eakes** as he welcomed the arrival of his daughter, Emma-Joann. Under **FS1 Lamm's** guidance **FS3 Meyers**, **FS3 Beaty** and **SNFS Petgrave** worked overtime, ensuring BEAR's crew was fed three times each day during our deployment. Furthermore, they manned the AFFF station during multiple Flight Quarters Operations, regardless of the time of day, and continued to produce high quality meals like clockwork. **FS3 Meyers**, BEAR's night baker, continued to dazzle the crew with his desserts and breads, making a significant contribution to BEAR's morale. Not limiting his responsibilities to the galley, BEAR's **FS3 Meyers** broke in as a helicopter tie down member during multiple Flight Quarters operations. Towards the end of our deployment the FS's welcomed back **FSC Eakes** and welcomed their new arrival, **FS3 Tucker**, to the galley team.

BEAR's new Corpsman, **HS1 Dixon**, wasted no time getting to work. He immediately set about making improvements to BEAR's medical department by updating every crewmember's health record and restocking all medical gun bags. **HS1 Dixon** continued to impress with his realistic medical casualty drills that challenged the crew and brought about real learning regarding the response and treatment of injured shipmates. In addition, **HS1 Dixon** performed miraculously during BEAR's multiple challenging boardings, looking after the welfare of 23 detainees.



SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

migrants and Search and Rescue survivors who possessed a host of ailments. His care and devotion to other's health ensured these medical issues were managed. After mooring in Cartagena, Colombia, **HSC Dixon** was welcomed into the Chief's Mess when he advanced to Chief Petty Officer, in a thoughtful ceremony on BEAR's flight deck.

BEAR's Support Department hosted a spectacular dinner on September 13th, delighting BEAR's crew with succulent lasagna and fresh baked bread, topped off with a fabulous coconut cream cake that vanished before the crew's eyes!

As the patrol draws to a close, BEAR's support department is looking forward to being with loved ones once again as well as to the advancement of **SK1 Weschrek** to Chief Petty Officer on October 1st.



DECK DEPARTMENT

Deck Department welcomed two new members to our ranks just in time for this patrol. Welcome aboard to **BM2 Christopher Shore** from Station Hampton Roads and **SN Christopher Page** returning to active duty! Your contributions have already made BEAR better with your experiences and dedication. Keep up the great work, BEAR is lucky to have you!

Our members continue to strive for excellence and continue to qualify in various positions to keep BEAR in the fight. Congratulations to all those who qualified as Helm and Lookout, Master Helmsman, Boatswain's Mate of the Watch, Quartermaster of the Watch, Gangway Petty Officer of the Watch, Coxswain, Boat Crewmember, Non-Compliant Vessel Pursuit Crewmember, Boarding Team Member, Basic and Advanced Damage Control, and Inport Security. Deck Force continues to augment BEAR's watch stations by keeping a watchful eye on the bridge as well as participating in numerous boat and helicopter evolutions.



We all stood extra watches during our law enforcement activities to make sure BEAR could function and safely navigate while most of our people were on the boarding team or the small boat crews. These complex evolutions demonstrate the importance of diversifying qualifications and being able to fill in wherever we can to complete the mission. Our flexibility allowed BEAR to get our first two drug busts in over three years, including a go-fast case as well as an extended 56-hour boarding of the Motor Vessel BOROCHO; totaling a street value of approximately \$50 million. After seizing the vessel, BEAR towed the rusted out hunk-o-junk 1,200 nautical miles from the Central Caribbean to the Florida Coast. Over those nine

long days, the BEAR crew continued to shine as extra watch stations were stood up to monitor the BOROCHO 24/7, including sending over a prize crew to keep it safe. It was a glorious sight to see the BOROCHO being cast off and taken into tow by another vessel!

As the patrol winds down, we yearn for the company of our friends and family and cannot wait to get home and enjoy some much needed rest and relaxation. We would like to thank our extended BEAR family for staying strong at home while we completed our mission. We would not be where we are without you and we cannot wait to see you! Thank you to the rest of the BEAR family for your hard work and dedication as we completed another successful patrol!

From the First Lieutenant

Thank you to everyone that I have had the pleasure of working with this patrol. We had a difficult and short inport jam-packed with helicopter and small boat standardization inspections, transfer season, and preparing for the change of command. All the hard work, blood, sweat, and tears paid off as we continue to strive for excellence through qualifications and operational success. I'm blown away by the resilience of Deck Force and your ability to adjust and adapt to any situation flawlessly. You all set the bar high and always challenge each other to improve. I'm truly blessed to be surrounded by such dedicated professionals and I'm so proud of you all each and every day. Continue to work hard and good things will happen!

Respectfully Yours,
ENS Mike Rauch
First Lieutenant





FROM YOUR JUNIOR OFFICERS

Shipmates,

We cannot thank you enough for all of your help, direction, and guidance throughout this patrol. You are all ultimately responsible for any success that we as junior officers have achieved. We would not be here without you teaching us every step of the way and ensuring that we did not stray into treacherous waters; literally and figuratively. This is an outstanding crew and we would do anything for each of you. We think of ourselves as the luckiest Ensigns in the fleet to be surrounded by such true shipmates and professionals. Our success as a crew is a direct result from your training.

Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,

*ENS Justin Maio
ENS Parker Bratman
ENS Mike Rauch
ENS Aaron Davis
ENS Gus Moreno
ENS Nicole Kenney
ENS Lexie Ludewig*



ON THE HOME FRONT

To MK1 Carter!

We have completed our fourth patrol on the Bear and we are so proud of you and all you have achieved. We miss you while you're away but we know you're off "stopping the bad guys". Our summer has been filled with family visits, big time hair cuts, Achilles' tendon ruptures, summer camp and good cookouts. We love you and can't wait to have you home to enjoy Oktoberfest, Halloween and all of the other great festivities that fall has to bring.
Kala, Luke and Libby



To ET1 Laule!

Daddy even though you were a million miles away it was like you were always with us! We started our first day of school, went to the fair and swam a lot in the pool! So proud to be coastie kids!

MK2 Rhodenhizer, it's been a long summer without you! We are so excited you will be home in time for fall! Love you SO much!

The Rhodenhizer Girls"



ON THE HOME FRONT (CONT.)



When Daddy's Away the Little Girls will play!!
Pictured left to right:
Gracie Page, Payten Winkelmann, Madeline and Lacey Rhodenhizer and Libby Carter

To SN Bowman!

Vinny!

Happy belated 22nd birthday! I cannot wait to celebrate with you when you get home! I am so proud of you for working so hard before patrol and getting on the GM A school list! That's awesome for our family and cannot wait to see what's in store for us! This has been a long patrol and I cannot wait to see you! I am so proud of you and your shipmates for all the hard work, long hours and lack of sleep this patrol and getting the cases y'all got! Nice job USCGC Bear!! Hurry home because we have a wedding celebration that I need a groom for on the 27th! I love you so much Christopher and I am so proud of you and everything you are a part of! I'll see you soon honey!!

With love always,
Rosie

To BM2 Stocker!

Kyleigh has been busy this summer while her mom Meredith had been on patrol. She has been staying with her pop pop and grandma in their mountain cabin going to camp and taking horseback riding lessons. Kyleigh has also spent time at her grandparent's home in Vero Beach Fl. She learned to swim and went fishing on pop pop's boat. Now back in Portsmouth starting kindergarten and waiting for her mommy to pull in to the dock.



BEAR CUBS



Little Lauren Pulgarvidal!!



DC3 Bosley's children enjoying the park!