



## GREETINGS!

Family and Friends of DEPENDABLE,

We hope this finds you excited for DEPENDABLE's well deserved two month maintenance & repair period in which the crew will get to spend the holiday season in port. After spending 44 days at sea for our North Atlantic patrol, here is an update for you on the crew & what we accomplished.

We received our Shipboard-Helicopter Certification after performing over 45 helicopter operations for an Aviation Inspection Team. We are proud to announce that we are certified to conduct all helo operations onboard DEPENDABLE, which include: launching & recovering, refueling, vertical replenishing, helo in flight refueling, & night vision goggle operations.

With a helicopter on board, crew members gained additional qualifications. Congratulations to SN Patrick Spencer & SN Brandon Mclaughlin who qualified as tie down members on the flight deck.

The Support department took care of the crew with supplies, food, & medical care along with keeping the electronics & computer systems up & running. SK1 Thomas Hughes & SK3 Daniel Kobs' logistics efforts resulted in four emergency procurements & the precise management of all port call expenses. ET1 Shawn Russell, ET2 Michael Scott, and ET3 Mason Cambridge balanced three electronic equipment casualty repairs while IT2 Joshua Craig maintained our internet connectivity throughout the patrol.

***COUNT ON US!***

HS1 Rorai Greenan handled all medical issues ultimately resulting in the treatment of 94 patients, which include two medical evacuations. The Galley Staff kept crew morale high, serving over 13,528 delicious meals to the crew.

The Engineering Department worked hard to keep DEPENDABLE running well. Maintenance & qualifications have been keeping the engineers busy. The Auxiliary Division (A-Gang) & Electricians worked together to repair the small boat to ensure it was ready at all times. The Main Propulsion Division spent hours working on the engines to make sure we were able to get where we needed to go. Congratulations to MK1 Bradley Andreasen, MK2 Anthony Tartaglia, & DC2 Matthew Pietraszkiewicz for qualifying Engineer of the Watch; FN Lucas Heckler & FN Byron Bufkin who qualified as security watchstanders & MK3 Ryan Pizzi who qualified as Fuel Oil Water King.

The Operations Department was hard at work too, utilizing the last bit of nice weather to complete painting of the foc'sle & fantail. They also used the time underway to qualify many watchstanders, Congratulations to SN Charles Kemmlein & SN Nicolas Hogan on qualifying as Helm & Lookout. SN Spencer qualified as a Quarter Master of the Watch. Small boat operations kept deck force very busy. They safely launched & recovered the cutter's small boats over 45 times this patrol enabling the boarding teams to complete 75 boardings. The Operations Specialists handled all of our communications, releasing over 90 messages.

In addition to the time spent conducting fisheries boardings, it is also important to make note of our astounding morale statistics, which consisted of over 20 games of cornhole, 64 hands of poker, 200 rounds of shotgun ammo (expended during skeet shoots), & 44 games of Madden (played during the Madden 2012 Tournament). ET1 Russell maintained an intense poker face allowing him to become the big winner in the poker tournament while ME3 Robert Pagano shot his way into the winner's circle during one of our weekend Skeet Shoots. NFL Sunday fever was contagious throughout the patrol as we had an ongoing Sunday "Pick'em" tournament, BM1 Peter Fager rose to be the victor in a field of 28 other crew members.



*~From the Captain~*

As you can see, DEPENDABLE just wrapped up another highly successful patrol, and is now fully engaged in a very productive maintenance and repair period. The skills, dedication, hard work, and infectious positive attitudes of the men and women who comprise DEPENDABLE are central to the cutter's success. Equally important, however, is the constant support we receive from our families, unit Ombudsman, and the many people who make up our mission support network ashore who collectively help us focus on the safe and effective execution of our many operational missions. It can't be said too often – thank you so very much for all that you do to support DEPENDABLE, our Coast Guard, and the Nation! Wishing you and yours a safe and happy Holiday Season!



Sincerely,  
Lee Petty  
Commanding Officer

# OPERATION STORK

NEW BABIES REPORTED TO DEPENDABLE DURING  
OUR PATROL...

*CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
PROUD NEW PARENTS!*



GARY & BRITTANY JOHNSON  
JANELL ROSALYN

MICHAEL & KAREN BAILEY  
MICHAEL JAMES

NICOLAS & TIERNEY OLIVAREZ  
KALEI

JOSEPH & ELISE COSTICK  
JOSEPH III

ADAM & LAURA BUCKLEY  
CLAIRE & CAROLINE



## PROMOTIONS

While underway we had the opportunity  
to promote two shipmates!

*HS1 Greenan and LTJG Smith*

# PATROL AWARDS

## SAILOR OF THE QUARTER

EM2 NICOLAS OLIVAREZ



## NON – RATE

## SAILOR OF THE PATROL

SN BRYAN RYDER



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## DEPENDABLE HOLIDAY PARTY

### FEATURING:

- ❖ **Gag Gift Swap (\$20 Max)**
- ❖ **Musical Chairs**
- ❖ **Ugly Sweater Contest**
- ❖ **Dessert Contest**
- ❖ **Kids Coloring**
- ❖ **Santa's Lap**
- ❖ **Prizes**
- ❖ **Piñata**



**\*Join us for a night of family fun  
at the Oceanside Club on  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1800 -2100!**





Find us on  
**Facebook**

We are happy to announce that we have started DEPENDABLE's own Facebook Page. Find our page by searching for "USCGC Dependable (WMEC 626)". To receive updates and view our photos click the  button once you have arrived at our page.

*~XO's Corner~*



Unfortunately Hurricane Irene disrupted our Family Appreciation Night and did not allow us to review Hurricane Readiness and Evacuation Plans. Thank you for your patience through that hectic period. We are all fortunate that Cape May was spared from any significant damage and that we had the ability and resources to make it to safe locations during the storm. I understand repayment of those resources seemed slow, but they are almost complete now. As winter approaches, remember that emergency preparedness continues to be important. We can see winter storms which bring Cape May to a halt, with up to a foot of snow at a time and power outages throughout the area. Keep enough food and water on hand, as well as blankets, candles, and batteries.

Another topic that is always important to keep in mind is Operational Security Information. Please remember that DEPENDABLE underway times, future port calls, and current operations are to not be discussed before or while we are underway. This includes both in conversation, through email, and social media.

Sincerely,  
Sarah K. Felger  
Executive Officer



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**BM1 Fager & BM2 Holmes stand on the foc'sle during our transit through the Cape Cod Canal.**



**OS3 Young gives the thumbs up as he takes bearings during special sea detail.**



**Operations Department poses for a picture on the foc'sle.**



**FS3 Donnell prepares a meal for the crew.**

*We want to thank all of you for your continuous support! Happy Holidays!*

The Officers, Chiefs, & Crew of  
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