# FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



# October 1 2020 – November 30 2020

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# List of Abbreviations

CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	SAR – Search and Rescue
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	WLB – 225' Buoy Tender
WPB – 87' Patrol Boat	P/C – Pleasure Craft
STA – USCG Small Boat Station	F/V – Fishing Vessel
EPIRB – Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon	A/S – Air Station
WMEC – 210' or 270' Medium Endurance Cutter	SEC - Sector
M/V – Motor Vessel	M/T – Motor Tanker
FRC – 154' Fast Response Cutter	

# I. Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Enforcement and Marine Protected Species Operations

#### **Operations Summary**

During this period, patrol boats and stations conducted fisheries patrols in the Mid-Atlantic in an effort to curtail illegal fishing and promote safety of life at sea within D5's AOR. Throughout this period, units conducted 83 boarding's. We did not meet our targeted boarding's as a result of a reduction of at-sea enforcement due to COVID-19.

Boarding Statistics (Note: "This Period" data should be considered preliminary and is subject to change)

	Comparison to FY20
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#### **Violation Summary**

Violations were issued for possessing Atlantic striped bass with the EEZ, and fishing without a federal fisheries permit onboard.

#### Marine Protected Species Support Summary

1. In October, USCG responded to one distressed pelican incident. On 10 October, CG Station Cape Charles and VA Wildlife Resources officials responded to rescue the distressed pelican, which had its wing stuck in the rebar of a cement ship. USCG freed the pelican and VA Wildlife Resources took it for rehabilitation.

2. In November, USCG assisted with two marine protected species incidents, one dead humpback whale and one deceased dolphin. On 04 October, USCG reported a deceased whale approximately 4 nautical miles east of Hereford Inlet. USCG transported a Marine Mammal Stranding Center member to the whale, who placed a tracker on it. On 05 October, USCG reported a deceased dolphin inside the Little Creek basin. The carcass washed ashore and NOAA Stranding & Entanglement team handled all future actions.

### **II.** Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(October 1, 2020 – November 30, 2020)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations	This Period	Fiscal Year to Date
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examinations	59	<b>59</b>
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Decals Issued	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety At-Sea Boarding	50	<b>50</b>
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety At-Sea Boarding with violations (safety/fishery)	10	10
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations	4	4
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Casualties	1	1

### **III. Search and Rescue Highlights**

From October 1, 2020 – November 30, 2020 there were **5** marine casualties / terminations reported involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Allision **0**
- Capsize 0
- Collision 0
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) 0
- Death/Missing 0
- Fire  $-\mathbf{0}$
- Flooding **0**
- Fouling **0**
- Grounding **0**
- Injury **1** 
  - RAPPAHANNOCK (O.N. 650997) 06 October 2020 A crewmember on the F/V RAPPAHANNOCK required stiches after getting his fingers caught in a chain he was handling.
- Loss of Propulsion/Steering **0**

- MEDEVAC 0
- Fall(s) Overboard **0**
- Sinking **0**
- Terminations 4
  - DEBBIE JEAN (O.N. 636405) 26 October 2020 CG SECTOR North Carolina terminated the voyage of the DEBBIE JEAN due to unserviceable survival craft and excessive oily water in the bilge.
  - WANDA GAIL II (O.N. 632915) 27 October 2020 CG SECTOR North Carolina terminated the voyage of the WANDA GAIL II due to improper type/unserviceable survival craft.
  - CINDY MARIE (O.N. 598068) 24 November 2020 CG SECTOR Virginia terminated the voyage of the CINDY MARIE due to lack of required survival craft.
  - GAYLE LYNN II (VA4722CD) 24 November 2020 CG SECTOR Virginia terminated the voyage of the GAYLE LYNN II due to lack of required survival craft.

### **IV. Outreach - CFVS Information**

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