

FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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List of Abbreviations

CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	SAR – Search and Rescue
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	WLB – 225ft Buoy Tender
WPB – 110ft or 87ft 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

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

Operations Summary

During this period, major cutters, patrol boats and stations conducted fisheries patrols in the Mid-Atlantic in an effort to curtail illegal fishing throughout D5's AOR. Throughout this period, units conducted 102 boardings and issued nine notices of violation. CGC LAWRENCE LAWSON was commissioned in Cape May, NJ. CGCs NANTUCKET and CUSHING were decommissioned in Ft. Macon, NC.

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

01 February 2017– 31 March 2017 Activities		Comparison to FY16
Fisheries Boardings.....	102.....	75
Fisheries Boardings w/Fishery Violations.....	9.....	2
Violation Rate.....	8.8%.....	2.6%
Activities Fiscal Year 2017		Comparison to FY16
Fisheries Boardings.....	319.....	342
Fisheries Boardings w/Fishery Violations.....	19.....	12
Violation Rate.....	5.9%.....	4.3%

Violation Summary

14FEB17: CGC NANTUCKET issued a fishery violation to a commercial fishing vessel for illegally fishing in a prohibited area.

22FEB17: CGC HERON issued a fishery violation to a commercial fishing vessel for gear not being in compliance with the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan.

23FEB17: STA Cape May issued a fishery violation to a commercial fishing vessel for fishing with undersized mesh.

23FEB17: CGC CAMPBELL issued a fishery violation to a commercial fishing vessel for an expired Operator's Permit.

06MAR17: CGC BEAR issued a fishery violation to a commercial fishing vessel for zip-tying escape vents on their traps.

06MAR17: CGC BEAR issued a fishery violation to a commercial fishing vessel for an improper VMS code.

06MAR17: CGC FLYINGFISH issued a fishery violation to a commercial fishing vessel for not having an operator's permit onboard.

26MAR17: STA OREGON INLET issued a fishery violation to a recreational vessel for having a trophy bluefin tuna (93-in) onboard during the recreational closure.

29MAR17: CGC COCHITO issued a fishery violation to a commercial fishing vessel for not having an operator's permit. This is the second time within one year that vessel did not have an operator's permit.

Marine Protected Species Support Summary

Education/monitoring efforts for Operation RIGHT SPEED continued.

03FEB17: STA Emerald Isle assisted NC Aquarium in releasing 4 rehabilitated sea turtles to the environment.

06MAR17: CGC CUSHING assisted NC Wildlife and Resources Commission in releasing 5 sea turtles.

21MAR17: STA Cape May assisted the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in releasing a bottlenose dolphin.

II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(February 1, 2017 – March 31, 2017)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations.....	This Period.....	Fiscal Year to Date
Dockside Exams.....	58.....	228
Decals Issued	46.....	162
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations.....	03.....	07

III. Search and Rescue Highlights

From February 1, 2017 – March 31, 2017, there were 9 marine casualties reported involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Allision – 2
 - CHRISTIAN AND ALEXA (O.N. 937930) – 02 FEB 2017
 - SHARON ANN (O.N. 533501) – 15 MAR 2017
- Capsize – 0
- Collision – 1
 - EVA MARIE (O.N. 1109878) – 03 MAR 2017
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) – 4
 - CAPT SAM (O.N. 541542) – 06 FEB 2017
 - OCEAN VIEW (O.N. 257685) – 20 FEB 2017
 - JULIE ANN (O.N. 616207) – 26 FEB 2017
 - OCEAN VIEW (O.N. 257685) – 14 MAR 2017

- Death – 1
 - KATHY ROSE (O.N. 603311) – 20 MAR 2017
- Disabled (Equipment Failure) – 1
 - APPARITION (O.N. 654783) – 07 FEB 2017
- Fire – 0
- Flooding – 2
 - C.C. RIDER (O.N. 929882) – 03 FEB 2017
 - DARLIN (O.N. CG663958) – 15 MAR 2017
- Fouling – 0
- Grounding – 1
 - INVESTIGATOR (O.N. 620005) – 23 MAR 2017
- MEDEVAC – 1
 - CHIEF & CLYDE (O.N. 607725) – 04 MAR 2017
- Injury – 1
 - LITTLE JESSIE (O.N. 610545) – 23 MAR 2017: Crewmember dislocated shoulder and broke arm while working fishing gear.
- Fall(s) Overboard – 1
 - JESSICA HEATHER (O.N. 689134) – 23 FEB 2017
- Sinking – 0
- Terminations – 3
 - SALT SHAKER (O.N. 622408) – 02 FEB 2017 – 1 Safety violations: inadequate number of portable fire extinguishers.
 - C.C. RIDER (O.N. 929882) – 03 FEB 2017 - 3 Safety violations: Expired EPIRB battery, insufficient buoyant apparatus, and missing sound device.
 - AMANDA ASHLEY (O.N. 605858) – 13 MAR 2017 - 2 Safety violations: Expired hydrostatic release and inadequate liferaft servicing.