

FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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List of Abbreviations

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| 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 128 boardings and issued two notices of violation.

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

| 01 August 2017– 30 September 2017 Activities | | Comparison to FY16 |
|--|-----------|--------------------|
| Fisheries Boardings..... | 128..... | 103 |
| Fisheries Boardings w/Fishery Violations | 2..... | 1 |
| Violation Rate | 1.6%..... | 0.9% |
| Activities Fiscal Year 2017 | | Comparison to FY16 |
| Fisheries Boardings..... | 921..... | 669 |
| Fisheries Boardings w/Fishery Violations | 37..... | 21 |
| Violation Rate | 4.0%..... | 3.1% |

Violation Summary

02AUG17: CGC LAWRENCE LAWSON issued a fishery violation to a recreational fishing vessel for targeting marlin without the required HMS permit.

08SEP17: CGC VIGILANT issued a fishery violation to a commercial fishing vessel for improper VMS coding.

Marine Protected Species Support Summary

15SEP17: Units across the D5 AOR commenced enforcement efforts on Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan gear compliance through the visual inspection of pots, traps, and gillnets. This operation will continue through 15OCT17.

II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(August 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017)

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| Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations..... | This Period..... | Fiscal Year to Date |
| Dockside Exams..... | 47..... | 411 |
| Decals Issued | 40..... | 361 |
| Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations..... | 00..... | 10 |

III. Search and Rescue Highlights

From August 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017, there were 19 marine casualties reported involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Allision – 0
- Capsize – 0
- Collision – 3
 - SYNERGY (O.N. 962415) – 16 SEP 2017
 - CAPT GARLAND (O.N. 574045) – 23 AUG 2017
 - PALMETTO PRIDE (O.N. 606639) – 23 AUG 2017
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) – 0
- Death – 1
 - SOUTHERN SNIPER (O.N. 1159285) – 17 AUG 2017 (Non F/V operational death)
- Disabled (Equipment Failure) – 5
 - BRIANNA LOUSIE (O.N. NJ4748HA) – 7 AUG 2017
 - LINNEA C (O.N. 665962) – 10 AUG 2017
 - ENDANGERED SPEICES (O.N. NC8029AR) – 11 AUG 2017
 - DARK STAR (O.N. 1193900) – 20 AUG 2017
 - FRANK & MARIE (O.N. 587137) – 30 AUG 2017
- Fire – 1
 - SHILOH (O.N. MD3741BY) – 9 AUG 2017
- Flooding – 1
 - JET LAG (O.N. 918816) – 9 AUG 2017
- Fouling – 0
- Grounding – 1
 - LINNEA C (O.N. 665962) – 10 AUG 2017
- MEDEVAC – 4
 - CHASITY BROOKE (O.N. 1091811) – 14 SEPT 2017
 - WINDMILL POINT (O.N. 965884) – 1 AUG 2017
 - JERSEY DEVIL (O.N. 681358) – 10 AUG 2017
 - MISS A.M. (O.N. 1045796) – 15 AUG 2107
 - SEA KING (O.N. 586970) – 30 SEP 2017
- Injury – 1
 - CHASITY BROOKE (O.N. 1091811) – 14 SEPT 2017
- Fall(s) Overboard – 0
- Sinking – 1
 - LANGLEY DOUGLAS (O.N. 606719) – 11 SEPT 2017
- Terminations – 0

IV. Outreach Information

The “Delegation of Commercial Fishing Vessel Voyage Termination Authority” policy was reviewed and updated. New policy requires that a Captain of the Port Order (COTP) shall be issued prohibiting operations following each commercial fishing vessel voyage termination until:

- a. Commercial fishing vessels operating beyond 3NM from the base line have a satisfactorily completed a subsequent dockside safety examination; or
- b. Commercial fishing vessels operating within 3NM from the base line have all deficiencies cleared by a Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examiner.

The survival craft exemption for commercial fishing vessels operating exclusively inside the boundary line policy was also reviewed and continued, provided that:

- a. The vessel has an approved USCG immersion suit onboard for each person during the cold water months of November, December, January, February, March, April and May.
- b. The vessel is equipped at its main operating station (helm) with an operable VHF radio telephone complying with the provisions of 46 CFR 28.245. The radio must be capable of transmitting and receiving on frequencies within the 156-MHz band and be installed in a safe manner.
- c. The vessel has on board a minimum of three visual day/night distress signals approved IAW 46 CFR Part 160.021, 160.024, and / or 160.036.
- d. The vessel has completed a successful dockside commercial fishing vessel safety (CFVS) examination and maintains a current CFVS decal.