

# FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



**April 1, 2021 – May 31, 2021**

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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 – 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, Fifth District law enforcement units conducted 177 fisheries boardings, which are aligned with our FY21 projections.

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

01 April 2021 – 31 May 2021 Activities	Comparison to FY20
Fisheries Boardings.....	177..... 43
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	2..... 2
Violation Rate.....	1.1%..... 4.7%
Activities Fiscal Year 2021	Comparison to FY20
Fisheries Boardings.....	384..... 457
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	18..... 24
Violation Rate.....	4.7%..... 5.3%

## Violation Summary

Two fisheries violations were issued during this period; one for fishing with an expired operator permit and one for displaying improper VMS code.

## Marine Protected Species Support Summary

There were no marine protected species incidents requiring Fifth District support during this period.

## II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(April 1, 2021 – May 31, 2021)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations	This Period	Fiscal Year to Date
<u>Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examinations</u>	77	270
<u>Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Decals Issued</u>	60	227
<u>Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety At-Sea Boarding</u>	74	296
<u>Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety At-Sea Boarding with violations (safety/fishery)</u>	10	54
<u>Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations</u>	0	6
<u>Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Casualties</u>	4	18

## III. Search and Rescue Highlights

From April 1, 2021 – May 31, 2021 there were **4** marine casualties / terminations reported involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Allision – **0**
- Capsize – **0**
- Collision – **0**
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) – **2**
  - F/V OCEAN HUNTER (O.N. 619862) 01 May 2021 – CG Sector VA received a report of the discharge of one gallon of oil from the OCEAN HUNTER into Mill Creek. CG Pollution Responders arrived on scene and determined the crew was adequately addressing the spill with sorbent pads and boom.
  - F/V VIGILANTE (O.N. 619862) 04 May 2021 – CG Pollution Responders observed the discharge of diesel from the bilge of the F/V VIGILANTE into Town Creek. The Pollution Responders issued the vessel owner a Notice of Federal Interest (NOFI) and supervised cleanup operations.
- Death/Missing – **0**
- Fire – **0**
- Flooding – **0**

- Fouling – 0
- Grounding – 0
- Injury – 0
- Loss of Propulsion/Steering – 2
  - AMANDA C (O.N. 580850) 08 April 2021 – The F/V AMANDA C lost propulsion while operating 21 nm east of Manasquan, NJ due to clogged fuel filters. The F/V SHADOWFAX safely towed the disabled vessel to homeport without further incident.
  - MOTIVATION (O.N. 615907) 27 April 2021 – The F/V MOTIVATION lost propulsion while operating 50 nm east of Manasquan, NJ due to a failed fuel pump. The CGC BELUGA safely towed the disabled vessel to homeport without further incident.
- MEDEVAC – 0
- Fall(s) Overboard – 0
- Sinking – 0
- Terminations – 0

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

- CGD Five collaborated with CG Sector VA to host a media availability on April 22 to highlight the importance of commercial fishing vessel dockside safety exams and required safety equipment. The event was picked up by WAVY10 and can be viewed on their webpage at the following link: [Difference between life and death: Coast Guard making sure commercial fishing vessels following regulations | WAVY.com](https://www.wavy.com/story/news/local/2021/04/22/coast-guard-commercial-fishing-vessels-safety-exams/7078147002/)