

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 259 boardings.

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

<u>01 June 2018 – 31 July 2018 Activities</u>	<u>Comparison to FY17</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	259..... 201
Fisheries Boardings w/Fishery Violations	4..... 11
Violation Rate	1.5%..... 5.4%
<u>Activities Fiscal Year 2018</u>	<u>Comparison to FY17</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	714..... 761
Fisheries Boardings w/Fishery Violations	14..... 36
Violation Rate	1.9%..... 4.7%

Violation Summary

Nothing Significant to Report.

Marine Protected Species Support Summary

Nothing Significant to Report between 01 June and 31 July. However, the Fifth District is drafting an OPTASK designed to support the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan. The Marine Mammal Protection Act requires both trap/pot and gillnet gear to be configured in accordance with regulations outlined in ALWTRP. Enforcement normally occurs only during boarding’s when gear is present on deck of a fishing vessel. This operation will focus on inspecting visible portions of gear while set in the water. No boarding needs to be conducted and the owner of the gear need not be present to affect the inspection. This operation will begin on September 1st and run through the New Year.

II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(June 1, 2018 – July 31, 2018)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations.....	This Period.....	Fiscal Year to Date
Dockside Exams.....	53.....	407
Decals Issued	45.....	354
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations.....	01.....	03

III. Search and Rescue Highlights

From June 1, 2018 – July 31, 2018, there were **5** marine casualties reported involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Allision – 1
 GAL-O-MINE (O.N. 926594) – 01 JUN 18
- Capsize – 1
 GEN MARIE (O.N. MD6040D) – 27 JUL 18
- Collision – 1
 CAPT CARL (O.N. MD6040D) – 27 JUN 18
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) – 0
- Death – 0
- Disabled (Equipment Failure) – 0
- Fire – 0
- Flooding – 0
- Fouling – 0
- Grounding – 0
- MEDEVAC – 2
 DANCIN OUTLAW (O.N. 1123738) – 05 JUN 18
 MR FIN (O.N. NC4049EA) – 27 JUL 18
- Injury – 0
- Fall(s) Overboard – 0
- Sinking – 0
- Terminations – 1
 MISS MAXINE (O.N. 650959) – 20 JUL 18

IV. Outreach Information

The Fifth District “Safety Equipment Requirements for Commercial Fishing Vessels” (REDBOOK) has been recently updated and available to the fishing industry. Hard copies can be obtained from the local Sector commercial fishing vessel safety examiners and electronic copies can be obtained by contacting the Fifth District Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Coordinator at Troy.T.Luna@uscg.mil.

Since January 2018, efforts have been ongoing to identify the commercial fishing fleet size in the Fifth District. Data provided by the Sectors, State, NOAA, and existing USCG databases have been consolidated to develop a master list of known and potential commercial fishing vessels that may be subject to current safety regulations. As of August 1, 2018, approximately 5,800 vessels have been identified. This includes commercial fishing, passenger, recreational and other classifications of vessels. The intent of this process is to try and identify all vessels operating within the Fifth District area of operations as a commercial fishing vessel and ensure compliance with all established safety regulations.