

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, 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 82 boardings, issuing two notices of violation and seizing twenty-three conch pots.

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

<u>01 April 2016 – 31 May 2016 Activities</u>	<u>Comparison to FY15</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	82..... 163
Fisheries Boardings w/Fishery Violations	2..... 13
Violation Rate	2.4%..... 7.9%
<u>Activities Fiscal Year 2016</u>	<u>Comparison to FY15</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	363..... 493
Fisheries Boardings w/Fishery Violations	14..... 23
Violation Rate	3.9%..... 4.7%

Violation Summary

24APR16: CGC BELUGA issued a fishery violation to a charter vessel for retaining 5 Spanish mackerel without the required charter Coastal Migratory Pelagics permit.

07MAY16: STA OREGON INLET issued a fishery violation to a recreational vessel for filleting 2 dolphin at sea.

Marine Protected Species Support Summary

12APR16: CGC BELUGA seized 23 conch pots in the EEZ off the eastern shore of Virginia that violated the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan. The pots were illegally configured and unmarked. Custody of the pots remains with the Coast Guard, although further action will be taken by NOAA OLE.

30APR16: District Five concluded Operation RIGHT SPEED. SEC Delaware Bay had 2 sightings and hails of vessels exceeding the Seasonal Management Area speed of 10-kts.

21MAY16: SEC Delaware Bay received a radio call from F/V CHRISTINA of an entangled whale off Manasquan Inlet, NJ. STA Manasquan Inlet (MI) overheard the radio call and diverted an asset to the location of the entangled whale. SEC Delaware Bay notified NOAA Atlantic Entanglement Response Team. STA MI arrived on scene as the whale was freed from the net by F/V CHRISTINA and was able to swim off. The net was then recovered by STA MI.

II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(April 1, 2016 – May 31, 2016)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations.....	This Period.....	Fiscal Year to Date
Dockside Exams.....	108.....	444
Decals Issued	93.....	324
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations.....	2.....	10

III. Search and Rescue Highlights

From April 1, 2016 – May 31, 2016, there were 22 marine casualties reported involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Allision – 1
 - JAMIE MAE (O.N. 930224) – 21 MAY 2016;
- Capsized – 0
- Collision – 1
 - LAST STAND (O.N. 635730) – 28 APR 2016;
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) – 0
- Death – 0
- Disabled – 5
 - VA565AV (O.N. VA565AV) – 2 APR 2016;
 - CAPTAIN DUMP II (O.N. 582141) – 15 APR 2016;
 - ROCK SOLID (O.N. 649084) – 29 APR 2016;
 - ZEUS (O.N. 613082) – 7 MAY 2016;
 - RUTHIES REDRESS (O.N. 670824) – 10 MAY 2016
- Fire – 0
- Flooding – 2
 - DING BATTER (O.N. NC7893AD) – 4 APR 2016;
 - THUNDER BAY (O.N. 687824) – 22 APR 2016;
- Fouling – 1
 - THREE GRACES (O.N. MS5957AZ) – 13 MAY 2016
- Grounding – 2
 - TEXAS STAR (O.N. 588270) – 01 APR 2016;
 - EAGLET II (O.N. 541694) – 9 MAY 2016
- Medevac – 6
 - CAPT TRAVIS (O.N. 920388) – 28 APR 2016;
 - LINDA (O.N. 640224) – 01 MAY 2016;
 - SHADY LADY (O.N. 908223) – 05 MAY 2016;
 - STACEY LEE (O.N. 601984) – 06 MAY 2016;
 - GOOD NEWS II (O.N. 1123755) – 07 MAY 2016;
 - KIM & JR II (O.N. 1102516) - 16 MAY 2016;
- Injury – 0
- Fall(s) Overboard – 0

- Sinking – 2
 - LAST STAND (O.N. 635730) – 28 APR 2016;
 - MISS EVIE (O.N. 634140) – 29 APR 2016;
- Terminations – 2
 - LITTLE BIT (O.N. 624876) – 16 APR 2016, extremely hazardous condition with 5-6” of oil in the bilges, and exposed electrical wiring;
 - EAGLE (O.N. 1055423) –19 APR 2016, expired liferaft, expired hydrostatic release, unserviceable ring lifebuoy, and expired flares.

IV. Outreach Information

Development of Commercial Fishing Vessel Alternate Safety Compliance Programs (ASCPs)

The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 requires that U.S. Coast Guard to develop, in cooperation with the commercial fishing industry, Alternate Safety Compliance Programs (ASCPs). ASCPs will be applicable to:

- A commercial fishing vessel or tender 25 years of age or older in 2020 OR the vessel completes a major conversion after the program is prescribed; AND
- The vessel is at least 50 feet overall in length; AND
- The vessel operates beyond 3NM from shore.

Any vessel meeting these three criterias will need to enroll into the ASCP. In addition, vessels operating with more than 16 people on board, inside 3NM of the shore will also be required to enroll into the ASCP.

ASCPs may be risked based programs, developed for specific regions and fisheries.

Working groups are currently developing ASCPs that address the following objectives:

- Reduce vessel losses, fatalities, and serious injuries;
- Address specific risks within a fleet and not simply adopt standards from another program;
- Determine whether existing best practices, if adopted fleet-wide, are sufficient to meet ASC objectives;
- Leverage new technologies as a means to reduce limitations;
- Consider geographic and marine infrastructure limitations;
- Identifying and dedicate resources to implementing and maintaining the program; and
- Consider economic impacts to vessel owners.