

# FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



**February 1, 2021 – March 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 59 fisheries boardings and responded and/or assisted with three marine protected species incidents. Boarding numbers are aligned with our FY21 projections for operating in a COVID environment.

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

<u>01 February 2021 – 31 March 2021 Activities</u>	<u>Comparison to FY20</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	51..... 77
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	0..... 7
Violation Rate.....	0%......9%
<u>Activities Fiscal Year 2021</u>	<u>Comparison to FY20</u>
Fisheries Boardings.....	201..... 414
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations.....	24..... 20
Violation Rate.....	11.9%.....4.8%

## Violation Summary

No fishery violations were issued during this period.

## Marine Protected Species Support Summary

1. On 27 February, CG received a report from NOAA of a deceased, entangled Right Whale IVO Myrtle Beach, SC. CGC NATHAN BRUCKENTHAL (NBR) was identified as the surface asset for agency assist. On 28 February, NBR brought local stranding network members onboard and proceeded to whale's position. After the stranding network members completed the documentation and tagging, NBR returned them to shore and resumed patrol.
2. On 14 March, CGC RICHARD SNYDER worked with local aquariums to release 12 sea turtles in conjunction with the North Carolina Sea Turtle Project.
3. On 30 March, a CG aircraft reported a deceased humpback whale in the vicinity of Oregon Inlet. Sector North Carolina informed local NOAA rep, and no further CG assistance was required.

## II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(February 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations	This Period	Fiscal Year to Date
<u>Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examinations</u>	<b>52</b>	<b>169</b>
<u>Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Decals Issued</u>	<b>45</b>	<b>147</b>
<u>Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety At-Sea Boarding</u>	<b>45</b>	<b>217</b>
<u>Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety At-Sea Boarding with violations (safety/fishery)</u>	<b>16</b>	<b>44</b>
<u>Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations</u>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<u>Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Casualties</u>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>

## III. Search and Rescue Highlights

From February 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021 there were **2** marine casualties / terminations reported involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Allision – **0**
- Capsize – **0**
- Collision – **0**
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) – **0**
- Death/Missing – **0**
- Fire – **0**
- Flooding – **0**
- Fouling – **1**
- Grounding – **0**
- Injury – **0**
- Loss of Propulsion/Steering – **2**
  - CAPT JOHN (O.N. 682221) 07 March 2021 – The F/V CAPT JOHN lost propulsion while operating 65 nm east of Cape Charles, VA. The CGC SHERWATER safely towed the disabled vessel to Cape May, NJ without further incident.

- SWAGGY B (O.N. 1032704) 09 March 2021 – The F/V SWAGGY B lost steering when their ship service generator failed while operating 100 nm east of Manasquan, NJ. The F/V LILLY ROSE safely towed the disabled vessel to Manasquan, NJ without further incident.
- MEDEVAC – 0
- Fall(s) Overboard – 0
- Sinking – 0
- Terminations – 0

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

- CGD Five (dpi) completed a commercial fishing vessel social media outreach campaign with CGD Five (de) reaching over 66K members of the public.
- CGD Five (dpi) is collaborating with CGD Five (de) to host a media availability on April 16 to highlight the importance of commercial fishing vessel dockside safety exams and required safety equipment.