

U. S. Coast Guard Arctic District



Operation Frontier Sentinel 2025

Controlling, Securing, and Defending U.S. Maritime Borders and Approaches



Mission: Control, secure, and defend U.S. maritime borders and approaches from malign foreign activity in a de-escalatory manner. The primary adversarial presence in the U.S. Arctic was five Chinese flagged or owned research vessels that operated over the U.S. Extended Continental Shelf (ECS) from July through September: XUE LONG 2, SHEN HAI YI HAO, JIDI, TAN SUO SAN HAO, and ZHONG SHAN DA XUE JI DI. Coast Guard Cutters STORIS, HEALY, and WAESCHE, and Air Station Kodiak C-130 fixed-wing aircraft detected, identified, tracked, and monitored every unapproved foreign government or military vessel that operated in the U.S. Arctic during the summer of 2025.