

17th COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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List of Abbreviations

AVDET – Aviation Detachment	MBL – U.S./Russian Maritime Boundary
CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	MEDEVAC – Medical Evacuation
CGC – Coast Guard Cutter	MEDICO – Passing medical advice at sea
DIW – Dead in the Water	NPSC – North Pacific SAR Coordinator
EPIRB – Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon	PD – Police Department
FBS – Russian Federal Border Service	POB – Persons on board
FCH – Charter Fishing Vessel	PRC – Peoples’ Republic of China
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel	RFMO – Regional Fisheries Management Org.
FOL – Forward Operating Location	SAR – Search and Rescue
FRC – 154’ Fast Response Cutter	SARSAT – Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking
GOA – Gulf of Alaska	SMC – SAR Mission Coordinator
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	TERM - Termination
MH-65/MH-60 – CG helicopter	UMIB – Urgent Marine Info Broadcast
HSDN – High Seas Drift Net	VDS – Visual Distress Signals
IFQ – Individual Fishing Quota	WLB – 225’ Buoy Tender
IUU – Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing	WMEC – Medium Endurance Cutter
IVO – In the vicinity of	WMSL – 418’ National Security Cutter
MARB – Marine Assistance Request Broadcast	WPB – 110’ Patrol Boat

I. IUU Fishing & High Seas Drift Net (HSDN) Enforcement

The Coast Guard supported Operation North Pacific Guard during this period with three 6-day C-130 deployments from Japan, totaling 42 hours of air patrol. The flights detected at least 5 potential violations, two of which were serious shark finning violations, and referred them to the Regional Fisheries Management Organization and flag state for disposition. A two-person Coast Guard boarding team supported Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) aboard the Atlantic Condor, conducting 19 boardings under North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) authorities. The 58 day deployment of Atlantic Condor identified 20 potential violations of Conservation Management Measures pertaining to shark finning, pollution, transshipment and vessel markings requirements. There were no detected HSDN fishing activities during this period.

II. U.S./Russian Maritime Boundary Line (MBL) Enforcement

The increased FF/V activity along the MBL continued its increasing trend through the summer. Over the period of this report, there were seven detections of FF/V's suspected to be fishing across the MBL in the U.S. EEZ. Due to the increased FF/V activity near the MBL, Coast Guard District 17 has continued surface and air patrols along the MBL to deter and detect incursions. Coast Guard District 17 informed the Russian Border Guard of the suspected incursions.

III. U.S./Canadian EEZ Boundary (Dixon Entrance) Enforcement

There was light fishing activity during the reporting period along the U.S.-Canadian EEZ boundary in the vicinity of Dixon Entrance. All Canadian fishing vessels sighted were south of the A-B line and no incursions into U.S. waters were detected.

IV. Marine Protected Resources and Critical Habitat Enforcement

The Coast Guard monitors 151 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. June 2nd, 13th, 19th, July 11th, 17th, August 1st, and 29th, all had NOAA marine protected resource sorties scheduled with aircraft from Air Station Kodiak and Aviation Support Facility Cordova.

V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 31 boardings conducted on commercial fishing vessels by the U.S. Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of nine fisheries violations onboard eight vessels. Appendices B and C list the boardings with violations that occurred during the reporting period.

VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

Coast Guard patrols completed 180 boardings on commercial, charter, and recreational vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. Of these boardings, 19 were commercial IFQ halibut or sablefish vessels resulting in three fisheries violations on two vessels. Charter halibut vessels constituted 47 boardings resulting in three fisheries violations. Recreational vessels targeting halibut constituted 105 boardings resulting in two fisheries violations.

VII. Forward Operating Locations (FOL)

Air Station Kodiak completed the deployment of one MH-65 to Cordova on September 30th for Gulf of Alaska/Prince William Sound SAR coverage. FOL Kotzebue was open July 1st through September 30th with two MH-60 for Arctic and Bering Sea SAR coverage.

VIII. Crab Fisheries

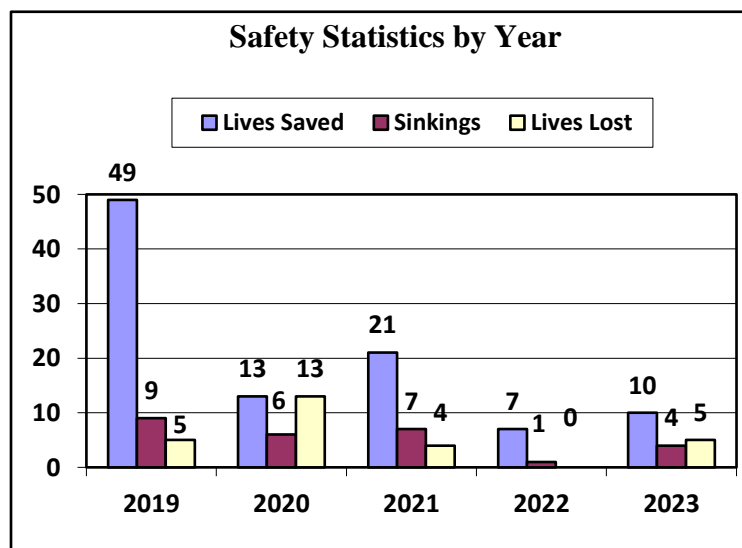
Coast Guard units conducted no boardings on fishing vessels targeting crab in the Bering Sea during this period.

IX. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

There were 21 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in eight lives saved and two vessels lost during the reporting period. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of SAR cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

During the reporting period, 84 safety violations were detected on 29 commercial fishing vessels, six resulted in voyage terminations. A comprehensive list of safety violations can be found in Appendix B.

Figure 1. Historical Overview of CFVS/SAR Statistics



X. Coast Guard Resource Summary

Figures 2-5 show the *annual* aircraft law enforcement hours, Medium and High Endurance Cutter days, and Patrol Boat hours used in the Seventeenth District. Figures 6-7 show the same information over the last three years for major cutters and patrol boats over the *reporting period only*.

Figure 2. Annual HC-130 Hours

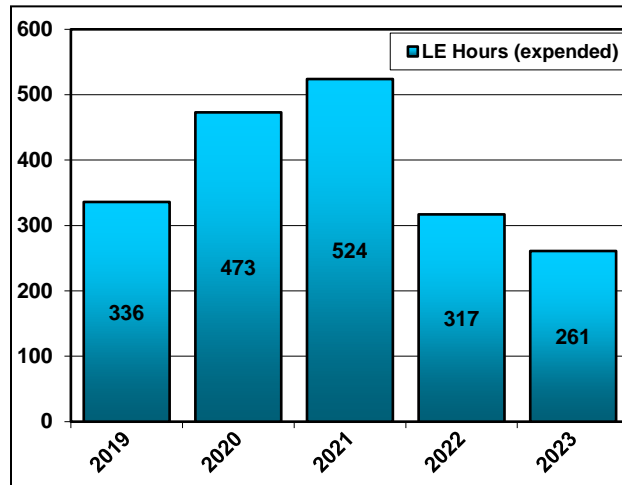
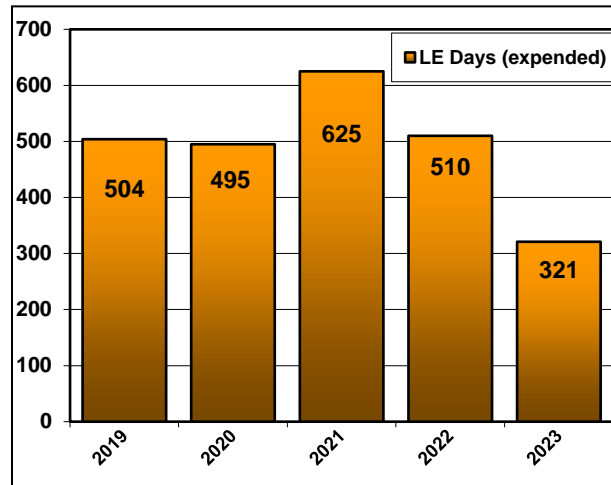


Figure 3. Annual Major Cutter Days



June - September 2022

5 WMSL patrolled.....144 days
 1 WMEC patrolled.....28 days
 1 WLB patrolled15 days
 6 WPBs/FRCs patrolled.....155 days
Total Cutter patrol.....342 days

HC-130s flew271 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....111 hours

June - September 2023

2 WMSL patrolled*.....96 days
 1 WMEC patrolled.....58 days
 0 WLB patrolled0 days
 6 WPB/FRCs patrolled176 days
Total Cutter patrol.....330 days

HC-130s flew188 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....41 hours

Figure 4. Annual H60/65 Hours to date

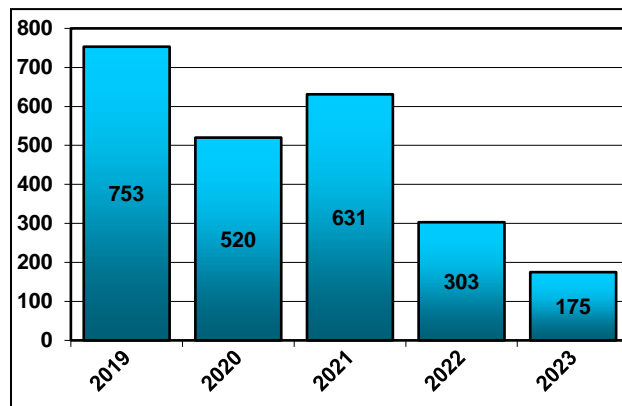


Figure 5. Annual Patrol Boat Hours to date

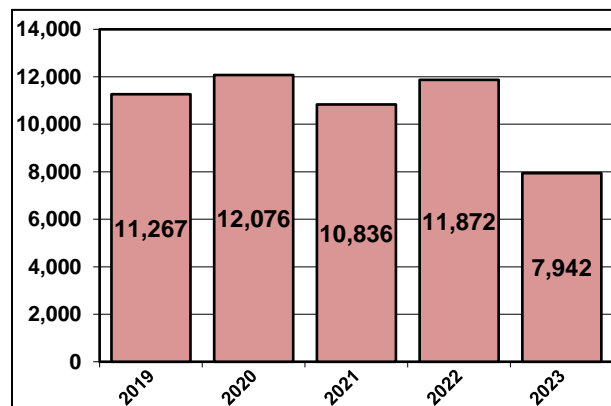


Figure 6. April - May Major Cutter Days

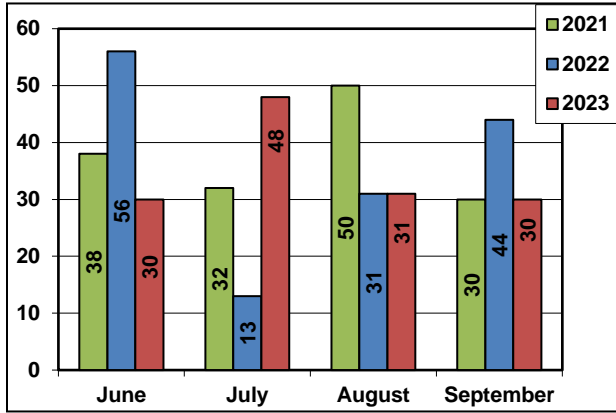
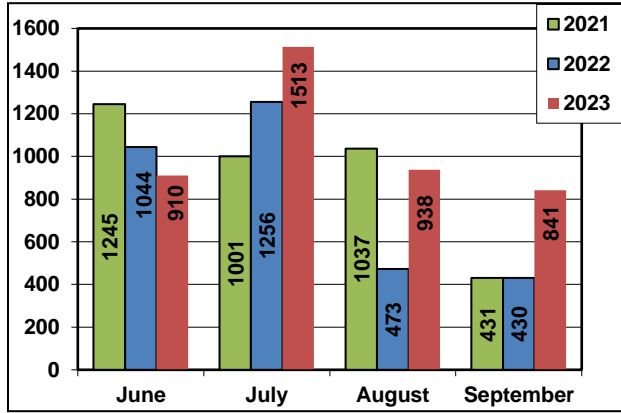


Figure 7. April - May Patrol Boat Hours



Appendix A
June - September 2023
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel Name	Details
06/04/2023	F/V Northern Mariner	Reported crewmember found unresponsive. Crew commenced CPR, successfully revived patient. Proceeded to port without CG assistance.
06/17/2023	F/V Guardian	Reported taking on water due to stuffing box casualty. CG launched 87' patrol boat & MH60. Good Samaritan arrived on scene prior to CG arrival. Vessel transited safely to port without CG assistance.
06/20/2023	F/V Wild Fish	Reported aground with 01 person onboard. CG launched small boat station & rescue helicopter. Unable to reach vessel on the rocks with a rescue boat, CG helo used rotor wash to knock vessel off the rocks. Rescue boat deployed 2 persons onboard F/V Wild Fish and retrieved survivor who had suffered injuries. Helo hoisted survivor and transferred to EMS.
06/22/2023	F/V Arbiter	Reported taking on water with 03 persons onboard. CG directed launch of rescue helicopter. Good Samaritan rescued 03 persons without CG assistance.
06/06/2023	F/V KACHEMAK PROVIDER	Reported disabled and adrift with 05 persons onboard. CG launched 110' patrol boat. Patrol boat arrived on scene, established tow to safe harbor.
06/21/2023	F/V EASTERN HUNTER	Reported disabled and adrift w/ 04 POB and unable to anchor. Good Samaritan arrived on scene prior to launch of CG assets and deployed their anchor.
06/12/2023	F/V TITANIUM	Reported member in medical distress. CG launched rescue helicopter and transferred patient to waiting EMS.
06/25/2023	F/V NEW HOPE	Reported personnel entanglement in running machinery. Good Samaritans responded prior to CG launch and transported injured captain to waiting EMS. Another good Samaritan piloted F/V New Hope to harbor.
06/29/2023	F/V Leah KAY	Reported disabled and adrift. Commercial services responded and towed vessel to harbor without CG assistance.
06/26/2023	F/V Beeracuda	Reported a fouled prop. CG issued a marine assistance radio broadcast. A good Samaritan arrived and towed vessel to harbor without CG assistance.
07/22/2023	F/V ALASKAN SPIRIT	Reported crewmember in medical distress. CG diverted rescue helicopter for immediate MEDEVAC. Helicopter hoisted patient and delivered to LiefMed crew for further transport.
06/26/2023	F/V ARCTOS	Reported taking on water from shaft packing. CG escorted vessel to port.
07/20/2023	F/V DESIRE	Reported fire onboard. 02 persons donned immersion suits and entered water. A good Samaritan rescued the two survivors. Vessel burned to the waterline.
09/09/2023	F/V VALKYRIE	Reported crewmember missing from a hunting party. CG launched rescue helicopter and located missing individual. CG delivered individual back to the vessel.
08/18/2023	F/V LOFOTEN	Reported aground with no structural damage. Vessel was pulled from rocks with assistance of good Samaritan.
08/25/2023	F/V NORTHERN EAGLE	Reported crewmember in medical distress. CG launched a rescue helicopter and conducted hoist of patient. Transferred to commercial services for further care.

08/09/2023	F/V BALLYHOO	Reported aground and taking on water with 07 persons onboard. Crew welded a damaged compartment closed and refloated with a high tide; transited to harbor without CG assistance.
09/02/2023	F/V CRIMSON TIDE	Reported disabled and adrift. CG diverted 225' buoy tender who assumed tow to safe water, where the tow was passed to another vessel to harbor.
08/09/2023	F/V INTREPID	Reported capsized with 04 persons in the water. CG issued an urgent marine information broadcast and directed an MH-60 to launch. Good Samaritans recovered all persons in good health prior to CG arrival on scene.
08/13/2023	F/V MOVIN ON	Reported taking on water. CG issued an urgent marine information broadcast, launched a rescue helicopter, and small boat station. A good Samaritan arrived on scene and assisted with dewatering. CG small boat employed dewatering pump and escorted to harbor.
08/03/2023	F/V MARIO	Reported abandoning ship after being swamped by a wake. CG issued an urgent marine information broadcast and launched a small boat. CG recovered 01 person onboard and delivered them to shore in good health.

Appendix B
June – September 2023
Commercial Fisheries Boardings with Safety Violations

Date	Fishery	Action	# of safety violations	Notes & details
06/02/2023	State	NOV	2	Firefighting equipment, EPIRB registration
06/13/2023	Southeast AK IFQ	WW	1	Mooring in a restricted area
06/16/2023	State	NOV	2	Ring life buoy and vessel material condition
06/16/2023	State	NOV	1	No Certificate of Documentation onboard
06/21/2023	Pacific Cod longline	NOV	1	Expired life raft hydrostatic release
06/23/2023	Southeast AK IFQ	NOV	8	Voyage terminated; inadequate firefighting equipment, no sound producing device, no flares, no ring lifebuoy, no placards.
06/26/2023	State	NOV	3	Voyage terminated; insufficient firefighting equipment, no flares, or ring lifebuoy
06/30/2023	State	WW	2	Unserviceable life ring, broken immersion suit zipper
07/06/2023	State	NOV	1	Expired flares
07/08/2023	State	WW	1	Expired flares
07/08/2023	State	WW	2	Lifesaving equipment markings
07/15/2023	Bering Sea Trawl	NOV	1	Voyage terminated; especially hazardous condition from electrical current in ladder well handrail
07/26/2023	State	NOV	3	Expired lifesaving equipment, lifesaving equipment markings
07/26/2023	State	NOV	1	Expired fire extinguisher
07/28/2023	Southeast AK IFQ	NOV	5	EPIRB registration, EPIRB hydrostatic release, expired fire extinguisher
08/03/2023	State	NOV	8	Voyage terminated; expired survival craft, expired hydro static release for survival craft, fire extinguishing equipment, maintenance/inspection of lifesaving equipment
08/04/2023	State	NOV	1	Broken immersion suit zipper
08/07/2023	State	NOV	1	Broken immersion suit zipper
08/08/2023	State	NOV	5	Expired survival craft, stowage of survival craft, expired flares, inadequate fire fighting equipment, expired certificate of documentation.
08/11/2023	State	NOV	11	Voyage terminated; expired EPIRB registration, improper lifesaving equipment markings, expired flares, inadequate firefighting equipment
08/12/2023	State	NOV	1	Improper EPIRB stowage
08/14/2023	State	NOV	1	No injury placard displayed

09/07/2023	Southeast AK IFQ	NOV	3	Expired life raft inspection, expired flares, expired EPIRB registration
09/07/2023	State	NOV	2	Expired EPIRB, expired flares
09/09/2023	Gulf of Alaska Trawl	NOV	1	Expired fire extinguisher
09/10/2023	Gulf of Alaska Trawl	NOV	2	Expired EPIRB, expired fire extinguisher
09/19/2023	State	NOV	7	Expired certificate of documentation, improper lifesaving equipment markings
09/26/2023	Bering Sea Trawl	NOV	4	Voyage terminated; inadequate firefighting equipment, no sound producing device, improper lifesaving equipment markings
09/28/2023	State	NOV	3	Improper lifesaving equipment markings, garbage placard absent

NOV – Notice of Violation
WW – Written Warning

Appendix C
June – September 2023
Fisheries Boardings with Fisheries Violations (Commercial, Recreational, and Charter)

DATE	SPECIES	AREA	# FISHERY VIOS	NOTES AND DETAILS	FISHERY
7/11/23	710	3A	2	Rockfish retention & logbook discrepancies.	IFQ Sablefish
7/19/23	200	2C	1	Fishing without guide license	Charter Halibut
7/20/23	200	3A	1	Rockfish retention	IFQ Halibut
8/12/23	200	4A	1	Rockfish retention	IFQ Halibut
8/21/23	200	3A	2	Fishing on a closed day, possession of mutilated halibut	Charter Halibut
9/12/23	200	3A	1	Home pack halibut while commercial fishing for other fish species	State Salmon
9/26/23	270	BS	1	Fishing without active Vessel Monitoring System	Pollock

200 – Pacific halibut

270 – Walleye Pollock

710 – Sablefish (black cod)