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 .................................................... PD – Police Department
Beacon .................................................................................................................... POB – Persons on board
FBS – Russian Federal Border Service ............................................................... PRC – Peoples’ Republic of China
FCH – Charter Fishing Vessel ............................................................................ RFMO – Regional Fisheries Management Org.
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel ............................................................................ SAR – Search and Rescue
FOL – Forward Operating Location ..................................................................... SARSAT – Search and Rescue Satellite Aided
FRC – 154’ Fast Response Cutter ...................................................................... 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 did not have a surface or aircraft asset for Operation North Pacific Guard (NPG) 2023 during this period. Coast Guard aircraft are scheduled for support of NPG later this summer for enforcement on FF/V boardings on the High Seas under North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) authorities. There were no detected HSDN fishing activities during this period.

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

FF/V activity along the MBL has increased significantly during the last two months. During the month of May, there has been consistent fishing on the Russian side of the MBL. In April, there was one detection of a Russian Longline fishing vessel briefly crossing into the U.S. EEZ, but an assessment of the vessel’s trackline and speed indicated that the vessel was not fishing 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.

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. A NOAA Protected Resources Division (PRD) Sitka spring mammal carcass survey flight was scheduled for April 24th, however, the aircraft was diverted for a MEDEVAC. A May 8th marine mammal carcass survey flight was also cancelled due to lack of available aircraft. Kodiak and Cordova-based marine mammal carcass survey flights were conducted on May 13th, 25th, and 31st.

V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 45 boardings conducted on commercial fishing vessels by the U.S. Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of eight fisheries violations onboard five 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 123 boardings on commercial, charter, and recreational vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. Of these boardings, 26 were of IFQ halibut or sablefish vessels resulting in four fisheries violations on three vessels. Charter halibut vessels constituted 22 boardings resulting in zero fisheries violations. Recreational vessels targeting halibut constituted 75 boardings resulting in zero fisheries violations.

VII. Forward Operating Locations

Air Station Kodiak deployed one MH-65 to Cordova on May 1 for Gulf of Alaska/Prince William Sound SAR coverage and law enforcement thru end of September 2023.

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 11 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in one life saved, five lives lost, 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, 20 safety violations were detected on 15 vessels. 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

April - May 2022
1 WMSL patrolled.........................73 days
1 WMEC patrolled.........................0 days
1 WLB patrolled..........................0 days
7 WPBs/FRCs patrolled...............56 days
Total Cutter patrol.......................129 days
HC-130s flew............................73 hours
HH-60/65s flew...........................73 hours

Figure 3. Annual Major Cutter Days

April - May 2023
2 WMSL patrolled*.....................72 days
0 WMEC patrolled.........................0 days
0 WLB patrolled..........................0 days
5 WPB/FRCs patrolled...............58 days
Total Cutter patrol....................130 days
HC-130s flew.........................32 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
April - May 2023
Search and Rescue Cases

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Vessel Name</th>
<th>Case Details</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>03 April</td>
<td>F/V ENTERPRISE</td>
<td>F/V ENTERPRISE reported fire in engine room and first degree burns to crew member. Initial CG air assets called, stood down due F/V ability proceed to port.</td>
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<tr>
<td>06 April</td>
<td>F/V AMATULI</td>
<td>F/V AMATULI reported flooding in engine room not in distress; escorted to Dutch Harbor by F/V BRUIN; MSD Dutch Harbor did a preliminary investigation once moored.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13 April</td>
<td>F/V PALMA</td>
<td>F/V PALMA reported disabled from engine overheating; declined CG assistance, and returned to Sitka homeport escorted by nearby F/V JOSEPH.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01 May</td>
<td>M/V</td>
<td>M/V from Calder Mountain Lodge capsized in Pt Baker sunk in Kell Bay with two POB, uninjured and ashore; CGC PIKE and AIRT A Sitka diverted to case; POB declined transport.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>06 May</td>
<td>F/V KEMA SUE</td>
<td>AIRSTA Kodiak launched for MEDEVAC of crewmember.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>08 May</td>
<td>F/V NORTHERN GLACIER</td>
<td>F/V NORTHERN GLACIER loss of propulsion; conducted self-repairs enroute to Dutch Harbor without CG assist.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13 May</td>
<td>F/V TSIU</td>
<td>F/V TSIU loss of propulsion; coordinated with F/V POLARIS 24NM away for a tow back to Kodiak; CGC FIR briefed but not needed to respond.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 May</td>
<td>F/V HOPE</td>
<td>F/V PATRIOT reported F/V HOPE sunk IVO Sukoi Island but did not witness any PIW; CGC DOUGLAS DENMAN diverted; owner of F/V HOPE contacted and notified the tow accidentally sank from towing F/V GHOST SHIP; CGC DOUGLAS DENMAN stood down.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26 May</td>
<td>F/V EVENING STAR</td>
<td>F/V reported crewmember irregular heartbeat; MEDEVAC not required, vessel returned to port.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28 May</td>
<td>F/V NORTHERN STAR</td>
<td>F/V NORTHERN STAR reported disabled, dragging anchor towards rocks; STA Juneau launched and towed vessel back to Auke Bay.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>29 May</td>
<td>F/V AWAKIN</td>
<td>Charter F/V AWAKIN capsized in Sitka sound with 5 POB; AIRSTA Sitka, CGC DOUGLAS DENMAN, good Samaritans, and local EMS conducted search patterns; 1 reported deceased, 4 missing.</td>
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### Appendix B

April - May 2023

Fisheries Boardings with Safety Violations (Commercial, Recreational, and Charter)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>SPECIES</th>
<th>AREA</th>
<th># SAFETY VIOS</th>
<th>ACTION</th>
<th>NOTES AND DETAILS</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4/13/23</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>NOV</td>
<td>Material Condition of the engine room bilge was UNSAT due to excessive oily waste in the bilge spaces (routed termination request – not approved/informed master clean ASAP); All 18 portable fire extinguishers expired; COD expired</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4/14/23</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>3A</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>NOV</td>
<td>Survival Craft inspection past serviceability, EPIRB expired, Ring Life Buoy unserviceable, no valid CFVS conducted</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4/14/23</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>NOV</td>
<td>EPIRB &amp; Survival Craft hydrostatic releases expired</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4/15/23</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>WW</td>
<td>Certificate of documentation not onboard</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4/18/23</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>WW</td>
<td>Expired distress signals</td>
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<tr>
<td>4/21/23</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>NOV</td>
<td>Improper markings on life savings equipment (corrected on spot); no FCC SSL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/4/23</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>WW</td>
<td>Distress signals and COD discrepancies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/4/23</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>WW</td>
<td>Distress signals discrepancy</td>
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<tr>
<td>5/8/23</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>NOV</td>
<td>Certificate of documentation not onboard</td>
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<tr>
<td>5/10/23</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>2C</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>WW</td>
<td>No registration onboard</td>
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<td>WW</td>
<td>Expired COD</td>
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<td>WW</td>
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<td>5/22/23</td>
<td>541</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>NOV</td>
<td>Not transmitting AIS as required</td>
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<tr>
<td>5/22/23</td>
<td>541</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>NOV</td>
<td>Not transmitting AIS as required</td>
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200 – Pacific halibut  
270 – Walleye Pollock  
710 – Sablefish (black cod)  
NOV – Notice of Violation  
WW – Written Warning
## Appendix C
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Fisheries Boardings with Fisheries Violations (Commercial, Recreational, and Charter)

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<th>DATE</th>
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<th>FISHERY VIOS</th>
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<tr>
<td>4/16/23</td>
<td></td>
<td>630</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Trawling in a Type 2 bottom trawl closure area</td>
<td>GOA Trawl</td>
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<tr>
<td>4/23/23</td>
<td></td>
<td>270</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Not properly logging inactive days</td>
<td>BS AFA Pollock Trawl</td>
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<tr>
<td>5/4/23</td>
<td></td>
<td>710</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>Logbook discrepancies</td>
<td>BS IFQ/CDQ Halibut/Sablefish</td>
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<tr>
<td>5/15/23</td>
<td></td>
<td>710</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Illegal discard of rockfish, 7 pots w/ biodegradable panel opening less than 18&quot;</td>
<td>AI IFQ/CDQ Halibut/Sablefish</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>errors maintaining Daily Fishing Logbook</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/23/23</td>
<td></td>
<td>710</td>
<td>3A</td>
<td>Logbook discrepancies and slinky pots w/ only 16&quot; vs required 18&quot;</td>
<td>GOA IFQ Halibut/Sablefish</td>
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