

# 17<sup>th</sup> COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



**October - November 2023**

*Prepared By: LT Reid Wiegleb  
Response and Enforcement Branch  
Coast Guard District 17  
P.O. Box 25517  
Juneau, AK 99802-5517*

<b>Table of Contents</b>	<b>Page</b>
I. IUU & High Seas Drift Net Enforcement .....	2
II. U.S./Russian Maritime Boundary Line (MBL) Enforcement .....	2
III. U.S./Canadian EEZ Boundary (Dixon Entrance) Enforcement .....	2
IV. Marine Protected Species and Critical Habitat Enforcement .....	2
V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics .....	2
VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement.....	2
VII. Forward Operating Location .....	2
VIII. Crab Fisheries.....	3
IX. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases.....	3
X. Coast Guard Resource Summary .....	4

## Appendices

---

Appendix A October - November 2023 Search and Rescue Cases .....	6
Appendix B October - November 2023 Fisheries Boardings with Safety Violations .....	6

## Figures

1. Historical Overview of CFVS/SAR Statistics.....	3
2. Annual HC-130 Flight Hours.....	4
3. Annual Major Cutter Days .....	4
4. Annual H60/H65 Hours.....	4
5. Annual Patrol Boat Hours .....	4
6. October - November 2023 Major Cutter Days.....	5
7. October - November 2023 Patrol Boat Hours .....	5

## 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 is in the planning and preparation stages for Operation North Pacific Guard 2024, the service's marquis counter-IUU effort.

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

Over the period of this report, there were two 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 increased surface and air patrols along the MBL to deter and detect incursions. Coast Guard District 17 transmitted case packages to the Russian Border Guard for 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. Aircraft completed 31hrs of patrols during the report period in support of Living Marine and Marine Protected Resources, with no incursions detected.

## **V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics**

There were 28 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 boardings on seven commercial and two recreational vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. There were no charter halibut vessels boarded. No fisheries violations were detected on any boarding.

## **VII. Forward Operating Locations (FOL)**

FOL Cold Bay equipped with an MH-60 aircraft for Arctic and Bering Sea SAR coverage was stood up on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

### VIII. Crab Fisheries

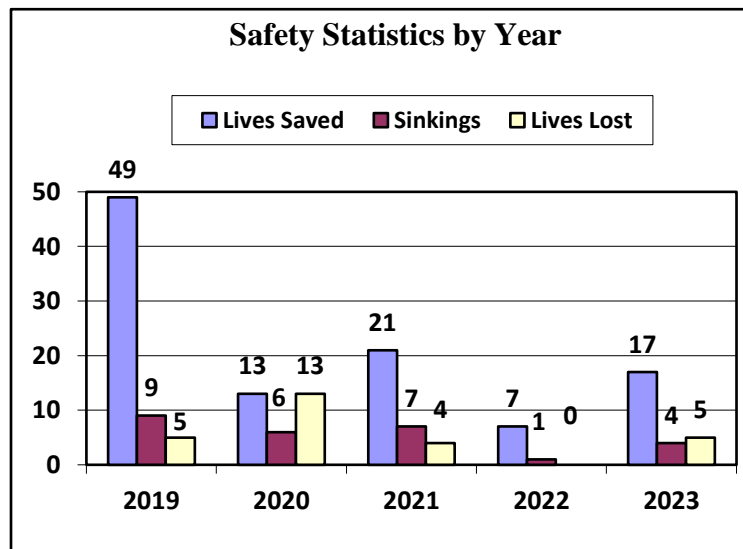
Coast Guard prevention units conducted pre-season Stability Compliance Checks in Dutch Harbor and by phone for 25 of 29 participating crab vessels. Inspectors found that vessels were largely in compliance with safety carriage requirements and their stability instructions.

### IX. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

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

During the reporting period, 21 safety violations were detected on nine commercial fishing vessels, none resulted in voyage terminations. A comprehensive list of safety violations can be found in Appendix B.

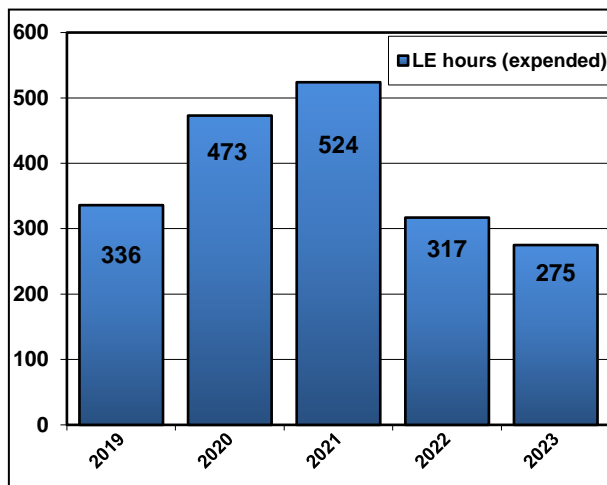
**Figure 1. Historical Overview of CFVS/SAR Statistics**



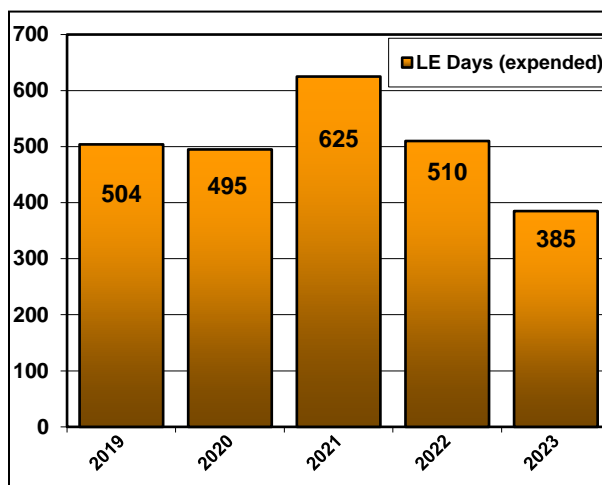
## X. Coast Guard Resource Summary

Figures 2-5 show the *annual* aircraft law enforcement hours, Major 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**



**October - November 2022**

2 WMSL patrolled.....95 days  
 0 WMEC patrolled.....00 days  
 0 WLB patrolled .....00 days  
 8 WPBs/FRCs patrolled..... 84 days  
**Total Cutter patrol..... 179 days**

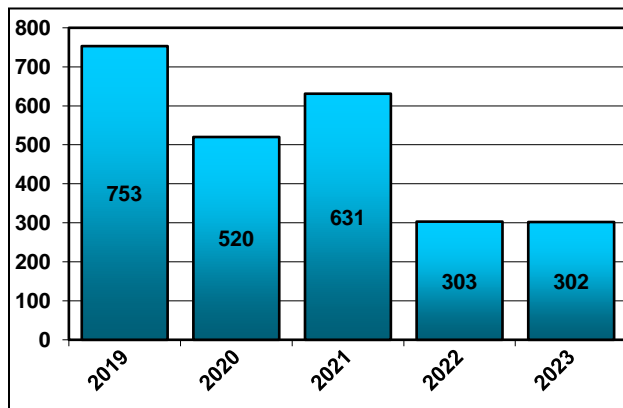
HC-130s flew .....13 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew..... 38 hours

**October - November 2023**

2 WMSL patrolled\*.....64 days  
 0 WMEC patrolled.....0 days  
 1 WLB patrolled .....07 days  
 6 WPB/FRCs patrolled .....37 days  
**Total Cutter patrol.....108 days**

HC-130s flew .....00 hours  
 HH-60/65s flew..... 31 hours

**Figure 4. Annual H60/65 Hours to date**



**Figure 5. Annual Patrol Boat Hours to date**

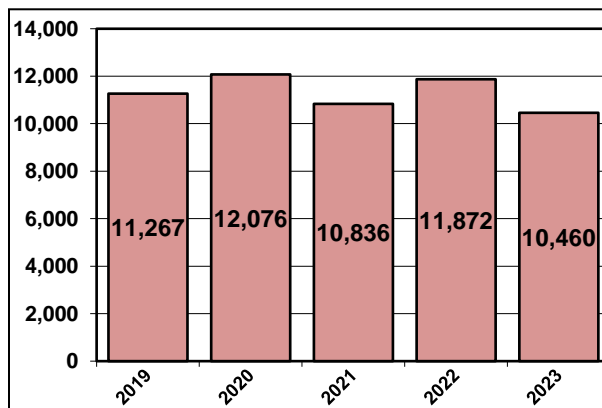


Figure 6. October - November Major Cutter Days

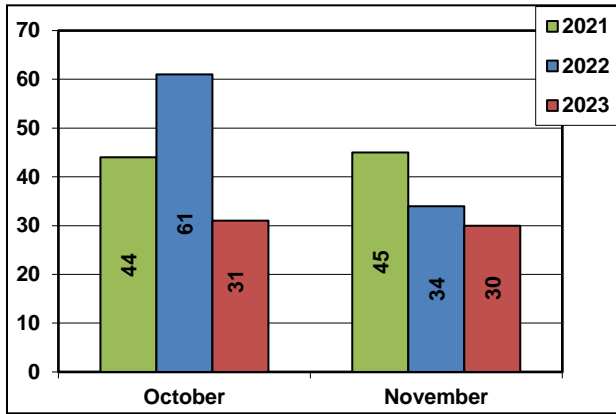
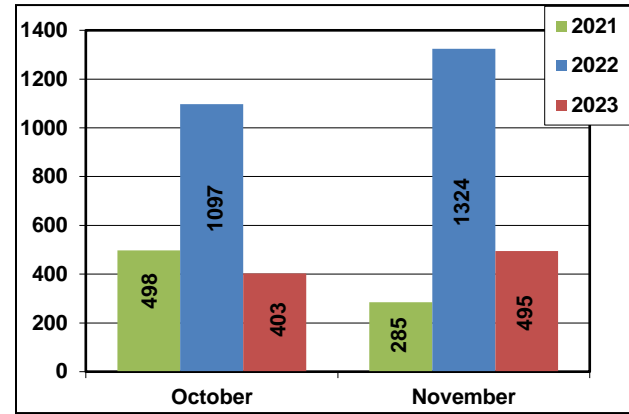


Figure 7. October- November Patrol Boat Hours



**Appendix A**  
October - November 2023  
Search and Rescue Cases

<b>Date</b>	<b>Vessel Name</b>	<b>Details</b>
11/14/2023	F/V Lydia Marie	Reported taking on water with 04 persons onboard. CG issued a radio broadcast and directed launch of rescue helicopter and directed a cutter to the scene. The helicopter crashed during the response; CG surface assets provided dewatering pumps to the vessel and escorted them safely to port.
11/12/2023	F/V Frances G	Reported aground with 04 persons onboard after becoming disabled and drifting onto rocks. CG launched a rescue boat, retrieving three persons. The fourth disembarked via small boat. The vessel refloated with the high tide and transited safely to port.
10/30/2023	F/V Arizona	EPIRB activated. Vessel was safely moored in the harbor and not in distress.

**Appendix B**  
October – November 2023  
Commercial Fisheries Boardings with Safety Violations

<b>Date</b>	<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b># of safety violations</b>	<b>Notes &amp; details</b>
10/11/2023	State	NOV	5	EPIRB, life raft servicing, firefighting equipment
10/11/2023	State	NOV	1	Firefighting equipment
10/31/2023	State	NOV	1	Expired flares
10/31/2023	State	NOV	1	No Certificate of Documentation onboard
10/31/2023	Southeast AK IFQ	NOV	3	Lifesaving equipment maintenance
10/31/2023	Southeast AK IFQ	NOV	3	Firefighting equipment maintenance, placards
11/01/2023	Southeast AK IFQ	NOV	1	Firefighting equipment maintenance
11/03/2023	State	NOV	4	Immersion suit maintenance & markings
11/06/2023	Southeast AK IFQ	NOV	2	Life raft hydrostatic release, equipment markings

NOV – Notice of Violation  
WW – Written Warning