

17th COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



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List of Abbreviations

CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	HSDN – High Seas Drift Net
FBS - Russian Federal Border Service	MBL – US/Russian Maritime Boundary
FF/V – Foreign Fishing Vessel	NPSC – North Pacific SAR Coordinator
GOA – Gulf of Alaska	SAR – Search and Rescue
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	UMIB –Urgent Marine Info Broadcast
HEC/MEC – High/Medium Endurance Cutters	WLB –225ft Buoy Tender
HH65/60 – CG helicopter	WPB – 110ft Patrol Boat
MARB – Marine Assistance Request Broadcast	POB – Persons on board
CGC – Coast Guard Cutter	IVO – In the vicinity of
SMC – SAR Mission Coordinator	MEDEVAC – Medical Evacuation
NVG – Night Vision Goggles	AVDET – Aviation Detachment
FOL – Forward Operating Location	HFP – Health Force Partners

I. High Seas Drift Net (HSDN) Enforcement

There were no HSDN enforcement activities conducted during the reporting period.

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

Activity along the MBL was low over the reporting period with an average of between one and two vessels detected within 20 miles of the MBL during October and November. There have been no detected incursions by FFVs into the U.S. EEZ this season.

From 15-19 October, six delegation members from the Russian Border Guard of the Eastern Arctic District travelled to Juneau, AK for the Meeting of Commanders with the District 17 Commander. This purpose of this meeting was to discuss and foster the US/Russian partnership in enforcement of the US/Russian Maritime Boundary Line and IUU fishing/transshipment activities.

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.

On 11 October, there was a US/Canada Border Enforcement Meeting in Juneau, with attendees from Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Sector Juneau, Customs and Border Protection, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, NOAA OLE, and District 17. This was a tactical level annual meeting to foster continued cooperation for law enforcement activities. The objective of this meeting was for tactical level partners to discuss topics on emerging trends, threats and gaps within fisheries law enforcement, port security, narcotics, narcotics, and other important issues.

IV. Marine Protected Resources and Critical Habitat Enforcement

The Coast Guard monitors more than 151 critical habitat areas around Alaska each month as part of routine cutter and aircraft patrol activity. A forward deployed Coast Guard MH-60 in Kotzebue conducted three flights in October to assist the Alaska Eskimo Walrus Commission and Alaska Sea Grant biologists in surveying and conducting investigations on marine mammal carcasses along the Seward Peninsula.

V. Commercial Fishing Vessel Boarding Statistics

There were 79 domestic fisheries and fishing vessel safety boardings conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard during the reporting period. These boardings resulted in a total of 8 safety violations onboard 7 vessels and one federal fisheries violation. Figures 1 and 2 show the historic trends for boardings and violations. Appendices B and C list the boardings which occurred during the reporting period.

Figure 1. Fisheries Boardings By Year

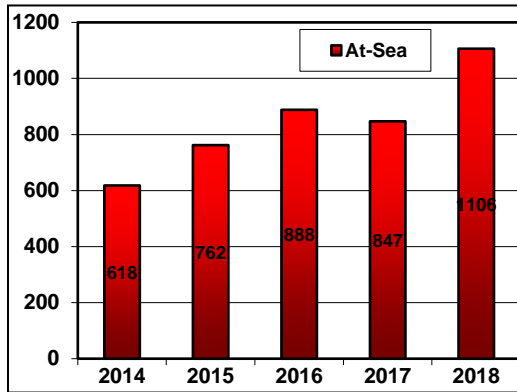
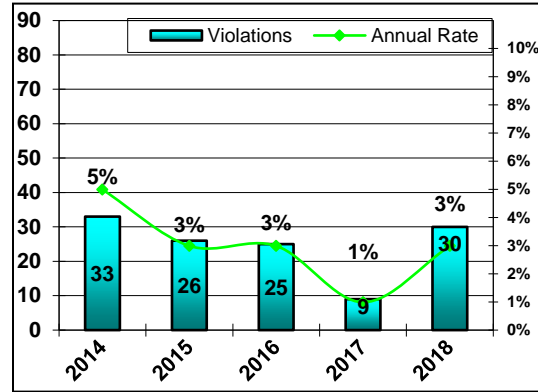


Figure 2. Fisheries Violations by Year



Oct - Nov 2017 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):55
 Boardings w/fisheries violations:1
 Violation Rate:1.8%

Oct – Nov 2018 Boardings

F/V Boardings (at sea):80
 Boardings w/fisheries violations:1
 Violation Rate:1.25%

VI. Halibut and Sablefish Enforcement

Coast Guard patrols completed 30 boardings on fishing vessels targeting halibut and sablefish during the reporting period. There were 10 boardings of IFQ halibut vessels, detecting one safety violation and no fisheries violations. There were 12 boardings of IFQ sablefish vessels, with no violations detected. No voyages were terminated for significant safety concerns.

There were no boardings on charter vessels targeting halibut. There were eight boardings on recreational vessels targeting halibut, detecting no fisheries violations and five safety violations onboard three vessels. No voyages were terminated for significant safety concerns.

VII. Crab Fisheries

Air Station Kodiak deployed an MH-60 to Cold Bay for the Bering Sea crab season opening. The MH-60 remained in Cold Bay through 15 November and is scheduled to return on 15 January 2018 as activity increases in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island crab and trawl fisheries.

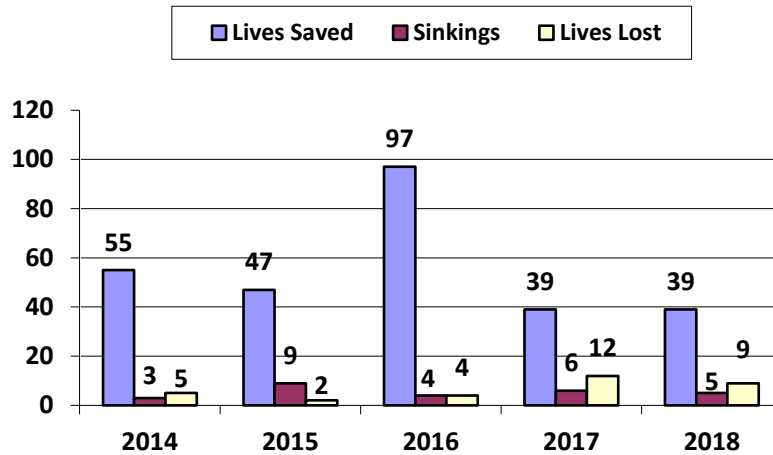
The CGC ALEX HALEY conducted 14 boardings on fishing vessels targeting crab, and representative from District 17’s Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety division travelled to Dutch Harbor, AK prior to the crab opener to conduct courtesy safety exams and outreach.

VIII. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety/Search and Rescue Cases

During the reporting period, 8 safety violations were detected on 6 vessels. There were no voyage terminations. A comprehensive list of violations can be found in Appendix C.

There were 12 search and rescue (SAR) cases involving fishing vessels in U.S. waters, resulting in five lives saved, two lives lost, and zero vessel sinkings. Appendix A provides a comprehensive list of SAR cases involving fishing vessels over the reporting period.

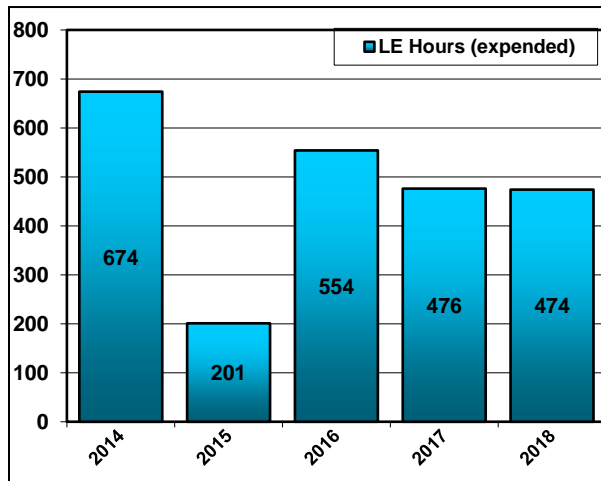
Figure 3. Historical Overview of CFVS Statistics
Safety Statistics by Year



XI. Coast Guard Resource Summary

Figures 4 and 5 show the *annual* HC-130 aircraft law enforcement hours and Medium and High Endurance Cutter days used in the Seventeenth District. Figures 6 and 7 show the same information over the last three years for the *reporting period only*.

Figure 4. Annual HC-130 Hours

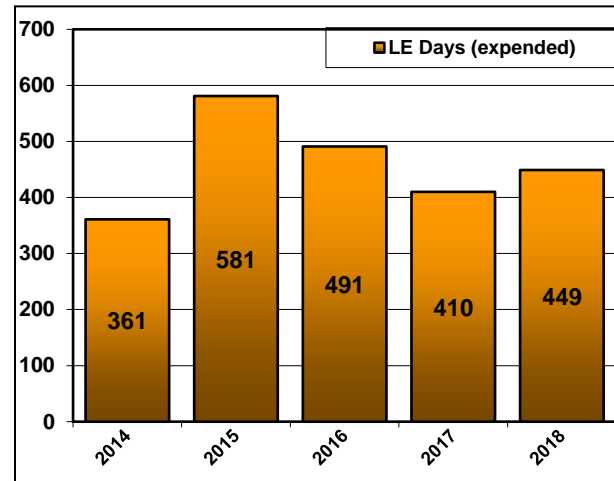


Oct - Nov 2017

1 WHEC patrolled.....67 days
 1 WMEC patrolled..... 0 days
 1 WLB patrolled 2 day
 4 WPBs patrolled..... 42 days
Total Cutter patrol..... 111 days

HC-130s flew 31 hours
 HH-60/65s flew..... 102 hours

Figure 5. Annual Major Cutter Days



Oct - Nov 2018

2 WHECs patrolled.....14 days
 1 WMEC patrolled.....59 days
 0 WLB patrolled 0 days
 5 WPB/FRCs patrolled81 days
Total Cutter patrol.....154 days

HC-130s flew38 hours
 HH-60/65s flew.....88 hours

Figure 6. Oct-Nov HC-130 Hours

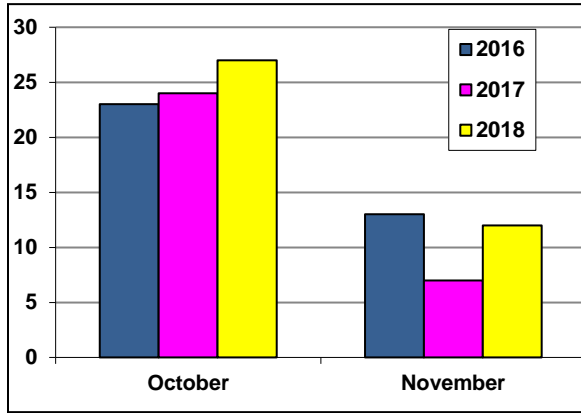
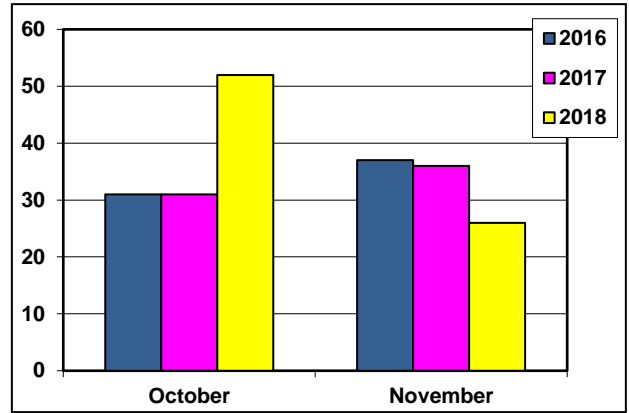


Figure 7. Oct-Nov Major Cutter Days



Appendix A
October - November 2018
Search and Rescue Cases

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
9/22/18	AQUARIUS	Sector Juneau received a distress call from F/V AQUARIUS which had run aground on Bird Rock in Fanshaw Bay. A MH60 from AIRSTA Kodiak and an Alaska Wildlife Trooper (AWT) enforcement craft were diverted to assist. The Master of the vessel was safely transferred to the AST enforcement craft, and there was a plan to refloat the vessel at a later date. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
9/23/18	NORTHERN EAGLE	D17 received a MEDEVAC request from Health Force Partners (HFP) on behalf of the F/V NORTHERN EAGLE for an ill crewmember. The District Flight Surgeon (DFS) recommended a MEDEVAC as soon as practical to a higher level of care to be examined by a neurologist. However, limited resources and heightened operational risk precluded Coast Guard support of a MEDEVAC. NORTHERN EAGLE continued to St. Paul and arranged Guardian Flight to take the crewmember to a higher level of care in Anchorage. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
9/27/18	CLIPPER EPIC	D17 received notification from F/V CLIPPER EPIC of a missing crew member. The crew conducted a sweep of the vessel, and a reverse trackline search was performed with negative results. D17 issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast (UMIB) and launched a C130 from AIRSTA Kodiak and CGC DOUGLAS MUNRO to conduct searches. F/V FRONTIER SPIRIT and FRONTIER MARINER were directed to assist with the search. Upon completion of extensive searches with negative results, all assets were stood down. D17 confirmed Next of Kin (NOK) notifications were made by Clipper Seafoods. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
10/03/18	GAMBLER	D17 received a 406 EPRIB signal 110NM ESE of Cordova registered to the F/V GAMBLER. A C130 from Kodiak was diverted to the search area, arrived on scene, and located a survivor on the beach. The C130 confirmed the survivor was the only crewmember onboard the vessel, which had become disabled and drifted ashore onboard. The survivor had no medical concerns and waited until retrieved and transported to Yakataga by an AWT helicopter. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
10/13/18	NORTHERN GLACIER	D17 received a phone call from HFP requesting a MEDEVAC for an ill crewmember aboard F/V NORTHERN GLACIER 220 NM N of Dutch Harbor. The DFS recommended that the vessel pull into port as soon as possible for further care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
10/17/18	HARMONY	Sector Juneau received a distress call for F/V HARMONY which was disabled and unable to steer in Tongass Narrows. Sector Juneau issued a Marine Assistance Request Broadcast (MARB) and launched a 45ft small boat from STA Ketchikan to assist. The 45ft small boat arrived on scene, placed F/V HARMONY in stern tow, and transported the vessel to the Ketchikan city float. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
10/22/18	BERING PROWLER	D17 was notified by HFP of a crewmember found unconscious onboard F/V BERING PROWLER 180NM N of Dutch Harbor that may require MEDEVAC. The DFS determined that the crewmember may have been suffering from alcohol poisoning and recommended a MEDEVAC within four hours. D17 directed F/V BERING PROWLER to make way to Cold Bay, launched an MH60 from Forward Operating Location (FOL) Cold Bay, and diverted CGC ALEX HALEY to assist. The MH60 arrived on scene and attempted to hoist the crewmember. However, the crewmember regained consciousness and refused to be transported by helo. F/V BERING PROWLER continued to Dutch Harbor and disembarked the crewmember. D17 coordinated with LifeMed for follow-up care. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
10/26/18	JUDA LEE	D17 was notified by the Alaska State Trooper office in Nome that F/V JUDA LEE had reported searching for an intoxicated crewmember that has fallen overboard and was in the water for more than an hour 7NM W of Nome. D17 assumed SAR Mission Command (SMC), issued a UMIB, and launched a MH60 from FOL Kotzebue to search. The MH60 arrived on scene and conducted searches until sunset with negative results. AST completed NOK notifications. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
11/08/18	LADY SHEVA	D17 received a 406 EPIRB alert for F/V LADY SHEVA in vicinity of Kuiu Bay. D17 issued a UMIB and launched a MH60 from FOL Cold Bay. The MH60 arrived on scene and located the vessel at anchor. The crew was unable to start the engine due to the dead starter battery, and, due to the vessel's location, they had no VHF coverage or Cell Phone reception. The master was uncertain of whether the vessel's anchored position would keep the vessel from grounding at low tide. Good Samaritan F/V CAPE CAUTION diverted to assist, recovered all three crewmembers of F/V LADY SHEVA, and transported them to Chignik. F/V LADY SHEVA drug anchor and grounded causing possible damage to its keel. No oil sheens were reported. AIRSTA Kodiak conducted a fly over of the wreck during a later mission and confirmed no visible oil sheens in the area. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.
11/09/18	ARCTIC WIND	Sector Anchorage received notification that F/V ARCTIC WIND was disabled 44NM ESE of Kodiak Island due to a steering casualty and was awaiting assistance from F/V CAPE KIWANDA. Sector Anchorage launched CGC NAUSHON from Homer. Meanwhile F/V CAPE KIWANDA arrived on scene, put the F/V ARCTIC

Date	Vessel	Case Specifics
		<p>WIND is a stern tow, and began transporting the vessel to Kodiak. The tow was passed to the Tug BRIAN T, which transported F/V ARCTIC WIND the rest of the way to Kodiak. CGC NAUSHON was released from SAR and no further Coast Guard assistance was requested.</p>
11/12/18	FRONTIER SPIRIT	<p>D17 received a first alert SARSAT message for a 406 EPIRB registered to the F/V FRONTIER SPIRIT, approximately 84 NM SW of St Paul. D17 was able to confirm that vessel was actively transmitting on AIS. After initial attempts of communications were negative, D17 issued a UMIB and launched a C130 from AIRSTA Kodiak. Shortly after the C130 launched, D17 made contact with the Master of the vessel via an alternative SAT Phone that wasn't listed on the 406 registration information and confirmed non-distress. UMIB was cancelled, and no further Coast Guard assistance was requested.</p>
11/17/18	BLUE ATTU	<p>D17 received notification from HFP of a MEDEVAC request for a crewmember suffering from a stroke onboard F/V BLUE ATTU 300NM N of St Paul. The vessel was directed to transit towards St Paul to help facilitate the mission while D17 launched a MH60 from FOL Cold Bay to assist. After an initial failed attempt, the MH60 hoisted and transported the crewmember to LifeMed in St. Paul. No further Coast Guard assistance was requested.</p>

Appendix B
October – November 2018
Fisheries Boardings without Violations

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
9/22/18	AK2283AR	200	3A
9/22/18	AK5344AM	200	3A
9/24/18	AK9686AG	200	2C
9/24/18	WAVE DANCER	200	2C
9/25/18	MINDY SUE	430	2C
9/26/18	LILLI ANN	110	509
9/26/18	VALIANT	110	509
9/26/18	AK3221AP	200	2C
9/26/18	CARLYNN	200	3A
9/26/18	ENDEAVOR	200	2C
9/27/18	CHIKAMIN	200/710	2C
9/27/18	NORTHERN LEADER	110	509
10/5/18	ALASKA KNIGHT	110	517
10/5/18	STORMBRINGER	200/710	2C/SE
10/5/18	TSIU	710	SE
10/5/18	CONSTANCE	710	SE
10/6/18	KATRINA	710	SE
10/6/18	WEST BANK	200/710	3A/SE
10/6/18	ATLANTICO	110	517
10/6/18	KEVLEEN	110	509
10/6/18	CAPE CAUTION	110	509
10/7/18	SAINT PAUL	110	509
10/8/18	SEABROOKE	110	516
10/9/18	MARILYN J	710	SE
10/10/18	CHANDALAR	200/710	3A/SE
10/16/18	BILLIKIN	921	509
10/16/18	FARWEST LEADER	921	509
10/16/18	ROLLO	921	509
10/17/18	MELANIE	921	509
10/17/18	SILVER SPRAY	921	509
10/17/18	ALASKA SPIRIT	921	509
10/20/18	BRISTOL MARINER	921	509
10/24/18	TRAILBLAZER	921	509
10/24/18	PROUD MARY	931	CG
10/24/18	EARLY DAWN	200	3A
10/31/18	STELLA	270	630
10/31/18	MARCY J	710	CG

DATE	VSL NAME	SPECIES	AREA
10/31/18	MU RUSH	710	CG
10/31/18	MAR PACIFICO	710	CG
10/31/18	NORTHWESTERN	931	517
11/3/28	SUMMER BAY	932	517
11/3/18	ZONE FIVE	932	521
11/4/18	LEGACY	141	521
11/4/18	ALASKAN LADY	110	521
11/5/18	ARCTIC LADY	921	516
11/6/18	MAJOR	710	SE
11/6/18	RENEGADE	172/200	CG
11/8/18	CARLYNN	200	3A
11/14/18	BLUE BACK	910	659
11/14/18	NEW VENTURE	110	610
11/15/18	ALASKA VICTORY	193	541
11/19/18	PATRICIA LEE	923	541

Appendix C
October – November 2018
Fisheries Boardings with Violations

DATE	UNIT	VSL NAME	SPECIES	NOTES AND DETAILS
10/2/18	STA KETCHIKAN	AK7806M	200	Expired VDS and registration NOB.
10/3/18	ALEX HALEY	PROVIDER	110	Missing 01 Fire Extinguisher in engine room
10/7/18	ALEX HALEY	SIBERIAN SEA	110	Bringing halibut over the rail, failure to careful release halibut, and retention of PSC halibut
10/9/18	JOHN MCCORMICK	VIKING SPIRIT	200/710	Expired documentation.
10/9/18	JOHN MCCORMICK	ANGELIQUE	710	Expired survival craft and expired VDS.
10/14/18	STA KETCHIKAN	AK9871L	200	Expired VDS.