

# FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



**August 1 2020 – September 30 2020**

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## **List of Abbreviations**

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CFVS – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety	SAR – Search and Rescue
HC-130 – USCG Fixed-Wing Aircraft	WLB – 225’ Buoy Tender
WPB – 87’ Patrol Boat	P/C – Pleasure Craft
STA – USCG Small Boat Station	F/V – Fishing Vessel
EPIRB – Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon	A/S – Air Station
WMEC – 210’ or 270’ Medium Endurance Cutter	SEC - Sector
M/V – Motor Vessel	M/T – Motor Tanker
FRC – 154’ Fast Response Cutter	

# I. Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Enforcement and Marine Protected Species Operations

## Operations Summary

During this period, patrol boats and stations conducted fisheries patrols in the Mid-Atlantic in an effort to curtail illegal fishing and promote safety of life at sea within D5’s AOR. Throughout this period, units conducted 83 boarding’s. We did not meet our targeted boarding’s as a result of a reduction of at-sea enforcement due to COVID-19.

## Boarding Statistics (Note: “This Period” data should be considered preliminary and is subject to change)

01 August 2020 – 30 September 2020 Activities	Comparison to FY19
Fisheries Boardings.....	83..... 225
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations .....	3..... 2
Violation Rate .....	3.6%.....1%
Activities Fiscal Year 2020	Comparison to FY19
Fisheries Boardings.....	661..... 1,106
Fisheries Boardings w/ Fishery Violations .....	25..... 33
Violation Rate .....	3.8%.....3%

## Violation Summary

Violations were issued for targeting HMS without a federal fisheries permit and HMS catch overage.

## Marine Protected Species Support Summary

1. In August, Coast Guard received two separate reports of a dead loggerhead turtle. On 18 August, CG found a dead loggerhead turtle off of Cape Charles, Virginia, and reported it to the Virginia Aquarium. The other dead loggerhead turtle case was reported by a commercial fishing vessel and had no CG involvement.
2. In September, Coast Guard received two separate reports of a dead whale and entangled loggerhead turtle. On 16 September, CG reported a deceased 22ft whale off of Ventnor City, New Jersey. CG launched a small boat with a Marine Mammal Stranding Center representative and a CG aircraft for photos. MMSC confirmed the deceased humpback whale and no additional CG action was requested. On 24 September, MMSC reported an entangled loggerhead sea turtle off of Atlantic City, NJ. CG provided overflight to last known position, but did not successfully locate the turtle.

## II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(August 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations.....	This Period.....	Fiscal Year to Date
Dockside Exams.....	70.....	364
Decals Issued .....	65.....	327
Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Terminations.....	1.....	8

## III. Search and Rescue Highlights

From August 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020 there were **7** marine casualties / terminations reported involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Allision – **0**
- Capsize – **0**
- Collision – **2**
  - ALWAYS LATE (1172204) 7 AUGUST 2020 – The operator of the F/V MD4530DV allegedly rammed the F/V ALWAYS LATE following a dispute over crabbing in a certain area. Maryland Natural Resources Police arrested to operator of the MD4530DV when he became disorderly/hostile during post incident questioning.
  - TRIPLE D (NC6246BN) 21 SEPTEMBER 2020 – The MSC MADRID (9480198) allegedly collided with the anchored F/V TRIPLE D off the coast of Supply, NC. The collision resulted in an estimated \$5000 in damage to the superstructure of the TRIPLE D.
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) – **2**
  - NC1809AS 14 AUGUST 2020 – The F/V NC1809AS sank at the dock near Harker’s Island due to unknown reasons creating a visible sheen on surface of the water. The CG FOSC federalized pollution response operations after the owner failed to take action following issuance of a Notice of Federal Interest (NOFI).
  - ROBIN LYNN (1183230) 2 SEPTEMBER 2020 – The F/V ROBIN LYNN sank at the dock near Prince Creek due to unknown reasons creating a visible sheen on surface of the water. The owner refloated the vessel and recovered the discharged diesel fuel.
- Death/Missing – **0**
- Fire – **0**
- Flooding – **1**

- LIL BITCH (562466) 11 SEPTEMBER 2020 – The F/V LIL BITCH sank at the dock in the Chester River. No reported pollution.
- Fouling – **0**
- Grounding – **0**
- Injury – **0**
- Loss of Propulsion/Steering – **1**
  - VIRGINIA LYNN (625459) 12 AUGUST 2020 – The F/V VIRGINIA LYNN lost primary steering following the failure of #1 and #2 SSGs while operating off Barnegat Light, NJ.
- MEDEVAC – **0**
- Fall(s) Overboard – **0**
- Sinking – **0**
- Terminations – **1**
  - MISS LAURA LOUISE (616723) 20 AUGUST 2020 – CG SECTOR Delaware Bay terminated the voyage of the F/V LAURA LOUISE following an at-sea boarding by the CGC ROLLIN FRITCH that identified inadequate/unserviceable firefighting and lifesaving equipment on the vessel.

## **IV. Outreach - CFVS Information**

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