

FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT ENFORCEMENT REPORT



June 1 2020 – 31 July 2020

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List of Abbreviations

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, major cutters, 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 120 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)

<u>1 June 2020 – 31 July 2020 Activities</u>	<u>Comparison to FY19</u>
Fisheries Boarding’s	120..... 234
Fisheries Boarding’s w/Fishery Violations.....	2..... 8
Violation Rate	1.6%..... 3.4%
<u>Activities Fiscal Year 2020</u>	<u>Comparison to FY19</u>
Fisheries Boarding’s	577..... 881
Fisheries Boarding’s w/Fishery Violations.....	22..... 33
Violation Rate	3.8%..... 3.7%

Violation Summary

Violations were issued for retaining undersize HMS species aboard a recreational vessel and targeting HMS without a federal fisheries permit.

Marine Protected Species Support Summary

1. On two separate occasions Coast Guard assets responded to reports of entangled leatherback sea turtles. In both cases the responding units were successful at detangling the turtles. One turtle was trailing gear commonly associated with a crab pot and the other was entangled with three high-flyer markers.
2. In early July the District 5 Command Center received a report of a deceased whale off of New Jersey. It was later determined to be the carcass of a juvenile North Atlantic Right Whale. Coast Guard resources responded, located the carcass, and assisted transporting the whale to shore where a subsequent necropsy was completed to further understand/determine the cause of death.

II. Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Efforts

(June 1, 2020 –July 31, 2020)

Fishing Vessel Dockside Safety Examinations.....	This Period.....	Fiscal Year to Date
Dockside Exams.....	62.....	294
Decals Issued	56.....	262

III. Search and Rescue Highlights

From June 1, 2020 – June 1, 2020, there were **5** marine casualties / terminations reported involving commercial fishing vessels:

- Allision – **1**
 - CAPT BRADEN (O.N. 56112) 19 JULY 2020 – F/V CAPT BRADEN allided with the Middle Thorofare Bridge (aka 2-Mile Bridge) while navigating through the span resulting in damage to fendering system.
- Capsize – **0**
- Collision – **0**
- Damage to Environment (Pollution/Hazmat) – **1**
 - SENECA (O.N. 532569) 05 JUNE 2020 – The crew of the F/V SENECA pumped oil bilge water directly into the Bay River creating a visible sheen.
- Death/Missing – **0**
- Fire – **1**
 - DOUBLE G (O.N. 1124673) 05 JULY 2020 – USCG rescued the crew of the F/V DOUBLE G after the vessel caught fire 13 NM off Cape Lookout. The DOUBLE G eventually burned to the waterline and sank.
- Flooding – **1**
 - WOODER BAYBIE (MD9930CH) 19 JUNE 2020 – The F/V WOODER BAYBIE sank at the dock in Choptank Marina.
- Fouling – **0**
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- Grounding – **0**
- Injury – **0**
- Loss of Propulsion/Steering – **1**
 - ESCAPE (O.N. 628864) 09 JUN 2020 – The F/V ESCAPE became disabled and grounded when her steering arm failed near the Oregon Inlet Marina.
- MEDEVAC – **0**
- Fall(s) Overboard – **0**

- Sinking – 0
- Terminations – 0

IV. Outreach - CFVS Information

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