



News Release

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Media Availability: Coast Guard Cutter Resolute crew returns home from 62-day deployment

Photos/Video/ Interviews Available

Media note: Media interested in attending the event are requested to arrive at Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg's South Moorings, 1301 Beach Drive S.E., St. Petersburg, FL, 33701, no later than 9:45 a.m. Thursday, September 19. Please contact Rachel.E.Lawes@uscg.mil for additional information.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.— The Coast Guard Cutter Resolute and crew are expected to return to St. Petersburg, Florida, Thursday, following a 62-day Caribbean Sea patrol.

During the deployment, the Resolute and crew seized 284 lbs. of cocaine, valued at more than \$4 million, safely repatriated 146 Haitian migrants, assisted in the repatriation of 11 Dominican migrants and supported search and rescue operations in the Bahamas following Hurricane Dorian.

The Resolute crew began its deployment July 19, conducting small boat training and helicopter operations with Coast Guard Station Fort Myers and Air Station Miami, which prepared the cutter to support law enforcement operations in the Caribbean Sea. During its patrol. The Resolute's law enforcement team conducted a law enforcement boarding of a Venezuelan fishing vessel suspected of trafficking narcotics, ultimately discovering 284 lbs. of cocaine, valued at more than \$4 million. The Resolute's boarding team seized the cocaine and detained seven suspected smugglers.

Supporting Coast Guard Sector San Juan, the Resolute crew assisted Coast Guard Cutter Joseph Doyle crew with the interdiction and repatriation of 11 Dominican migrants. Working closely with Coast Guard Cutter William Trump crew, the Resolute crew interdicted and cared for 146 Haitian migrants discovered sailing on a dangerously overloaded and unseaworthy 40-foot vessel. The Resolute crew safely repatriated all 146 migrants to Cap Haitien, Haiti.

Immediately following Hurricane Dorian's landfall, Resolute crew conducted more than 30 shipboard-helicopter operations in support of search and rescue and medical evacuations in the Abacos and Grand Bahama Island. The Resolute crew also launched boat crews to evaluate emergent search and rescue needs of outlying Bahamian cays and islands.

Finally, the Resolute crew patrolled off Miami in support of Operation Bahamian Passage. The crew established a visible presence to promote boating safety, execute search and rescue cases and monitor potential illegal migration.

The Resolute is a 210-foot reliance class cutter with a crew of 78. The Resolute was commissioned on December 8, 1966, and has been homeported in San Francisco, Calif.; Astoria, Oregon; and now St. Petersburg, Florida. Resolute has a decorated past including patrols in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, participating in the cleanup of the Exxon Valdez disaster in Alaska, the response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and the search and rescue efforts for the El Faro. Recent patrols have focused on the Coast Guard's law enforcement missions of drug and migrant interdiction.

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