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Our first Eastern Pacific patrol was one for the books! Our crew worked tirelessly day-in and day-out to perform one of the most important Coast Guard missions, drug interdiction. The highlight of our patrol was a three-day boarding that concluded with a bust of 865 kilograms of cocaine! Our patrol featured stops in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Chiapas, Mexico, and pit-stops in Golfito, Costa Rica!



ET3 Carter and GM3 Juergens pose for a photo during helicopter operations

A Message from our Captain: *Friends and family, I could not be more proud of the DECISIVE crew and their hard work throughout the patrol. Our first Eastern Pacific patrol since 2018 was a great success. We boarded many fishing vessels, with almost 900 kilograms of contraband to show for it. We are all very excited to return home and see our loved ones. Bravo-Zulu to everyone onboard! - CDR Martis*



SN Hill poses with one of the many fish caught during a fish call



SNCS Donghit-Mahon and CS3

Wilkinson pose for a picture on the focsle



EMC Kennedy reels in a big one during one of the many fish calls during patrol

The patrol started with a 14 day “quarantine” period in the Caribbean. The crew spent the first two days brushing up on important helicopter operations skills. Over a dozen crewmembers got qualified in various positions on the flight deck, greatly enhancing DECISIVE’s flight operation capabilities



From left: SN Sheperd, IT2 Nunez, SN Hill, and SN McCamis. IT2 Nunez and SN Hill explain the process for tying-down a helicopter to SN McCamis and SN Sheperd.



Our crewmembers look out from the focsle on another vessel transiting north through the canal

After 14 days in the Caribbean, we headed through the Panama Canal, our first time through the Canal since 2018. The transit through the canal took 8 hours, and each member of the crew contributed to the success of the mission. Once through the Canal, we were quickly introduced to the intensity of the Eastern Pacific.

After just a few days in the Pacific, we had our first bust! This was not an ordinary bust. It took our boarding teams three days to find the drugs onboard a fishing vessel, a very tiring and time-consuming task. Normally, drugs found in the Pacific are sitting on deck, easily seen. On this vessel, the contraband was hidden extremely well, but our teams did not give up! With an extreme amount of teamwork and perseverance, we discovered 865 kilograms on cocaine! That is a street value of over \$32 million!



Almost 900 kilograms on cocaine on our flight deck ready for counting and bagging