



Cutter MAPLE Departs Alaska; Transits Northwest Passage; Arrives at Yard for ISVS



Yard Welcomes Fourth 225' ISVS Program Cutter

The Coast Guard Cutter MAPLE (WLB 207) (foreground) arrived at the Yard on the morning of August 29th to become the 4th 225' buoy tender to undergo the In-Service Vessel Sustainment (ISVS) project's mid-life maintenance. Like its predecessors in the program – OAK, WILLOW, and KUKUI – MAPLE will receive a 12-month overhaul of targeted hull, mechanical, electrical, and electronic systems. Upon completion, the buoy tender will be homeported in Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

ISVS provides critical vessel overhauls for the long term sustainability of select classes of Coast Guard cutters. Specific work items on the 225' fleet involve overhaul of deck equipment

and weight handling gear; updates to the machinery control system, HVAC systems and propellers; topside preservation, and stability assessment. Routine maintenance includes dry-docking, painting, plate renewal, and renewal of worn-out machinery parts and rusted steel.

The Yard completed the Cutter OAK in September 2016 as the first 225' buoy tender overhauled under ISVS. OAK now operates in its homeport of Newport, Rhode Island. The second 225' ISVS Cutter WILLOW entered the Yard in May 2016, underwent ISVS repair and departed in August 2017 for its homeport in Charleston, South Carolina. Completion of the 12-month overhaul of the

third ISVS Cutter KUKUI is anticipated in March 2018 when the buoy tender will report to its new homeport in Sitka, Alaska.

The 225' seagoing buoy tenders were commissioned between 1996 and 2004 and are planned to spend 30 years in service. The Yard's renovation work at their mid-life supports the buoy tenders intended service years.

The 225' cutter class is equipped with a single controllable pitch propeller and a bow and stern thruster that gives the vessel the maneuverability it needs to tend buoys offshore and in restricted water. The cutters service floating aids to navigation, conduct homeland security operations; clear

The Commanding Officer's Column by Captain Matthew W. Lake



In 1949, Congress gave the Yard the authority to operate as a “non-profit business” through the establishment of an industrial working capital fund. As a business, we are responsible for generating enough revenue through sales of our services to offset all the costs associated with operating and maintaining the Yard – including salaries, benefits, training, utilities, equipment, and maintenance. We recover the cost of these overhead expenses by selling our services to the Coast Guard and other government agencies. When we sell our services, we charge our customers an hourly composite labor rate for work performed. This is much different from the rest of the Coast Guard, in which costs are covered by Congress through

annual appropriations.

As a public “non-profit” business we are responsible to our exclusive “shareholder” – the U.S. Coast Guard. Our shareholder expects the Yard to put “service to the fleet” at the forefront. This means delivering quality services as efficiently as possible to achieve fleet readiness. In this regard, I am proud to say that Yard performance is the best that it has been in decades.

In FY2017, we achieved the highest workforce productivity rates in more than two decades. We lowered our composite labor rate by 4% (saving our customers \$4.2 million), and we expect to keep this labor rate constant through FY2018, despite a more than 3% shipyard market inflation rate. We also performed 858,956 production hours – the highest levels since 1998. This coming year, we expect to perform nearly 918,000 production hours – the highest levels since 1993. Of note, the Yard has achieved this higher production output with a smaller workforce than we had in 1993 – 1998.

The Yard achieved this high output through significantly improved efficiency, accountability, and a stronger, more proficient workforce. This was

made possible by a number of factors. First, we began our three-year effort to restructure our workforce – increasing our ratio of junior to senior graded employees and selectively hiring personnel to match the requirements associated with our “booked” work. Secondly, we ensured that the work performed by the Yard matches our competitive advantage, making best use of our highly experienced workforce. This work includes the cutter renovation projects that are part of the In-Service Vessel Sustainment project and our other government agency work, and the 87’ Coastal Patrol Boat Recurring Depot Availability Program. Finally (and most importantly), this achievement is about shop-level leadership. I continue to be amazed by the ingenuity, stamina, and motivation of our supervisors, work leaders, and employees – they are the ones that are responsible for these amazing achievements. They are also responsible not just for the financial successes summarized above, but also for the tremendously valuable services we provide to the Coast Guard and our Nation every day.

Coast Guard Vice Commandant Makes First Official Yard Visit

The Yard and SFLC hosted Admiral Charles Michel (on stage) for his first official visit as Coast Guard Vice Commandant on August 15th. The day included SFLC/Yard briefs, tours of the Yard waterfront and warehouse, and an All-Hands gathering in the Yard Fabrication Shop. During the all-hands event, Admiral Michel presented five Yard/SFLC employees with “Commitment to Excellence” awards. Award recipients included Saa Banaci, Sr. and Levonia Witherspoon (Yard); MKCS Joshua MacKenzie, Ann Seale, and Brenda Taylor (SFLC).

Welcome aboard!



Barque EAGLE Returns to Yard for Phase IV SLEP

Departing Annapolis Harbor on Friday, August 18th, Barque EAGLE returned to the Yard to begin Phase IV of a four-year Service Life Extension Project (SLEP) under the Coast Guard's In-Service Vessel Sustainment program. Planned maintenance work is designed to extend the service life of the 81-year-old historic training vessel, essential to its long-term sustainability. EAGLE's fourth phase will involve mechanical, electrical and structural repairs and inspections while the historic cutter is dry-docked in the ex-USS OAKRIDGE. The Yard plans to conclude the SLEP in spring 2018 to prepare the ship for its summer ports of call.

Over 100 guests rode EAGLE from Annapolis into the Yard for the 4-hour sailing trip. Riders included Coast Guard Headquarters personnel, Congressional staff and Navy League



members, friends and family of the EAGLE crew, Yard & SFLC employees, representatives of the Baltimore

City School System, and students/faculty from the New Era Academy public school.

Welcome Aboard!

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waterways impacted by natural disasters, assist oil spill clean-ups, and conduct search and rescue operations, among other Coast Guard missions.

In photo on page 1, the Yard dry-docked the Cutter MAPLE (front foreground) on the shiplift on Friday, October 20th to join the ISVS 225' cutter KUKUI (left background) and the ISVS 140' cutter KATMAI BAY (right background) undergoing mid-life maintenance and service life extension overhaul, respectfully.

Cutter MAPLE Transits Northwest Passage To Reach Yard

The Cutter MAPLE made a unique voyage beginning July 12th and transited through the Northwest Passage to reach the Yard in late August. The Northwest Passage is a series of passageways through the complex archipelago of the Canadian Arctic Ocean, flowing into the North Atlantic Ocean.

The summer of 2017 marked the 60th anniversary of three Coast Guard

cutters and one Canadian ship that were the first to convoy through the Northwest Passage. From May to September of 1957, the crews of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutters STORIS, SPAR and BRAMBLE, along with the crew of the Canadian ice breaker HMCS LABRADOR, charted,

recorded water depths, and installed aids to navigation for future shipping lanes. The cutters' crews became the first deep-draft ships to sail through the Northwest Passage. MAPLE's trip to the Yard commemorated the anniversary by following the historic path.



MAPLE follows the Canadian Coast Guard Icebreaker TERRY FOX through the icy waters of the Franklin Strait in Nunavut, Canada. The Canadian Coast Guard assisted MAPLE's crew by breaking and helping navigate the seagoing buoy tender through several days of thick Arctic Ocean ice to reach the North Atlantic Ocean, with final destination at the Yard. (Coast Guard photo courtesy of PA2 Nate Littlejohn)

The Third Dozen

The Yard lifted the first patrol boat under the 87' Recurring Depot Availability Project (RDAP) (formerly Bow-to-Stern Project) in November 2014 and throughout the past three years has successfully completed repairs on three dozen cutters. As with the first and second dozen, the third dozen boats have been completed well under budget. The highly successful project has reduced lifecycle costs and improved readiness. RDAP performs a 60-day planned maintenance on select cutters of the Coast Guard Atlantic Area 87' patrol boat fleet. The third dozen vessels are pictured below in chronological order of completion (top to bottom; left to right). (See September-October 2015 "Yard News" and September-October 2016 "Yard News" for photos of the first and second completed dozen RDAP boats at the Yard, respectively.

"87' RDAP - Innovative, Efficient and Adaptable with Proven Results"



CGC FLYINGFISH



CGC AMBERJACK



CGC BELUGA



CGC MORAY



CGC SKIPJACK



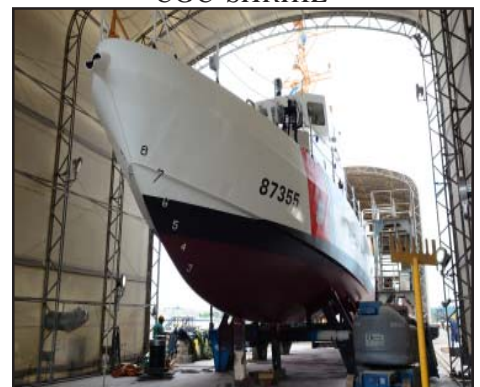
CGC SHRIKE



CGC PELICAN



CGC SAILFISH



CGC HAWK



CGC STURGEON



CGC COCHITO



CGC STEELHEAD

Coast Guard Commandant Recognizes Superior Accomplishments of Yard Civilian Employees

Admiral Paul Zukunft, Commandant of the Coast Guard, recognized four Yard civilian employees during ceremonies held at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC on July 24th. The Commandant provided congratulatory certificates to the winners of the U.S. Coast Guard Civilian Employees of the Year. Honorees in their respective categories included Adam Cole, X10, Coast Guard Civilian of the Year (Senior Level); Rick Hare, X60, Coast Guard Civilian of the Year (Mid-Level), and Jann Blevins, X42 Coast Guard Civilian of the Year (Junior-Level). (See background information on employees and specific award achievements in July/August “Yard News,” pages 3 & 6).

In addition, Admiral Zukunft recognized several Coast Guard civilian employees celebrating 50 years of federal service; among them, Melvin Dash, Yard Mechanical Group Shop Planner, who celebrated his Golden Anniversary on August 27, 2017. Melvin served in the U.S. Air Force before beginning his employment at the Yard in 1971.

Congratulations to all from the Yard family!

*Monday, July 24, 2017:
From the Desk of the Commandant of the Coast Guard:
To the Coast Guard’s Dedicated Civil Servants:*

Today, I presided over the Civilian and Non-Appropriated Fund Employees of the Year Ceremony. In reflecting on this ceremony, I want to express my sincere gratitude for all that you do as civil servants in America’s Coast Guard.

Today, we are, hands down, the world’s best Coast Guard. We are the gold standard worldwide because of one thing: the caliber of our men and women. At all levels of our organization, you – the Coast Guard’s civilian workforce – are



Adam Cole



Rick Hare



Jann Blevins



Melvin Dash

truly the bedrock of continuity and specialization for our men and women. Every success of the Coast Guard – every life saved, every vessel inspected, every smuggler halted – you’ll find a civil servant at the core of that success.

This year’s impressive award recipients are shining examples of the caliber of the 8,000 civilian men and women serving our Nation in the United States Coast Guard.

Additionally, I recently signed out

seven congratulatory letters to Coast Guard employees recognizing them for achieving 50 years of civil service. Fifty years! Half a century committed to our Nation.

Day in and day out, I am inspired by all that you do. And I am forever grateful that every single day you put Service before self to protect our homeland.

*Semper Paratus,
Admiral Paul F. Zukunft*

New Era Academy Summer Students Complete Yard Internship

The Yard held a ceremony on August 11th celebrating the conclusion of a seven-week internship for the New Era Academy (NEA) Transportation Technology Program students. Before an audience of Yard employees, program organizers, family and friends, the students received certificates of recognition for the successful completion of their internship program during the summer of 2017.

NEA is a college and career-preparatory middle/high school in Baltimore City's Cherry Hill neighborhood. The NEA student internships were part of the school's Transportation Technology Program that prepares high school students for careers in the transportation and maritime trades. NEA interns at the Yard worked 20 hours per week in the shipyard from June 26 to August 11 to gain work experience and basic on-the-job skills for potential employment in maritime transportation industry, including the Yard.

A win-win opportunity, the Yard benefited from the program by increasing the base of well-qualified applicants for consideration of future entry-level positions. NEA students received exposure to the marine trades through classroom and hands-on training under the mentorship of Yard master technicians. The students



The Yard hosted a Completion Ceremony for nine summer student interns from Baltimore's New Era Academy on August 11th. Over 50 guests, including Yard mentors, attended the ceremony that recognized the successful completion of the students' seven-week Yard internship. Pictured left to right are: Brandon Mack, Cree Elliot, Davion Thomas, Junaya Ahmad, Timothy Scurry, Destiny Neslein, Gerald Gardner, Sedgwick Chase III, and Sha'Bria McCleod. Lamont McCloud, Yard Quality Assurance Specialist, is pictured in the back row at right. He served as the coordinator for the NEA summer internship program at the Yard.

program involved assignments in the Iron, Paint, Pipe, Sheetmetal, and Electric Shops.

The Yard conducted the NEA summer intern program under a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Baltimore Public School system. The shipyard is among nine federal government, Maryland state

government and private sector organizations who employed over 40 NEA students this summer. The NEA student internships were funded through Baltimore City's Youth Works program and supported by contributions from local private entities who seek to advance Baltimore's economic development and the well-being of its citizens.



The New Era Academy students were among 100 guests who rode Barque EAGLE into the Yard on August 18th. EAGLE's 4-hour trip sailed the Severn River, Chesapeake Bay, Patapsco River and Curtis Creek. EAGLE's crew provided the students with a once-in-a-lifetime experience at the 81-year-old helm of America's Tall Ship. EAGLE's return to the Yard began Phase IV of a four-year Service Life Extension Project under the Coast Guard's In-Service Vessel Sustainment program begun at the Yard in 2014. The Yard will conclude EAGLE's Phase IV in spring 2018.

Milestones: Civilian Awards**Special Act**

Hayden, Robert	Bernacki, Anthony	Stafford, Halson
Raker, Richard	Sackalosky, Ryan	Rockocy, Mike
Andrese, David	Dickerson, Kyle	Northcraft, Ryan
Parmer, Sandra	Taylor, Justin	Hare, Keith
Hill, Bethany	Yearwood, John	Lamb, Claude
Russell, Marques	Brown, Theodore	Mitten, Roberts
Eschenbach, Richard	Virtue, Michael	Krantz, Adam
Borman, Denise	Skillman, Brian	August, Matthew
Josey, Derrick	Martin, Bryan	Banaci, Saa
Borman, Denise	Cole, Adam	Powers, Robert
Schucker, Myles	Shields, Donald	Justice, James
Kuhn, Alvin	Viands, Ronald	Phinney, Joseph
Tyson, William	Downes, John	Brown, Karla
Jacobson, Travis	Harvey, Eric	Bolton, Alison
Ronald Viands	Serio, Eugene	Zerbe, Heather
Jacobs, Robert	Carr, Walter	Cockerille, Daryl
Phinney, Larry	Duckery, Louis	Herd, Leonard
Cote, Joseph	Baran, Gina	Jordan, Keith
Appolin, Joseph	Hafko, Terry	Johnson, James
Oakley, Gary	Cuffley, Jason	Della, George
Torres, Enidel	Jones, Akil	Minor, Thomas
Hoffman, William	Della, George	Sackalosky, Ryan
Benson, Donald	Nicholson, Kenneth	O'Dair, Michael
McCloud, Lamont	Kahl, Mark	Kahl, Mark
Stuchinsky, Joseph	Beasley, Douglas	Scharf, David
Wolford, Gary	Bernacki, Anthony	Yearwood, John
Wells, John	Moon, Steven	Tyson, William
Harris, Robert	Brophy, Thomas	Shields, Donald
Warnick, Richard	Gonzales, Felipe	Downes, John
Kindig, Brian	Young, Stevie	Cole, Adam
Kruger, Robert	Bittner, William	Viands, Ronald
Hart, Collin	Cypress, Izear	Johnson, Kenneth
Compton, Robert	Nuth, John	Peacock, Russell
Tomas, Nicholas	Anshel, David	Sturgeon, Brett
Peterson, Vincet	Zyla, Daniel	Burnezky, Cory
Carey, Bennett	Block, Melody	Haines, Timothy
Loftus, Daniel	Applebee, Ronnie	Mason, Michael
Porter, Wilbert	George, Christopher	Kozkiewica, Adam
Conrad, Darren	Cuffley, Edward	Applebee, Ronnie
Ferguson, George	Reed, George	George, Chris
Smith, Kristopher	Kaloc, Robert	Galek, Frank
Dobihal, Richard	Randolph, Alan	Block, Melody
Angell, Raymond	Stanley, Steven	Pickron, John
Roberts, James	Harvey, Eric	Souder, Frederick
Dixon, Joshua	Brunson, James	Dash, Melvin
Johnson, Kenneth	Haney, Jessie	Ludwig, Gary
Reinhardt, Joseph	Young, James	Bond, Timothy
Regan, James	Mclucas, Shane	Stanley, Steven
Jarrad, Michael	Evans, Hansberger	Milic, Branislav
Stum, Daniel	Harvey, Eric	Oakley, Gary
Heminger, Sean	Cary, John	Dove, Andrew
Rosemond, Teddy	Herbert, Davy	Brown, Adam
Peacock, Russell	Anderson, Antornus	Tepper, Donald
Wilson, Leon	Vernon, Brandon	Sacks, Shawn
Virtue, Michael	Weddle, John	Burdett, Aaron
Kindig, Brian	Feehly, Paul	Hughes, Eric
Fricke, Victor	Bennett, William	Center, Kevin
Meyers, Joseph	Ennis, Mack	Wills, Trevor

Williams, Michael	Levonina
Scharf, David	Barksdale, Kevin
Whitacare, Frederick	Jerrell, Jason
Lowman, Ronald	Mitchell, Lewis
Coburn, David	Aro, Richard
Layton, David	Sapunar, Nelson
Walker, Timothy	Kindig, Brian
Bannister, Dorothee	Hart, Collin
Hoehn, James	Compton, Robert
Bragaw, John	Johnson, Kenneth
Byrd, Teresa	Roth, Abraham
Edmondson, Chris	Arthur, Robert

Time Off

Linton, Eric	Kruger, Robert
Falcone, Leonard	Umstead, Brett
Blueford, James	Dorsey, Ivan
Sames, Daniel	Torres, Enidel
Crider, Christopher	Yearwood, John
Page, Lawrence	Feiner, Devon
Mason, Michael	Tyson, William
Lee, Darrell	Della, George
Jones, James	Kahl, Mark
Kuhn, Alvin	Cockerille, Daryl
Bagshaw, James	Tyson, Timothy
Kozkiewica, Adam	Sheppard, Timothy
Brown, Bryan	Scharf, David
Martin, Bryan	O'Dair, Michael
Piper, Donald	Herd, Leonard
Roberts, Richard	Minor, Thomas
Walston, Sharon	Blevins, Jahn
Spicer, Dasean	Cade, Daniel
Croxtan, Bernard	Dash, Brian
Burnezky, Cory	King, Joseph
Foca, Joseph	Herd, Leonard
Haines, Timothy	Gray, Harry
Harrell, Richard	Torres, Enidel
Johnson, Kenneth	Nuth, John
Lee, Joshua	Anshel, David
Mark, John	Zyla, Daniel
Schucker, Myles	Abrams, Justin
Maxwell, Dawn	Cress, Richard
Washington, Fred	Virtue, Michael
Baran, Gina	Kuhn, Alvin
Vester, Aneisha	Maxwell, Dawn
Roberts, Timothy	Washington, Fred
Means, Kevin	Kozkiewica, Adam
Funk, Steven	Lee, Joshua
Kawecki, Jacob	Bagshaw, James
Brown, Howard	Mason, Michael
Alexander, Dale	Croxtan, Bernard
Haskins, Michael	Greenfield, James
Harris, Robert	Maxwell, Dawn
Heminger, Sean	Washington, Fred
Rosemond, Teddy	Bagshaw, James
Wise, Gary	Mason, Michael
Thomas, David	Virtue, Michael
Witherspoon,	Hunt, William
	Martin, David

Welling, Kieran
Noland, Joseph
Murray, Justin
Ruhling, Shawn
Schucker, Myles
Alexander, Eric
Warnick, Richard
Abrams, Justin
Kozkiewica, Adam
Cuffley, Jason
Greenfield, James
Zyla, John
Jenkins, Chris
Sturgeon, Brett
Johnson, Kenneth
Peacock, Russell
McCloud, Joseph
Byrd, Teresa
Laporte, Chris
Nicholson, Kenneth

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Robb, Margaret
McCain, Tracy
Cahill, Michael
Genco, Lynn
Cortright, Catherine
Brink, Alexandre
Camara, Michele
White, Marie
Fields, Timothy
Moylan, Jeffrey
Walter, Brooks
Lindley, Adam
Wilson, Charles
Nader, Michael
Grasson, Kevin
Wickenheiser, Sarah
Nangle, John
Wolford, Gary
McCollum, Donald
Grasson, Kevin
Mills, Richard
Schuyler, Wayne
Powers, Earl
Wilson, Charles
Bannister, Dorothee
Schwandtner, Richard
Bartlett, John
Stead, Christopher
Tenetylo, Robert
Malone, Dave
Lowman, Ronald
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Randolph, Alan
Center, Kevin
Jeeter, Robert

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Gonzales, Felipe
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Sackalosky, Ryan
Kahl, Mark
Taylor, Justin
Della, George
Gray, Harry
King, Joseph
Bowser, Todd
Johnson, James
Smith, Bernie
Fleck, Stephen
Funk, Steven
Alexander, Dale

Brown, Howard
Kawecki, Jacob
Means, Kevin
Roberts, Timothy
Laird, Mark
Burnett, Barry
Folker, John
Boggs, Jerry
Bare, Cody
Bryant, Charles
Gately, Stephen
Jackson, George
Justice, James
Olp, Gerald
Phinney, Joseph
Ricktor III, Barton
Thompson, Charles
Weddle, John
Blickenstaff, William
Augustyniak, Micael

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