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Advanced Maritime Counter-Unmanned Aircraft System (C-UAS) Technologies

Mission Need: Operationally effective C-UAS force protection capability.

- Assess new developments in kinetic C-UAS solutions in the open market and with other government agencies as technologies mature.
- Automate object detection and classification based on Electro-Optical/Infrared camera data by collaborating with optics companies to incorporate additional sensor modalities to aid UAS detection and target discrimination.
- Explore applicability of data fusion algorithms and machine learning to combine multiple data types into single threat track to reduce operator workload, uncertainty, and response time.
- Provide technical guidance on system employment for various mission sets based on legal authority and tactics, techniques, and procedures.

Notes:
- Follow-on for RDC Project 7812 “Maritime Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems.”

Objectives:

Sponsor: CG-MSR
Stakeholder(s): CG-711, CG-721, CG-751, LANT-3, PAC, D1, NSWC Dahlgren, AFRL, ONR, CGCYBER
RDC Research Lead: C-UAS Research Team
CG-926 Domain Lead: C-UAS Research Team

Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype Recommendations for Acquisition Milestone Support

Project Timeline / Key Milestones:

Project Start:

Please e-mail RDC-Info@uscg.mil for information concerning the Milestones and Deliverable Schedule.

Project Completion:
**Maritime Unmanned System Technology (MUST)**

**Mission Need:** Persistent maritime domain awareness using AUSVs.

- Assess potential employment options using Autonomous Underwater and Surface Vehicles (AUSV) to support U.S. Coast Guard (CG) mission areas. Using modeling and simulation techniques, assess AUSV Concept of Operations, including:
  - Effectiveness of single and multiple AUSVs; and
  - Effectiveness of AUSV and unmanned aerial system teaming.
- Inform field testing using modeling analysis results.

**Notes**

- Partner with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science, Technology Directorate (S&T) Borders, Immigration and Maritime (BIM), U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Naval Surface Warfare Center – Dahlgren Division.

**Project Timeline / Key Milestones**

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**Sponsor:** DHS S&T BIM, CG-26

**Stakeholder(s):** CG-721, CG-MLE, CGCYBER, FORCECOM

**RDC Research Lead:** Mr. Ross Vassallo

**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Mr. Scott Craig

**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:**

- Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability
- Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques & Procedures

**Project Start:** 1 Oct 19

**Project Completion:** Nov 23
Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) Technology for Coast Guard (CG) Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Operations

**Mission Need:** BVLOS operations for CG UAS.

**Objectives**
- Leverage U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), Joint Inter Agency Task Force-South (JIATF-S), and Navy Research Laboratory (NRL) efforts to explore Medium Range UAS (MR-UAS) Vertical Takeoff and Landing (VTOL) operations from a CG Cutter (CGC).
- Integrate Detect and Avoid (DAA) technologies for conducting BVLOS operations [sUAS 1st].
- Conduct land and vessel-based evaluations using DAA technology [sUAS 1st].
- Conduct a VTOL BVLOS Limited User Evaluation from a CGC.
- Inform due regard parameters for CG BVLOS UAS operations.
- Establish a BVLOS Certificate of Authorization for Coast Guard operations.
- Conduct a land-based Medium Range-UAS Search and Rescue (SAR) demonstration, followed by a Limited User Evaluation (LUE) onboard a CGC.

**Notes**
- Legislative requirement.
- Establish Memoranda of Understanding and Cooperative Research and Development Agreements as necessary with industry partners.
- Leverage efforts of the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), Federal Aviation Administration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Naval Research (ONR), Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-S), U.S. Navy 4th Fleet and other government agencies.

**Sponsor:** CG-711
**Stakeholder(s):** CG-751, CG-931, SOUTHCOM, JIATF-S, NRL, CGCYBER, ONR

**RDC Research Lead:** Mr. Stephen Dunn
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Mr. Scott Craig

**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:**
- Recommendations for Acquisition Milestone Support
- Recommendations for Standards/Regulations/Policy

**Project Start:** 13 Mar 19

**Project Timeline / Key Milestones**
- **MR-UAS VTOL Operations from a CGC (Brief)** 9 Nov 20 ✓ ★
- **BVLOS Technologies Integrated into Small UAS (sUAS) and MR-UAS Complete** Dec 22
- **Detect and Avoid Technologies Integration (Brief)** Jan 23 ★
- **Combined Land-Based BVLOS sUAS & MR-UAS SAR Demonstration Complete** May 23
- **Vessel-based sUAS BVLOS Limited User Evaluation D-7 Complete** Jul 23
- **Land and Vessel-Based BVLOS Demonstrations (Brief)** Oct 23 ★
- **Vessel-Based BVLOS MR-UAS VTOL Limited User Evaluation Complete** Apr 24
- **Beyond Visual Line of Sight UAS Operations (Report)** Oct 24 ★

**Project Completion:** Oct 24

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**Recommendations for Acquisition Milestone Support**

- **Legislative requirement.**
- **Establish Memoranda of Understanding and Cooperative Research and Development Agreements as necessary with industry partners.**
- **Leverage efforts of the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), Federal Aviation Administration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Naval Research (ONR), Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-S), U.S. Navy 4th Fleet and other government agencies.**
### Aviation Branch Support

**Mission Need:** Maintain competency/knowledge; provide rapid response; and external liaison.

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**Sponsor:** CG-926  
**Stakeholder(s):** CG-41, CG-711, CG-721, CG-931, CG-SAR, ALC, DHS S&T

**RDC Research Lead:** Mr. Sean Lester  
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Mr. Scott Craig

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**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:** Various

**Project Completion:** Ongoing
# Modernizing Law Enforcement Encounter Background Checks at Sea

**Mission Need:** Real-time, relevant information to the boarding team.

## Objectives
- Improve the current process for Law Enforcement personnel to enable faster and more accurate results delivered on-scene directly to the Boarding Officer by building and deploying a prototype in the field to be evaluated by Boarding Officers and Intelligence Coordination Center (ICC) Coastwatch experts.
- Ensure alignment of efforts for modernization and compatibility with the new mobile MISLE application called ENFORCE.
- Enable a modernized, “plug-in” process for the background check functionality within the new ENFORCE mobile application.

## Notes
- Partner with the National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Criminal Investigation and Network Analysis Center of Excellence, Transportation Security Administration, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection to explore technologies being used.
- Partner with CG-MLE Biometric project team to leverage parallel technologies for a one-solution-fits-all goal.

## Sponsor
- CG-MLE

## Stakeholder(s)
- CG-26/25/721/761, ICC, CG-MSR, C5ISC, LANT, PAC, CGIS, CGCYBER, FORCECOM

## RDC Research Lead
- Ms. Lauren Eberly

## CG-926 Domain Lead
- Ms. Holly Wendelin

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**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:**
- Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques & Procedures
- Recommendations for Tech Availability & Applicability

Indicates RDC Product

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High Frequency (HF) Radar

Mission Need: Enhance Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

Objectives

- Assess High Frequency Surface Wave Radar (HFSWR) tracking and communications capabilities of existing systems with government and commercial partners.
- Evaluate HFSWR applicability to U.S. Coast Guard (CG) missions through a technology demonstration with partner organizations at an established site.
- Investigate the data fusion analysis framework for possible CG integration and transition with the Maritime Intelligence Fusion Centers (MIFC).
- Identify the locations with greatest utility and return on investment for potential fielding of HFSWR to enhance MDA within the EEZ.

Notes

- Partnership opportunities include the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Naval Postgraduate School, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) - Borders, Immigration and Maritime (BIM), Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), Joint Interagency Task Force-South (JIATF-S), and the Commander, USN 4th Fleet Science Advisor.

Sponsor: CG-761

Stakeholder(s): MIFC, CG-26/68/741/933, CSISC, LANT, PAC, DHS S&T BIM, SOUTHCOM, JIATF-S

RDC Research Lead: Mr. Sekaran Jambukesan

CG-926 Domain Lead: Ms. Holly Wendelin

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability

Project Start: 1 Oct 20

Completed HFSWR Capabilities Research 17 Mar 21 ✓

NRL Completed HF Data Collection, Analysis, and Report 3 Aug 21 ✓

High Frequency Radar Capabilities for MDA (Brief) 12 Oct 21 ★

Technology Demonstration Aug 22

Applicability to CG Missions Identified Oct 22

High Frequency Surface Wave Radar for CG Operations (Report & Brief) Jan 23 ★

Project Completion: Jan 23

Indicates RDC Product ★

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**Mission Need:** Long-range communication options ranked for each mission set and environment.

- Determine an optimized list of long range communications (LRC) options for each U.S. Coast Guard (CG) mission in each area of operation, met with available or near term available equipment. This will be accomplished by:
  - Developing a Beyond Line of Sight (BLOS) Cutter Survey and conducting focus group and site surveys in all districts for Fast Response Cutters (FRC) and larger assets.
  - Identifying baseline, new, and emerging long-range communications options to include technologies such as:
    - Low, medium, and High Frequency (HF).
    - Satellite communications (SATCOMMS).
    - 3G/4G/5G Automatic Link Establishment (ALE).
  - Developing a comprehensive matrix assessing the results of surveys and site visits by mission and geographic area.

- Leverage CG-761-developed Capabilities Based Assessment on current state of U.S. Coast Guard long-range communications.

- Share findings with Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) and Joint Interagency Task Force-South (JIATF-S) facilities and long range communications capabilities and other potential U.S. Department of Defense research laboratories solutions as needed.

- Share findings with Naval Postgraduate School to identify long range communications collaboration opportunities.

**Objectives**

**Notes**

**Project Timeline / Key Milestones**

- **Project Start:** 1 Oct 20
- **Complete Long Range Communications Requirements Analysis**
  - 1 Jun 21 ✔
- **Complete Cutter BLOS COMMS Survey Requirements**
  - 31 Jan 22 ✔
- **Mission-Specific Long-Range Communications Analysis (Brief)**
  - 15 Mar 22 ✔
- **Complete Cutter COMMS Focus Groups Survey**
  - Oct 22
- **Complete Cutter COMMS Site Visits**
  - Feb 23
- **Complete Long-Range Communications Matrix**
  - Apr 23
- **Mission-Specific Long-Range Communications Analysis (Report)**
  - Aug 23 ★
- **Project Completion:** Aug 23
Mission Need: Consolidate disparate data to modernize marine environmental response.

- Leverage existing systems such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Environmental Response Management Application (ERMA) to create a central hubs of resources to improve response planning and operations.
- Work with the sponsor office and CGA to build a subsystem to ERMA to incorporate maritime environmental response actions and data layers.
- Connect maritime environmental response data from existing systems to the CG network to enable data fusion and overlay development.
- Collaborate with the ERMA program to create the Maritime Environmental Response (MER) Common Operating Picture (COP) to leverage existing system capabilities and create data overlays, such as chart based depictions of environmentally sensitive areas and legal or doctrinal constraints that could impact the response effort.

- This effort will also explore the iPAC system from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife services.

- Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype

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Project Completion: Sep 23

Sponsor: CG-MER

Stakeholder(s): CG-5R, CG-67, CG-68, CG-741, C5ISC, CGCYBER, CGA

RDC Research Lead: Mr. Benjamin Berman

CG-926 Domain Lead: Ms. Holly Wendelin

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Handheld Device Applications to Support Post-Storm Damage Assessments

**Mission Need:** Accurate and timely field imagery and data from response teams.

**Objectives**
- Identify an efficient electronic means for field teams to quickly and accurately communicate data such as vessel damage assessments, Shoreline Cleanup Assessment and Technique forms, facility assessment forms for the Marine Transportation System Recovery Unit, Aids To Navigation verification, and other needed data.
- This effort will:
  - Assess existing mobile applications such as DAART, MAGE, TAK, and Microsoft 365 mobile functionality.
  - Create a Damage Assessment Go-Kit for mobile field teams to use and evaluate after a major storm.
  - Determine the feasibility of connecting data and developing custom views in a common operating picture (COP) such as Coast Guard 1 View (CG1V), FirstNet dispatch console, and the Naval Research Laboratory’s PROTEUS global Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) system.

**Notes**
- Explore the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command's Domestic Operations Awareness and Assessment Response Tool (DAART), the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's (NGA) Mobile Awareness GEOINT Environment (MAGE), and the Team Awareness Kit (TAK) as potential government off-the-shelf (GOTS) solutions.
- Consider partnerships with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Natick Soldier Systems Center TAK lab.

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**Sponsor:** CG-OEM  
**Stakeholder(s):** CG-761/741/5R/67/68, CG-FAC, CG-MER, CG-NAV, CSISC, CGCYBER

**RDC Research Lead:** Mr. Robert Taylor  
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Ms. Holly Wendelin

**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:** Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype

**Project Completion:** Nov 23
## Mission Need: Maintain competency/knowledge; provide rapid response; and external liaison.

### Objectives

- Maintain U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Research and Development Center (RDC) competency and technical knowledge in understanding present and future C5I systems, including: radio frequency communications, electronic navigation systems, software defined radios, cyber security systems, spectrum management, and sensors.
- Maintain Branch infrastructure to support RDC portfolio objectives.
- Support C5I Strategic Project Portfolio Alignment, CG Cyber Strategic Outlook initiatives, and CG DCO/DCMS Research Priorities.
- Provide expert input to CG stakeholders regarding C5I technologies.
- Foster continued relationships with CG sponsors/stakeholders and external U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) labs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), and other government agency/academic partners.
- Provide service academy, Historically Black College or University, and Minority Serving Institution students internship opportunities.

### Notes

- Develop a “Sector of the Future” lab setup to assess how technology can transform Sector-level operational decision making and communications.
- Continue to provide Extended Reality subject matter expertise and technical support for HoloLens2 devices in support of RDC ITNET Branch.
- Support Polar Communications testing for RDC and DOD Labs collaborative projects.
- Participate with C5I organizations such as the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) and Institute of Navigation.

### Project Timeline / Key Milestones

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### Sponsor:

**CG-926**

### Stakeholder(s):**

CG-2, CG-6, CG-7, CG-933, CSISC, CGCYBER, DHS S&T

### RDC Research Lead:

Ms. Amy Cutting

### CG-926 Domain Lead:

Ms. Holly Wendelin

### Anticipated Outcome/Transition:

Various
**Mission Need:** Improve SAROPS utility by incorporating better survival modeling and statistics.

- Improve Search and Rescue survival decision tools by incorporating methods that better account for survival time in warmer water (15°C (59°F)) and incorporating survival factors beyond heat production and heat loss.
- Develop a dynamic database to validate model(s) against statistics, and permit model fine-tuning as the database grows.
- Provide the Search and Rescue program an easily-integrated survival module that allows two-way compatibility with existing Search and Rescue Optimal Planning System (SAROPS) processes.

**Objective:**

- Carries forward U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Research and Development Center survival-related work with U.S. Department of Defense labs (John Hopkins University/Applied Physics Lab).
- Explore partnerships with National Labs and University Centers including the U.S. Naval Experimental Diving Unit (NEDU), U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (USARIEM), and U.S. Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility.

**Notes:**

- Investigated Requirements and Applications
  - 30 Apr 18
- Investigated State of Survival Models
  - 6 Jul 19
- Conducted Facilitated Workshop
  - 28 Aug 19
- Completed Survival Statistics Brief
  - 16 Dec 19
- Completed Key Decision Point to Progress to Model Implementation
  - 2 Sep 20
- Enhanced USCG Survival Model & Implementation (Brief)
  - 30 Nov 20
- Complete Clothing Studies
  - 18 Mar 22
- Complete Pilot NEDU Immersion Tests
  - 24 Jun 22
- Complete NEDU Immersion Tests
  - Aug 22
- Complete USARIEM Data Analysis
  - Oct 22
- Enhanced USCG Survival Model and Implementation Guidance (Report)
  - Dec 22

**Project Timeline / Key Milestones:**

- Project Start: 1 Nov 17
- Project Completion: Dec 22

**Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques & Procedures**

Recommendations for Standards/Regulations/Policy

**Sponsor:** CG-SAR  
**Stakeholder(s):** CG-5R, CG-761, CSISC, FORCENCOM

**RDC Research Lead:** Ms. Monica Cisternelli  
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Ms. Karin Messenger
Mission Need: Reduce Nonindigenous Invasive Species (NIS) transport risks in U.S. waters by vessel.

Objectives

- Determine the most practical BWM practices for Laker operators to reduce the risks of transporting NIS from one region of the Great Lakes (GL) to another when they are introduced from the outside by ocean-going ships.
- Research and develop robust, science-based technical Quality Assurance (QA) protocols to validate sub-Independent Lab (IL) QA/Quality Control shipboard test programs that support BWM System (BWMS) Type Approval (TA).
- Provide a tested Ballast Water Discharge Standard (BWDS) compliance tool to the field.
- Provide robust, science-based, shipboard-test technical protocols to validate IL test programs.
- Assess CG’s Ballast Water Management Regulatory Program.

Notes

- FY18-FY20 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding (DW-070-95926401-0), (DW-070-20000108-0), (DW-70-95953301-0).
- Collaboration with Naval Research Laboratory.
- Collaboration with Smithsonian Environmental Research Center.
- Collaboration with the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration, Canadian Department of Fisheries & Oceans, and Transport Canada.

Sponsor: CG-OES, EPA Great Lakes Nat’l Program Office

Stakeholder(s): Marine Safety Center, CG-CVC, CG Inspectors

RDC Research Lead: Ms. Gail Roderick

CG-926 Domain Lead: Ms. Karin Messenger

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Recommendations for Standards/Regulations/Policy

Project Timeline / Key Milestones

- Project Start: 1 Oct 17
- Delivered 3 Prior Year Products FY17-21 ✓ ★
- Assessing BWM and Invasions in the Great Lakes: Recommendation of Site Selection and Draft Protocol for Nonindigenous Species Sentinel Sites (Report) 17 Mar 22 ✓ ★
- Assessing BWM and Invasions in Great Lakes: Site Selection and Draft Protocol for Shipboard Plankton Sampling at BW Sentinel Sites (Report) 31 Mar 22 ✓ ★
- Functional Char. for BWDS Compliance Tools (Report) Sep 22 ★
- Eval. of Commercially Available BWDS Compliance Technologies (Report) Oct 22 ★
- Results of Year 1 BW Sampling and Sentinel Site Survey in the GL (Report) Nov 22 ★
- Tech Guidance for Use, Maint. & Trng. of BWDS Compliance Tools (Report) Dec 22 ★
- Audit Protocols for .Shipboard Tests by IL (Report) Jan 23 ★
- Validation of Audit Protocols for Shipboard Tests by IL (Report) Jan 23 ★

Project Completion: Jan 23
Behavior of Diluted Bitumen (Dilbit) in Fresh Water

**Mission Need:** Enhanced decision-making for response to dilbit spills in the freshwater environment.

**Objectives**

- Provide the U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Federal On-Scene Coordinators with decision-making guidance as they relate to the fate and transport of dilbit in the freshwater environment.
- Study the behavior (density and weathering) and response tools of dilbit spills in the freshwater environment.

**Notes**

- Supported by Great Lakes (GL) Restoration Initiative funding.
- Leverage RDC Project 4705 “Oil Sands Products Spill Response.”
- Collaborate with the International Institute for Sustainable Development’s Experimental Lakes Area and U.S. Department of Energy labs.

**Sponsor:** CG-MER, D9

**Stakeholder(s):** EPA GL Nat’l Program Office/ Pollution Response Office, LANT-54, NOAA, FORCECOM

**RDC Research Lead:** Benedette Adewale, PhD

**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Ms. Karin Messenger

**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:** Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques & Procedures

**Project Timeline / Key Milestones**

- **Project Start:** 1 Oct 20

  - Literature Review Complete 12 Feb 21
  - Literature Review – Diluted Bitumen in the Fresh Water Environment (Report) 23 Jun 21
  - Dilbit Test Plan Complete 30 Sep 21
  - CRREL Dilbit Weathering Cold Weather Test Complete 30 Nov 21
  - CRREL Dilbit Weathering Warm Weather Test Complete Jul 22
  - CRREL Dilbit Weathering Ice-free Cold Weather Test Complete Oct 22
  - Dilbit Oil Analysis Complete Jan 23
  - Project Completion: Mar 23
Advancing UAS and AUV Capabilities to Characterize Water Column and Surface Oil in Ice Environments

**Mission Need:** Technologies to detect and characterize oil spills in ice environments.

**Objectives**

- Coordinate and conduct multi-agency lab and field tests to gain better understanding of aerial and underwater sensor capability in characterizing oil on the surface or in the water column in ice conditions.
- Determine remote vehicle telemetry capability to transfer sensor data to on-scene responders or Incident Command as actionable information.

**Notes**

- Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund funding.
- Partnerships with the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL), Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) Office of University Programs (OUP), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R), Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**Sponsor:** CG-MER

**Stakeholder(s):** CG-5RI, D1, D9, D17, ADAC, NOAA OR&R, WHOI, MBARI, DHS S&T OUP, CG-7 UxS

**RDC Research Lead:** Mr. Alexander Balsley, P.E.

**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Ms. Karin Messenger

**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:** Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability

**Project Timeline / Key Milestones**

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**Project Completion:** Mar 23
# Private Aids to Navigation Verification Improvements

## Mission Need:
Modernize the Auxiliary reporting system for PATON verification.

### Objectives
- Automate and standardize data collection for Private Aids to Navigation (PATON).
- Research how each District performs and records PATON verification.
- Evaluate and develop potential solutions to increase efficiency and effectiveness.
- Standardize how the U.S. Coast Guard (CG) documents PATON verification.
- Transition results to the Office of Navigation (CG-NAV) for implementing a service-wide PATON verification tool.

### Notes
- RDC Auxiliary Unit to coordinate national participation for project execution.
- Leverage existing, Auxiliary-developed PATON verification tools and processes.
- Capitalize on Auxiliarist information technology capability for mobile-application development.
- Partner with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and United States Army Corps of Engineers.

## Sponsor:
**CG-NAV**

### Stakeholder(s):**
- CG Auxiliary, Districts, NAVCEN, CG-68

### RDC Research Lead:
**Mr. James Spilsbury**

### CG-926 Domain Lead:
**Ms. Karin Messenger**

### Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype

## Project Timeline / Key Milestones

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Nearshore and Inland Evaluation of the Estimated Recovery System Potential (ERSP) Calculator

Mission Need: ERSP calculator to include response systems for nearshore/inland operating environment.

Objectives

- Determine if an enhanced version of the existing offshore ERSP calculator provides improved efficiency for planning and response to oil spills.
- Develop an inland ERSP calculator prototype tool.
- Validate ERSP calculator functionality and usefulness through an independent evaluation by a group of National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine reviewers.

Notes

- Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund funding.
- Partnership with Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE).
- Transition partnership with Great Lakes National Center of Expertise.

Sponsor: CG-MER
Stakeholder(s): BSEE, AREAs

RDC Research Lead: Mr. Alexander Balsley, P.E.
CG-926 Domain Lead: Ms. Karin Messenger

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype

Project Timeline / Key Milestones

- **Project Start:** 1 Oct 16
- **Feasibility Workshop Completed** 21 Jun 17
- **Feasibility of Extending the ERSP Calculator for Nearshore and Inland Waterways (Report)** 20 Sep 17
- **Inland ERSP Preliminary Factors, Requirements and Conceptual Model (Report)** 14 Nov 19
- **Inland ERSP Operational Environment Calculator (Design Document)** 29 Jun 20
- **Initial Development of Inland ERSP Calculator Complete** 4 Jun 21
- **National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Review Complete** Aug 22
- **NAS Response Review of Inland ERSP (White Paper)** Dec 22
- **NAS Recommended ERSP Calculator Updates Complete** Dec 23
- **Inland Evaluation of the ERSP Calculator (Prototype & User Guide)** May 24

Project Completion: May 24
Mission Need: Understand the capability of emerging mechanical pollution-response technology.

Objectives:
- Conduct market research to identify new and emerging pollution response technologies.
- Conduct independent evaluation of select technologies using the U.S. Coast Guard’s (CG) Oil Spill Response Technology Evaluation Process.
- Collaborate with other Federal agencies (Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), Environmental Protection Agency, etc.) to conduct in-water testing of the most promising technologies.
- Provide feedback to equipment providers for consideration in advancing their technologies to enhance the nation's pollution response capability.
- Provide a knowledge product for Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC) awareness of new technologies.

Notes:
- Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund funding.
- Partnership with BSEE.
- Possible use of Cooperative Research and Development Agreements.
- Opportunity to partner with Interagency Coordinating Committee for Oil Pollution Research (ICCOPR) members, Federal Laboratory Consortium members, and academic institutions involved in this area of research.
- Possible collaboration with Blue Technology Center of Expertise (BTCOE) for technology market research.

Sponsor: CG-MER
Stakeholder(s): ICCOPR, CG-721, District Response Advisory Teams, FOSCs, National Strike Force

RDC Research Lead: Mr. Alexander Balsley, P.E.
CG-926 Domain Lead: Ms. Karin Messenger

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability

Project Timeline / Key Milestones:
- Project Start: 1 Oct 21
- Request for Information (RFI) Issued for Sorbents: 5 Jan 22 ✓
- In-house Technology Evaluation Conducted: 17 May 22 ✓
- Emerging Pollution Response Technology (Sorbents), Preliminary Evaluation Results/Way Forward (Brief): Jul 22 ★
- Ohmsett Testing of Sorbents Complete: Oct 22
- Request for Information (RFI) Issued for Mech Recovery: Jan 23
- Emerging Pollution Response Technology (Sorbents), Evaluation Findings (Report): Jun 23 ★
- Emerging Pollution Response Technology (Mechanical Recovery/Containment), Preliminary Evaluation Results/Way Forward (Brief): Aug 23 ★
- Ohmsett Testing of Mech Recovery Complete: Nov 23
- Emerging Pollution Response Technology (Mechanical Recovery/Containment), Evaluation Findings (Report): Jun 24 ★

Project Completion: Jun 24
## Mission Need: Improve response readiness to hazardous substance pollution release incidents.

### Objectives
- Address hazardous substance pollution risk knowledge gaps in Area Contingency Plans.
- Identify and analyze existing hazardous substance response technologies, capabilities, and resources.
- Provide reference guidance for area contingency planners.
- Enhance Captain of the Port (COTP) and Federal On Scene Coordinators (FOSC) response capabilities.
- Support inclusion of hazardous substance release response resources in facility and vessel response plans.

### Notes
- Coordinate with area contingency planners to connect project focus with specific field needs.
- Engage with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emergency response program, CG National Strike Force Coordination Center (NSFCC), firefighters and other local hazardous-materials responders to leverage existing hazardous substance pollution response expertise.

### Sponsor: CG-MER  
**Stakeholder(s):** CG-ENG-5, EPA, NSFCC, FORCECOM

### RDC Research Lead: Benedette Adewale, PhD  
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Ms. Karin Messenger

### Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques & Procedures

## Project Timeline / Key Milestones

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**Project Completion:** Jun 24
Mass Rescue Lifesaving Appliance (MRLSA)

**Mission Need:** Lightweight, easy to use, temporary, mass rescue survivor platform.

- Find, promote, or develop the technology to manufacture an extremely compact, lightweight, rescue intervention device to safely keep 100+ persons out of the water for up to 24 hours.
- Transition the developmental result to the Office of Search and Rescue and capability stakeholders for implementation as a mass rescue tool.

**Notes**
- Partnership with Air Force Research Laboratory.
- Investigate National Aeronautics and Space Administration or other government agency partnership.

**Objectives**

**Sponsor:** CG-SAR  
**Stakeholder(s):** DHS S&T, CG-711, CG-731, CG-751

**RDC Research Lead:** Ms. Monica Cisternelli  
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Ms. Karin Messenger

**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:**  
Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype Recommendations for Standards/Regulations/Policy

**Project Timeline / Key Milestones**

- **Project Start:** 1 Oct 19
- **Request for Information/Technology Assessment Complete** 1 Mar 20
- **MRLSA: Market Research Summary (Report)** 13 May 20
- **Industry Day Webinar Complete** 25 May 21
- **DHS Issues BAA** 21 Jun 21
- **Interim Brief Complete** 28 Sep 21
- **MRLSA: Phase 1 Consensus Results (Brief)** 30 Mar 22
- **DHS Contract Award** Sep 22
- **Prototype Development Complete** Feb 24
- **MRLSA Phase 1 Testing and Key Decision Point (Brief)** Jun 24
- **Phase 2 Testing** Jul 24
- **Mass Rescue Lifesaving Appliance (Report)** Sep 24

**Project Completion:** Sep 24

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Next Generation Aids to Navigation Buoys & Alternative Moorings

Mission Need: Modernize U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Aids to Navigation (ATON) buoys and moorings.

Objectives
- Determine the world-wide state of non-ferrous, Next Generation (Next Gen) aids to navigation (ATON) buoys.
- In conjunction with CG managers, field trial the most-promising prospects for replacing steel buoys.
- Provide CG managers technical, cost, and operational benefits (if any) to modernize buoy inventory.
- Conduct follow-up investigation of an alternative buoy-mooring system to determine CG applicability.
- Analyze buoy inventory to identify logistical and operational inefficiencies.
- Develop science-based, analytical tool to aid CG managers with future inventory decisions.
- Field trial and evaluate promising inland river buoy alternatives.
- Evaluate the radar signatures of legacy and Next Gen buoy designs.
- Evaluate mooring analysis software replacement options.

Notes
- Coordinate with CG-NAV and the Data Center Optimization Initiative to involve International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities as partners.
- Collaborate with Naval Sea Systems Command on buoy radar cross section and detection ranges analysis.
- Coordinate with CG-68 on the transition of MOORSEL replacement.

Sponsor: SILC-WOPL
Stakeholder(s): CG-NAV, Districts (dpw), CG-68
RDC Research Lead: Mr. James Spilsbury
CG-926 Domain Lead: Ms. Karin Messenger

Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
Recommendations for Acquisition Milestone Support
Recommendations for Product Line Tech Insertion

Project Timeline / Key Milestones

| Project Start: 1 Oct 19 |
| Complete World Wide Market Study of Buoys | 31 Mar 20 ✔ |
| Next Gen ATON Buoys: Market Study Report (Report) | 17 Sep 20 ✔ ★ |
| Draft Test Plan for Buoys and Moorings Complete | 20 Oct 20 ✔ |
| Next Gen ATON Buoys - Field Test Update (Brief) | 12 Aug 21 ✔ ★ |
| ATON Buoy Inventory Analysis Tool Development (Brief) | 15 Jun 22 ✔ ★ |
| Inland River Buoy Field Testing Status (Brief) | Nov 22 ★ |
| Field Test for Buoys and Moorings Complete | Oct 22 |
| Mooring Analysis Software and Radar Reflector Update (Brief) | Feb 23 ★ |
| New Buoy and Moorings Field Trial Summary (Report) | Jul 23 ★ |
| ATON Buoy Optimization Tool (Tool & User Guide) | Dec 23 ★ |
| Mooring Analysis Software and Radar Reflector Summary (Report) | Sep 24 ★ |

Project Completion: Sep 24
Investigate Effects of Wind Farms on Search and Rescue (SAR)

**Mission Need:** Research the impacts of wind farms on CG SAR.

### Objectives
- Literature review to determine current state of wind farms.
- Workshop with sponsor and stakeholders to identify SAR impacts of wind farms and mitigation strategies.
- Real-time wind and current measurements to account for changes due to wind turbines on wind farms.
- Sensor performance analysis to research how mitigation strategies will affect the CG’s ability to find search objects near the wind farms.
- Field tests to determine the impact to search object detection using prioritized sensors at the Block Island, RI wind farm.

### Notes
- Partnership with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Integrated Ocean Observing System.
- Partnership with the Bureau of Energy Management.
- International partners (United Kingdom, Denmark, Norway, Dutch, Sweden).
- Possible collaboration with State Maritime Academies.

### Sponsor: CG-SAR  
**Stakeholder(s):** NAVCEN, CG-NAV, CG-MER, CG-711/731/751/761, LANT, D1, FORCEN

### RDC Research Lead:  
Ms. Monica Cisternelli  
Ms. Karin Messenger

### Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques & Procedures

### Project Timeline / Key Milestones

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**Project Completion:** Dec 24

- Indicates RDC Product
- October 2022

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# Evaluate Visibility of Colors for CG Approved Lifesaving Equipment in Marine Conditions

## Mission Need:
Optimal lifesaving equipment detectability.

### Objectives
- Conduct literature review of High Visibility Safety Apparel (HSVA) and lifesaving equipment visibility/probability of detection research.
- Carry out industry/professional society review of standards for HSVA and Search and Rescue (SAR) equipment colors and/or color schemes.
- Perform domestic and international governmental review of approved/required colors in SAR scenarios.
- Define optimal visual detectability and conspicuity color characteristics in marine conditions via a marine environment high visibility color standard.
- Conduct field trials to validate high visibility color standard from shore, afloat and aviation assets in various weather, light and sea-state conditions.
- Provide findings to project sponsor and stakeholders for use in lifesaving equipment color evaluations and standards revision, if appropriate.

### Notes
- Engage CG RDC vision research subject matter experts to leverage in-house expertise, as well as CG Auxiliary for experimentation support.
- Review previous RDC visibility, visual distress signal, and detectability projects for experiment techniques, findings and conclusions.
- Global maritime stakeholders review results, revisit and revise domestic and international policy and regulations, if appropriate.

### Sponsor:
CG-ENG  

### Stakeholder(s):
CG-BSX, CG-5P, CG-5R, CG-711, CG-731, CG-751, WOPL, NMC, NBSAC, IMO NCSR

### RDC Research Lead:
Mr. Josh Pennington  

### CG-926 Domain Lead:
Ms. Karin Messenger

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**Project Completion:** Sep 25

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**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:** Recommendations for Standards/Regulations/Policy

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Mission Need: Maintain competency/knowledge; provide rapid response; and external liaison.

Objectives

- Maintain U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Research and Development Center (RDC) competency and technical knowledge in understanding present and future E&W technology, systems, and regulatory directives/policies, including: environmental protection, pollution detection/response, ballast water standards, marine and navigation safety improvements, and search and rescue improvements.
- Maintain Branch infrastructure to support RDC portfolio objectives.
- Support E&W Strategic Project Portfolio Alignment and CG DCO/DCMS Research Priorities.
- Provide expert input to CG stakeholders regarding E&W technologies.
- Foster continued relationships with CG sponsors/stakeholders and external U.S. Department of Defense labs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), and other government agency/academic partners.
- Provide service academy, Historically Black College & University, and Minority Serving institution students internship opportunities.

Notes

- Interagency Coordinating Committee on Oil Pollution Research (ICCOPR)
- Great Lakes Oil Spill Center of Expertise liaison.
- CG-SAR/CGA leeway drift collaboration.

Sponsor: CG-926
Stakeholder(s): CG-5, CG-SAR, CG-MER, CG-ENG, CG-OES, D9, D11, DHS S&T
RDC Research Lead: Mr. M. J. Lewandowski
CG-926 Domain Lead: Ms. Karin Messenger

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Various

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Project Completion: Ongoing
Mission Need: Hardware and software solutions to facilitate real-time video transmission.

Objectives:
- Research available technologies to provide the U.S. Coast Guard (CG) fleet the ability to broadcast real-time video to increase operational capabilities, improve decision making and tactical planning, enhance common operating picture, and provide reliable evidence building for drug interdiction and law enforcement cases.
- Develop recommendations for USCG IT architecture to support sponsor and key stakeholders concerning best means of improving USCG IT architecture to support IP video compression across all CG communications networks.

Notes:

Sponsor: CG-761
Stakeholder(s): CG-25/721/741/751/68/67, C5ISC, TACLETs, CGCYBER, MLE-A, AREAs

RDC Research Lead: Mr. David Cote
CG-926 Domain Lead: Ms. Holly Wendelin

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Recommendations for Acquisition Milestone Support

Project Timeline / Key Milestones:
- Project Start: 1 Oct 21
- CG Previous/Current Technical Efforts Reviewed: 31 Dec 21
- Market Research of Video Compression Technology Completed: 28 Feb 22
- Initial Video Compression Functional Characteristics Documented: Aug 22
- IP Video Compression across CG Communication Networks (Report): Dec 22
- Project Completion: Dec 22

Indicates RDC Product: 1012
### Mission Need: Improve DSF and Cutter boarding team safety, security, and mission efficiency.

#### Objectives
- Define protected, standards based mobile architectures to interface with U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Maritime and Avionic Systems.
  - Phase 1:
    - Document and provide undocumented Deployable Specialized Forces (DSF) and Boarding Team (BT) requirements to sponsors/stakeholders.
    - Deliver best in class ranking of COTS and GOTS tactical mobile technology market research to support fast CG technology transition and integration.
  - Phase 2:
    - Validate Market Research data through Limited User Evaluation of best in class tactical mobile technologies.
    - Deliver best in class solution architecture roadmap options to sponsor & stakeholders.
    - Deliver Improved DSF/Cutter BT Efficiency Report to key decision makers to drive CG wide change.
    - Examine use of LiDAR, Hazard Warning, and Biometrics Technology by BT members and how technology is integrated into Tactical Comm’s Toolkit.

#### Notes
- Partner with the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) to leverage systems engineering modeling capability.
- Interview CG BT/Law Enforcement Detachment, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Justice, DHS, and BT policy makers to identify functional characteristics in an ideal and an acceptable scenario.
- Potential collaboration with the Naval Post Graduate School (NPS) Initial Research Estimate Form (IREF) compressed video request.

#### Sponsor: CG-761

#### Stakeholder(s): CG-67/68/721/751/932, CG-MLE, LANT, PAC, CSISC, CGCYBER, TACLETS, NPS, AFIT

#### RDC Research Lead: Mr. David Cote

#### CG-926 Domain Lead: Ms. Holly Wendelin

#### Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
- Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype and Recommendations for Product Line Tech Insertion

### Project Timeline / Key Milestones

- **Project Start: 1 Oct 20**
  - Interviews w/CG Cutter BTs and Policy Makers Completed: 23 Dec 20
  - Tactical Mobile COTS/GOTS Tech Evaluation Completed: 31 Mar 21
  - Operational Mobile Technology Architecture Market Research (Brief): 18 Aug 21
  - Selected MANET/LTE Technology Limited User Evaluation Completed: Sep 22
  - Tactical Mobile Technology Evaluation (Brief): Nov 22
  - Tactical Team Enhancement Tools (LiDAR, Hazard Warning, Biometrics, BT Toolkit) Evaluations Completed: Jan 23
  - Tactical Team Enhanced Toolkit/Tools Evaluation (Brief): Mar 23
  - Improve Deployable Specialized Forces and Cutter Boarding Team Efficiency (Report): Jul 23

- **Project Completion: Jul 23**
# Geospatial Cloud Analytics Integration with CG1V for IUU Fishing Detection

## Mission Need:
Detect, track, and display IUU fishing activity for Maritime Law Enforcement operations.

## Objectives
- Determine requirements for Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Activity detection and display.
- Determine existing IUU Fishing detection and display capabilities.
- Identify gaps between IUU Fishing requirements and capabilities.
- Develop mitigation strategies for identified gaps. Include the following areas:
  - Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Geospatial Cloud Analytics (GCA) platform.
  - Coast Guard One View (CG1V) geographic display.
  - Global Fishing Watch (GFW) solutions.
  - Environmental Services Research Institute (Esri) solutions.

## Notes
- Previous RDC IUU work has been accomplished with GFW. This project will leverage that effort as much as possible.
- Identify key players in the DARPA GCA, CG1V and CG-MLE areas to obtain required subject matter expertise in these areas.
- Possible collaboration with the Intel Coordination Center (ICC) and U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Pacific (MIFC PAC) and U.S. Guard Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center Atlantic (MIFC LANT).

## Sponsor:
CG-MLE

## Stakeholder(s):
- CG-2, CG-68, PACAREA, MIFC LANT/PAC, ICC, D14, D17, CGCYBER

## RDC Research Lead:
Mr. Jack Cline

## CG-926 Domain Lead:
Ms. Holly Wendelin

## Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability

## Project Timeline / Key Milestones

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High Latitude Underway Connectivity

Mission Need: Provide network connectivity to Cutters operating at high latitudes.

- Influence the desired minimum connectivity functional characteristics by analyzing previous U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Research and Development Center (RDC) arctic communications and cutter connectivity projects within last 10 years.
- Influence the desired minimum connectivity functional characteristics by analyzing prior U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) High Latitude (Hi-Lat) research projects within last 10 years, including U.S. Navy (USN) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization Combined Joint Operations from the Sea.
- Build and test a Hi-Lat cutter connectivity test bed.
- Deploy a prototype solution and perform a limited user evaluation and report on system capabilities for best in class determination.

Objectives

- Leverage RDC Projects 6208 “Arctic Communications Technology Assessments,” 8702 “Evaluate Network Accelerator Technology to Improve Cutter Information Technology Performance,” and 7759 “Evaluation of Potential CG Use of CubeSats.”
- Partner with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate Office of University Programs; USN Stratospheric Community of Interest; and Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, and Intelligence Service Center (C5ISC) Deployed Connectivity Section.
- Align with C5ISC SATCOM procurement.
- Link with DoD Lab Sync Arctic Comms effort and International Cooperative Engagement Program for Polar Research.

Notes

- Review of Previous Projects and Research Complete 18 Mar 21 ✓
- High Latitude Satellite Systems Market Research Complete 18 Mar 21 ✓
- High Latitude Underway Connectivity – Status Update (Brief) 12 Aug 21 ★
- Limited User Evaluation Complete Mar 24
- High Latitude Underway Connectivity (Report) Mar 24 ★

Project Timeline / Key Milestones

Anticipated Outcome/Transition:

- Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype

Sponsor: CG-761
Stakeholder(s): CG-67, CG-68, CG-751, CG-762, LANT/PAC-6, C5ISC, ALC, CGCYBER
RDC Research Lead: Mr. Jon Turban, P.E.
CG-926 Domain Lead: Ms. Holly Wendelin
Project Start: 1 Oct 20
Project Completion: Mar 24

Indicates RDC Product ★
## Mission Need: Improve efficiency and effectiveness of maintenance and training across the CG.

- Enhance the U.S. Coast Guard’s (CG) ability to train personnel and perform maintenance on CG assets by identifying maintenance, training, tools, processes, and procedures used by military and industry that will:
  - Reduce the labor burden of technicians by providing current maintenance information via XR technologies.
  - Increase the availability of assets by improving the efficiency of maintenance and reducing costly errors.
  - Improve the effectiveness of training and reduce the time to train personnel.

- Create a roadmap that will enable the sponsor to generate requirements and successfully implement extended reality capabilities throughout the CG to improve the performance of mission support services.

### Objectives

- Includes partnerships with Naval Sea Systems Command Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Microsoft Technology Center Boston, and other U.S. Department of Defense components that have successfully adopted XR technologies in their mission support programs.

- Uses agile scrum development and rapid contracting through Defense Logistics Agency’s Tailored Logistic Support Program.

### Notes

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### Sponsor: FORCECOM

| Stakeholder(s): | ALC, ATTC, CGA, SFLC, MSC, CG-1B3/41/45/5PC/67/751/761/933, TRACEN Yorktown, MSC |

### RDC Research Lead:

- Mr. Jack Cline

### CG-926 Domain Lead:

- Ms. Holly Wendelin

### Anticipated Outcome/Transition:

- Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability
- Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques & Procedures

### Project Timeline / Key Milestones

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**Mission Need:** Determine VDES benefits and path to implementation to support CG operations.

### Objectives
- Understand the capabilities and limitations of VDES.
- Identify steps for U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Implementation of VDES.
- Identify steps to shift CG tactical data transmissions from AIS channels to VDES application specific message channels.
- Evaluate VDES capabilities to disseminate various types of Maritime Safety Information (MSI).
- Understand the requirements for CG shore-side management of VDES.
- Assess technical limitations of VDES R-Mode to include reliability and accuracy.
- Assess feasibility of VDES R-Mode implementation in the United States.
- Investigate the ability to use VDES R-Mode to detect position spoofing efforts by bad actors.

### Notes
- Work closely with the Canadian Coast Guard; Electronics and Information Services, Quebec; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Research & Development Center.
- Leverage prior CG Research and Development Center work completed concerning options and impacts for VDES and AIS.

### Sponsor
- **CG-761**

### Stakeholder(s)
- CG-67, CG-68, CG-933, CG-NAV, NAVCEN, CSISC, CGCYBER

### RDC Research Lead
- LCDR John Forster

### CG-926 Domain Lead
- Ms. Holly Wendelin

### Anticipated Outcome/Transition
- Recommendations for Standards/Regulations/Policy

### Notes
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### Project Completion
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**Evaluation and Testing of VHF Data Exchange System (VDES) Impacts on the Automatic Identification System (AIS)**
Next Generation Distress Communication Capability for Alaska and the Arctic

Mission Need: Effective and modernized distress communications for Alaska and Arctic.

Objectives

- Evaluate current environmental and geographic challenges of the existing emergency communications system, Rescue 21 (R21) Alaska, in D17.
- Identify potential 911 integration opportunities with commercial Satellite (SAT) phones.
- Develop technology roadmap that can be shared with partners.

Notes

- Leverage findings from RDC Project 8503 “Radio Frequency (RF) Communications in a Cloud Environment.”
- Leverage partnerships within the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security for alternative distress communications methods (i.e., space, near-space/stratospheric balloon).
- Project will identify possible synergies with the DoD Lab Commander Sync and seek to leverage the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies.

Sponsor: CG-761

Stakeholder(s): CG-68, CG-67, CG-741, CG-SAR, CSISC, CGCYBER, AFRL, Space Force

RDC Research Lead: LCDR John Forster

CG-926 Domain Lead: Ms. Holly Wendelin

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Recommendations in Tech Availability & Applicability

Project Timeline / Key Milestones

- Project Start: Oct 22
- Analysis of Alternatives (Brief) Apr 23
- Requirements Development for CG Payload Jun 23
- Market Research & Partnership Development Jun 23
- Cooperative Research and Development Agreement and/or Statement of Work Development Aug 23
- Arctic Demonstration of Balloons Oct 23
- Start CG Roadmap Mar 24
- Alaska and Arctic Next Generation Distress Communication Technology Roadmap (Report) Jun 24
- Balloon/SAT Payload Development and Integration Sep 25
- Payload (Balloon/SAT) Demonstration Oct 25
- Next Generation Distress Communication Capability for Alaska and the Arctic (Report & Brief) Mar 26
- Project Completion: Mar 26

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### Mission Need: Maintain competency/knowledge; provide rapid response; and external liaison.

- Build U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Research and Development Center (RDC) competency and technical knowledge/understanding of innovative Information Technology, Networked Systems & Cyber Tools, including: CG mobility, software prototyping, cloud computing, software defined networks, mixed reality, telecommunications, space based systems, and cyber security systems.
- Evaluate efficient information storage, management and knowledge tech.
- Support ITNET Strategic Project Portfolio Alignment and CG DCO/DCMS Research Priorities; Maintain Branch infrastructure to support RDC Portfolio objectives.
- Provide expert input to CG stakeholders regarding ITNET technologies.
- Establish robust relationships with CG sponsors/stakeholders and external U.S. DoD labs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), and other government agency/academic partners.
- Provide service academy, Historically Black College or University, and Minority Serving Institution students internship opportunities.
- Build lean application evaluation platform to provide effective recommendations to Program Managers and Product Line Managers.

### Notes

- Develop a “Sector of the Future” lab setup to assess how technology can transform Sector-level operation decision making and communications.
- Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, Intelligence Service Center (C5ISC) Cutter Lab mockup, computer forensics/cyber test bed.
- Support Cutter Connectivity lab development working in conjunction with C5I Branch as well as collaborate with other DoD Lab projects.
- Participate with C5I organizations such as the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) and Institute Navigation.

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### Sponsor:
CG-926

### Stakeholder(s):
CG-2, CG-6, CG-7, C5ISC, CGCYBER, DHS S&T

### RDC Research Lead:
Mr. Rob Riley

### CG-926 Domain Lead:
Ms. Holly Wendelin

### Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
Various

### Project Completion: Ongoing
Incorporating Sensor Performance in SAROPS

Mission Need: Time and cost effective methodology to incorporate sensor capabilities in SAROPS.

Objectives

- Determine sensitivity of the Search and Rescue Optimal Planning System (SAROPS) search metrics to inputs.
- Identify a resource-effective approach to develop the sensor-specific data required for use in SAROPS.
- Create a prototype of this new approach for developing the sensor-specific data.

Notes

- Leverages RDC’s previous work with developing SAROPS sensor inputs.

Sponsor: CG-SAR
Stakeholder(s): LANT/PAC-3, FORCECOM

RDC Research Lead: Ms. Grace Python
CG-926 Domain Lead: Dr. David Wiesenhahn

Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
- Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques & Procedures
- Recommendations for Cost/Risk Avoidance

Project Timeline / Key Milestones

- Project Start: 2 Oct 17
- Completion of Work Under Original Project Scope: 13 Mar 19 ✓
- Project Re-scoped and Retitled: 11 Jul 19 ✓
- Required SAROPS Input to Develop Sweep Width (Brief): 15 Dec 19 ✓ *
- Key Decision Point: 16 Dec 19 ✓
- Sensitivity Analysis & Underlying Assumption Investigation Complete: 30 Jun 21 ✓
- Methods to Develop Sensor-Specific Data Research Complete: 24 Jan 22 ✓
- Incorporating Sensor Performance in SAROPS (Brief): 1 Feb 22 ✓ *
- Process to Predict Sensor Performance for SAROPS Leveraging Physics-Based Models (Brief): Dec 22 *
- Incorporating Sensor Performance in SAROPS (Report): Jan 23 *
- Project Completion: Jan 23

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**Mission Need:** Repeatable process automation to enable operational and mission support efficiencies.

### Objectives
- Provide an understanding of the current state of Robotic Process Automation (RPA).
- Identify challenges to acquiring and implementing RPA solutions.
- Investigate specific use-cases of RPA.
- Identify requirements for sustainment of RPA after development.

### Notes
- Leverage existing RDC Project 7401 “Machine Learning Platforms to Improve Coast Guard Tools.”
- Coordinate with the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, CG Finance Center (FINCEN), and the Department of Homeland Security RPA Working Group.
- Potential partnership with Naval Postgraduate School.

### Sponsor: CG-67  
**Stakeholder(s):** CG-62, CG-86, CG-68, CG-761, CG-1B3, CG-82, CG-4, FORCECOM, FINCEN

### RDC Research Lead: Dr. Devon Gunter  
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Dr. David Wiesenhahn

### Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
- Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques & Procedures
- Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability

### Project Timeline / Key Milestones

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Mission Need: Targeted CBM for higher asset availability and reduced life cycle costs.

Objectives

- Implement condition-based and predictive maintenance activities within the surface and aviation communities by researching and documenting significant opportunities for using leading indicators and readily available system information, including the following system characteristics: interfaces, data structure, data analysis, and data display that support a data driven system.
- Develop demonstration case studies using predictive maintenance with U.S. Coast Guard (CG) data to provide recommendations for systems and steps required to accommodate desired functional characteristics of a data driven system.

Notes

- Partner with the CG Surface Forces Logistics Center (SFLC) and Aviation Logistics Center (ALC) to make recommendations.

Sponsor: CG-45, CG-41
Stakeholder(s): SFLC, ALC

RDC Research Lead: Ms. Christine Hansen
CG-926 Domain Lead: Dr. David Wiesenhahn

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Recommendations for Cost/Risk Avoidance
Recommendation on Tech Availability and Applicability

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Project Start: 1 Apr 19
Project Completion: Aug 23
**Verify International Maritime Organization (IMO) Polar Code Survival Time Requirement**

**Mission Need:** Improve long-term polar SAR and Mass Rescue Operations contingency planning.

**Objectives**
- Use data analysis, and modeling/simulation approaches to investigate the IMO Polar Code survival time; provide recommendations for updates to CG-SAR.
- Estimate expected polar rescue time using past remote rescue operations and changes in polar traffic density.
- Produce a robust data set through mining data sources for remote/polar transits and remote rescue operations for use in mathematical modeling.
- Use the findings to conduct an analysis to evaluate and inform international standards and contingency planning.

**Notes**
- Conduct a consolidated data analysis of Automatic Identification System (AIS) vessel track information as well as past remote rescue operations.
- Explore partnership opportunities with international organizations including Canadian Search and Rescue (SAR), Finnish Border Guard, IMO, University of Washington Polar Science Center, University of the Arctic Consortium, U.S. Geological Survey historic arctic rescue data, Arctic Council, RAND Corporation, Denmark, & Greenland.
- Leverage past and ongoing RDC efforts relating to polar and SAR operations.

**Sponsor:** CG-SAR  
**Stakeholder(s):** D17, Center for Arctic Study and Policy, CG-ENG, AREAs

**RDC Research Lead:** Ms. Christine Mahoney  
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Dr. David Wiesenhahn

**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:** Recommendations for Standards/Regulations/Policy

**Project Timeline / Key Milestones**

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**Project Completion: Sep 23**
Cognitive Training for High-Risk Operators

**Mission Need:** Improve cognitive skills and decision-making in high-risk operations.

**Objectives**
- Research objective measurements that demonstrate the influence of selected cognitive training program(s) on training environment evaluations.
- Develop a research framework for collecting empirical evidence of performance improvement in the training environment.
- Develop understanding of impact cognitive training programs have on trainees’ performance.
- Develop recommendations for one or more cognitive training programs for evaluation in an operational setting.

**Notes**
- Potential collaboration with CG Auxiliary, Naval Health Research Center in San Diego, Naval Medical Research Unit Dayton, and Naval Special Warfare Command.

**Sponsor:** CG-721
**Stakeholder(s):** FORCECOM, MLEA, SMTC, CG-1, MSRT/MSSTs, DoD Spe. Ops, NUSTL, LE/DSF Cmty’s

**RDC Research Lead:** Dr. Jared Peterson
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Dr. David Wiesenhahn

**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:** Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques & Procedures Recommendation on Tech Availability and Applicability

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**Persistent Simulation for the CG Workforce**

**Mission Need:** Simulation tool to forecast strategic workforce needs and inform HR policy decisions.

**Objectives**

- Provide CG-126 (Office of Strategic Workforce Planning and Human Resource Analytics) an efficient approach to make quantitative analysis-based recommendations about Human Resource (HR) policy decisions at a strategic level.
- Explore and/or build a modeling framework and predictive simulation tool that will help analysts examine HR data in a more efficient manner to forecast workforce demands at various points in the future (e.g., 2, 5, 10, or etc. years).
- Develop a framework for a Verification, Validation, and Accreditation approach to address policy/strategy workforce questions for decision-makers and programs.

**Notes**

- Conduct research to support the Ready Workforce 2030 strategy and Commandant’s Intent.
- Agent based simulation modeling is a well-known approach in literature, and promising for this instance.
- Explore collaboration with other partner and military agencies who have addressed this problem space.
- Explore collaboration with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate Office of University Programs.
- Collaborate with CG Academy faculty on model development.

**Project Timeline / Key Milestones**

- **Project Start:** Oct 22
  - Investigate Current Research Efforts and Explore Current Commercial/ Government Off The Shelf (COTS/GOTS) Products that May Advance or Support this Effort’s Decision Framework and Simulation Modeling Concept
- **Dec 22**
  - Decide On Whether to Purchase COTS/GOTS, Acquire Contractor Services, and What Resources Are Required
  - Persistent Simulation for the CG Workforce – Key Decision Point (KDP) (Brief)
- **May 23**
  - Develop the Framework and Simulation Model In-line with KDP Outcome
  - Test the Framework and Model and Analyze Results
  - Persistent Simulation for the CG Workforce (Report)
- **Jul 24**
  - Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability
  - Project Completion: Jul 24

**Sponsor:** CG-126  
**Stakeholder(s):** CG-5, CG-7, CG-12, CG-13, CG Recruiting Command, CG-PSC, CGA, CG-PAE

**RDC Research Lead:** Mr. Sam Cheung  
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Dr. David Wiesenhahn

**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:** Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability

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Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML) for Computer Imagery and Sensor Data

**Mission Need:** Develop, deploy, and sustain artificial intelligence in support of CG missions.

**Objectives**
To maintain efficiency and improve mission performance, the CG must capitalize on new sensor data sources and technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning. To realize the benefits, the CG must:

- Understand the algorithms, software, platform, and service infrastructures available from Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Defense (DoD), National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), and other Federal partners for Artificial Intelligence development, deployment, and sustainment.
- Understand the hardware, network, edge, and cloud computing infrastructures in the CG and from Federal partners for AI deployment and operations to support the “edge to watchstander pipeline.”
- Examine how imagery and other sensor data can be used in real time to support operators and in post-analysis to support analysts.

**Notes**
- Track and report on federal partner and commercial AI models and methods in sensor fusion, maritime domain awareness, and pattern of life.
- Track and report on what other DoD, DHS, NGA partners are using and building for their physical and networking AI infrastructure.
- Follow Small Business Innovation Research—Other Agency Technology Solutions, Naval Postgraduate School, U.S. Navy, Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, Air Force Institute of Technology, CT National Guard, National Security Innovation Network, and Intelligence Coordination Center.

**Sponsor:** CG-2  
**Stakeholder(s):** CG-741, CG-62, CG-MLE, AREAs, Districts, CGCYBER

**RDC Research Lead:** LT David Kent  
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Dr. David Wiesenhahn

**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:** Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability

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Mission Need: Maintain competency/knowledge; provide rapid response; and external liaison.

Objectives

- Maintain competency and technical knowledge in understanding present and future Operations Research (OR)/Data Analytics (DA) tools and techniques including: modeling & simulation, data analytics, Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Machine Learning (ML), process automation, risk analysis, and human factors.
- Maintain Branch infrastructure to support RDC portfolio objectives.
- Support MSA Strategic Project Portfolio Alignment and CG DCO/DCMS Research Priorities.
- Provide expert input to CG stakeholders regarding use and application of AI/ML and OR/DA technologies and techniques.
- Foster continued relationships with CG sponsors/stakeholders and external Department of Defense labs, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), and other government agency/academic partners.
- Provide service academy, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Minority Serving Institutions students internship opportunities.

Notes

- Represent CG on Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office (CDAO) Service Lab AI Research and Development Subcommittee; CDAO Predictive Maintenance Subcommittee; and Tri-Service Lab Commander’s Sync Data Analytics Working Group.
- Member of CG-7 Unmanned Systems Integrated Product Team (AI Subcommittee); CG OR/DA Working Group, CG Data Readiness Task Force Advisory Group, CG Modeling & Simulation Advisory Council, and RDC Institutional Review Board.

Sponsor: CG-926

Stakeholder(s): CG-1/2/6/7/9, CG-5R, CG-5P, DRTF/OD&A, CG-PAE, DCO-X, DHS S&T

RDC Research Lead:
CDR Daniel Sweigart

CG-926 Domain Lead:
Dr. David Wiesenhahn

Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
Various

Project Timeline / Key Milestones

- Project Start: Ongoing
- Post-Completion Report Analytics: Sep 22
- Utility Billing Automation RFI: Dec 23
- Texas State University Blockchain Collaboration: May 23
- Boon Logic Report: Sep 23
- Joint Capability Technology Demonstration: Wide-Area Autonomous Maritime Target Detect and Classifications Technology Demonstration Support: Sep 23
- Natural Language Processing Analysis of Unstructured Search and Rescue Narratives (CGA Partnership): TBD

Project Completion: Ongoing
## Enhanced Rotary Wing Night Vision Goggle (NVG) Searches

### Mission Need:
Improved NVG/augmented lighting to support SAR and LE missions.

### Objectives
- Deliver decision support information regarding Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTP) opportunities to enhance rotary wing NVG searches for both Search and Rescue (SAR) and Law Enforcement (LE) missions. Research focus will primarily be on augmented lighting sources and their ability to improve existing NVG technologies.
- Investigate mitigation strategies for backlight and ambient light effects for coxswains using NVGs.

### Notes
- Explore collaboration opportunities with Air Force Research Laboratory, Naval Research Laboratory, Army Research Laboratory (Adelphi Laboratory Center) and Army Combat Capabilities Development Command CSISR Center Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate.

### Sponsor:
CG-SAR  

### Stakeholder(s):
- CG-1B3, CG-711, CG-761, CG-41, ALC, ATC, LANT, PAC, FORCECOM, CG-731, CSISC  

### RDC Research Lead:  
Mr. Mike Coleman  

### CG-926 Domain Lead:  
LT Stephen Thomsen  

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### Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques & Procedures
# Mission Need:
Improved detection, tracking, classification, and deterrence of underwater threats.

## Objectives
- Deliver decision support information regarding improved C-UUV capabilities for detection, tracking, classification, and deterring underwater threats by performing and documenting results of Limited User Evaluation for C-UUV capabilities.

## Notes
- Building on past RDC anti-swimmer work.

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**Sponsor:** CG-721  
**Stakeholder(s):** CG-45, CG-731, CG-761, AREA-3, CGCYBER

**RDC Research Lead:** C-UUV Research Team  
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** C-UUV Research Team

### Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability

### Project Timeline / Key Milestones

Please e-mail RDC-Info@uscg.mil for information concerning the Milestones and Deliverable Schedule.
**Mission Need:** Provide support to relevant research efforts in the Polar Regions.

- Provide support to projects which develop capability improvements in the execution of U.S. Coast Guard (CG) missions in Polar Regions.
- Cultivate joint efforts and interagency cooperation between government sectors and civilian entities.
- Evaluate emerging technologies to enhance CG operations in Polar Regions.

**Objectives**

**Notes**


**Sponsor:** CG-751

**Stakeholder(s):** CG-5PW, CG-761, PAC-3, LANT-5, D17

**RDC Research Lead:** Ms. Shalane Regan

**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Ms. Karin Messenger

**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:** Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability

**Project Timeline / Key Milestones**

- **Project Start:** 1 Oct 20
- **Partners/Technologies/Test Plans Identified (FY21):** 30 Jul 21 ✔
- **FY21 Research Efforts/ Partners Solicited:** 30 Jul 21 ✔
- **Tests/Demonstrations Complete (FY21):** 20 Nov 21 ✔
- **Partners/Technologies/Test Plans Identified (FY22):** Apr 22 ✔
- **FY22 Research Efforts/ Partners Solicited:** May 22 ✔
- **Polar Regions Technology Evaluation FY21 (Application Note):** 30 Jun 22 ✔
- **Tests/Demonstrations Complete (FY22):** Oct 22
- **Polar Technology Evaluation FY22 (Application Note):** Mar 23 ★
- **Project Completion:** Mar 23

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## Mission Need: Evaluate newer, less hazardous water purification systems.

### Objectives
- Deliver decision support information regarding effective utilization of bromine-free water purification systems for National Security Cutters, Fast Response Cutters (FRC), and Operational Patrol Cutters (OPC).

### Notes
- Legislative requirement.
- Collaborating with the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center Construction Engineering Research Laboratory; Naval Surface Warfare Center – Carderock Division, Corona Division, Crane Division, Philadelphia Division; and U.S. Naval Research Laboratory.

### Sponsor: Surface Force Logistics Center (SFLC)
**Stakeholder(s):** CG-45, SFLC-LRE

### RDC Research Lead:
Ms. D. J. Hastings
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** LT Stephen Thomsen

### Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
Recommendations for Acquisition Milestone Support

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**Project Completion:** Dec 23
# Improve Liftboat Stability Standards

**Mission Need:** Mitigate stability-related hazards to liftboats/operators.

## Objectives
- Conduct “Non-Ship Shape Vessel Stability Requirements” study.
  - Investigate current CFR, ABS, and CG Liftboat Stability Standards and Regulations.
  - Analyze hull design and construction variations through different stability calculation methods.
  - Investigate potential disparities in wind heeling moments as a results of unrealistic shape factors.
  - Develop mitigation strategies tailored to Liftboat classifications.
- Support classification and regulation revision process as appropriate.

## Notes
- Leverage Sponsor activities to conduct “Non-Ship Shape Vessel Stability Requirements” study.
- Leverage current American Bureau of Shipping guidance for building and classing Liftboats.
- Leverage the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine resources.
- Leverage State Maritime Academies.

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## Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
Recommendations for Standards/Regulations/Policy

## Project Timeline / Key Milestones
- **Project Start:** 1 Oct 21
- **Liftboat Observation at D8**
  - 11 Mar 22 ✔
- **Liftboat Stability Standards Risk Matrix and Recommendations (Brief)**
  - May 23 ★
- **Stability Analysis and Testing Complete**
  - Aug 23
- **Developed/Revised Liftboat Regulation Changes**
  - Dec 23
- **Liftboat Stability Standards Classifications and Recommendations (Report & Brief)**
  - Feb 24 ★
- **Project Completion:** Feb 24

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Cutter-Based Unmanned Systems (UxS) Integration Analysis

Mission Need: Integrated UxS across cutter fleet to augment operational capabilities.

Objectives:
- Determine the capacity current and future cutter classes possess to integrate, deploy, and support UxS.
- Characterize general UxS classes for space, weight, power, and personnel requirements.
- Analyze possible cutter/UxS combinations and identify UxS integration considerations tailored for CG assets.
- Identify design efficiencies related to human, mission, system and infrastructure integration.
- Construct notional future scenarios that represent the integration of future design requirements.
- Inform future capability and operational documents.

Notes:
- UxS integration considers maritime air, surface, and subsurface systems of all scales that can be based onboard a cutter.
- Leverages RDC Project 7820 “Maritime Unmanned System Technology” to highlight capabilities.
- Addresses imperatives highlighted by National Academies of Science UxS study.
- Leverage research by the Naval Post Graduate School, Navy Surface Warfare Centers, and Naval Research Laboratory.

Project Timeline / Key Milestones:
- Project Start: Oct 22
- Cutter Capacities and UxS Characterization Library: Jul 23
- Interactive Visualizer Prototype: Nov 23
- Capability-driven Integrated Systems Overview: Feb 24
- Integration Limitations Review: Mar 24
- Mission Integration Workshops: Apr 24
- Cutter-based UxS Integration (Brief): Jul 24
- Future Requirements and Mission Impacts Library: Sep 24
- Futures Workshop: Oct 24
- Cutter-based UxS Integration (Report): Apr 25
- Project Completion: Apr 25

Sponsor: CG-751
Stakeholder(s): CG-7 UxS, CG-731, CG-711, CG-721, CG-771, CG-4, CG-2, CG-93, CG-1B3
RDC Research Lead: LT Kristopher Thornburg, PhD
CG-926 Domain Lead: Mr. Scott Craig
Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Recommendations for Product Line Tech Insertion

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## Engine Combustion Enhancement Technology

**Mission Need:** Enhance combustion efficiency to improve engine performance and reduce pollution.

### Objectives
- Query the U.S. Navy (USN) and other organizations to leverage possible solutions for enhancing combustion efficiency in diesel fuel for energy/propulsion.
- Identify quantitative parameters for testing the efficacy of using new fuel additives, and combustion enhancement products.
- Perform field evaluations of available commercial technology with the goal of countering incomplete combustion to improve fuel efficiency, reducing pollution, and reduce maintenance costs.
- Assess cost and benefits for technology based on test results.
- Report results on product performance and provide recommendations.
- Evaluate technologies on engines representative of U.S. Coast Guard (CG) assets.

### Notes
- Partner with the USN Expeditionary Combat Command, Navy Seabees, U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command, Cal Maritime, Federal Laboratory Consortium, DOE National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and NATO Centre for Maritime Research and Experimentation - La Spezia.
- Leverage CG Academy research on biocide additives.
- Technologies could also be applicable to gasoline and aviation fuel.
- Possible use of Cooperative Research & Development Agreements (CRADA).
- This project ties into Project Evergreen climate change event.

### Project Timeline / Key Milestones

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### Sponsor:
- CG-46

### Stakeholder(s):
- CG-45, Surface Forces Logistics Center, CGA, CG-47D

### RDC Research Lead:
- Mr. Derek Meier

### CG-926 Domain Lead:
- LT Stephen Thomsen

### Anticipated Outcome/Transition:
- Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype Recommendations for Product Line Tech Insertion

**Project Start:** 1 Oct 21

**Project Completion:** May 25
Remote Diagnostic and Monitoring Systems for Technical Support Engineering

**Mission Need:** Improve shore-side access to cutter engineering data.

### Objectives
- Assess Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) implementation across CG cutter classes.
- Investigate Military/Other Government Agency (OGA)/Commercial vessel SCADA data transfer technology maturity & implementation framework.
- Develop and evaluate prototype data transfer system for National Security Cutter, Fast Response Cutter or Keeper Class Tender.
- Deliver decision support information and technology transition report/roadmap.

### Notes
- Leverage Naval Sea Systems Command and Military Sealift Command for technology framework application.
- Partner with Surface Forces Logistics Center (SFLC) and RDC Project 9204 “Condition Based Maintenance for Coast Guard Asset Product Lines” Project Manager for solution integration with CG systems (e.g., CG-LIMS, ALMIS, etc.).
- Potential collaboration with the Naval Postgraduate School and Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

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### Sponsor: SFLC

### Stakeholder(s): CG-761, CG-751, CG-45, CGCYBER

### RDC Research Lead:

LT Dean Gilbert

CG-926 Domain Lead:

LT Stephen Thomsen

### Project Start: Oct 22

### Anticipated Outcome/Transition:

Recommendations for Product Line Tech Insertion

Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype

### Notes

- Remote Diagnostics and Monitoring Systems for Technical Support Engineering

### Project Completion: Jul 25
**Polar Regions Technology Evaluation 2023-2025**

**Mission Need:** Innovative capability solutions for enhanced operations in the Polar Regions.

**Objectives**
- Provide support to projects which develop capability improvements in the execution of CG missions in Polar Regions.
- Cultivate joint efforts and interagency cooperation between government sectors and civilian entities.
- Evaluate emerging technologies to enhance CG operations in Polar Regions.

**Notes**

**Sponsor:** CG-751
**Stakeholder(s):** CG-5PW, CG-761, PAC-3, LANT-5, D17

**RDC Research Lead:** Ms. Shalane Regan
**CG-926 Domain Lead:** Ms. Karin Messenger

**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:** Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability

**Project Timeline / Key Milestones**

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**Project Completion:** Jan 26
Surface Branch Support

**Mission Need:** Maintain competency/knowledge; provide rapid response; and external liaison.

- Maintain U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Research and Development Center (RDC) competency and technical knowledge in understanding present and future surface asset technology and systems including: unmanned surface & subsurface systems; boarding team tools; compel compliance; law enforcement; Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives countermeasures; alternative energy; and polar region capabilities.
- Maintain Branch infrastructure to support RDC portfolio objectives.
- Support Surface Strategic Project Portfolio Alignment and CG DCO/DCMS Research Priorities.
- Provide expert input to CG stakeholders regarding surface technologies.
- Foster continued relationships with CG sponsors/stakeholders and external U.S. Department of Defense labs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science & Technology Directorate (S&T) and other government agency/academic partners.
- Provide service academy, Historically Black College or University, and Minority Serving Institution students internship opportunities.

**Objectives**

- Explore unmanned surface vessel collision avoidance autonomy.
- RDC Arctic/Polar Coordinator and Representative to U.S. Arctic Research Commission.

**Notes**

**Sponsor:** CG-926  
**Stakeholder(s):** CG-43, CG-45, CG-5PW, CG-721, CG-731, CG-751, CG-7 UxS, CG-932, SFLC, DHS S&T

**RDC Research Lead:** Mr. Evan Gross  
**LT Stephen Thomsen**

**Anticipated Outcome/Transition:** Various

**Project Timeline / Key Milestones**

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**Project Completion:** Ongoing
### Science & Technology Innovation Center (CG-STIC) Tasks

**Purpose:** Establish a collaborative relationship between the U.S. Coast Guard Science & Technology Innovation Center and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) to share and advance technologies that will be mutually beneficial to both parties.

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<td><em>Validate efficacy of hearing protection solutions.</em></td>
<td>CG 11, HSWL</td>
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<td>Marking of Adrift/Abandoned Vessels</td>
<td><em>Evaluate unambiguous marking to avoid duplicate launches on same vessel.</em></td>
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<td>Vessel Monitoring with RFID</td>
<td><em>Use Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology to assist with vessel movements, tracking, and access control.</em></td>
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<td>Safety of Burning Vessels at Sea</td>
<td><em>Investigate inherently safe options for at sea burning.</em></td>
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<td>ALC Software Storage System</td>
<td><em>Special use IT for temporarily storing hard drives while software is refreshed.</em></td>
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<td><em>Improved Boat Crew Communications System for more effective communications.</em></td>
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<td>Space Accountability</td>
<td><em>Investigate the use of various technologies for various missions including (but not limited to): boarding team space accountability; Civil Engineering Unit (CEU) damage assessment; and characterizing wind gradients for wind turbines.</em></td>
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Mission Need: Increase unity, share knowledge, build innovation culture, and transition technology.

Objectives

- Maintain U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Research and Development Center (RDC) competency and technical knowledge in understanding present and future technology to support CG mission execution.
- Maintain a collaborative relationship between the CG’s Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Program Office and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science & Technology Directorate (S&T) along with Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and the Federal Laboratory Consortium to share and advance technologies that will be mutually beneficial to both parties.
- Provide Tactics, Techniques and Procedures for use in development of requirements for new technology evaluations and transitions.
- Maintain Branch infrastructure to support RDC portfolio objectives.
- Support Strategic Project Portfolio and CG DCO/DCMS Research Priorities.
- Provide expert input to CG stakeholders regarding advanced technologies.
- Provide service academy, Historically Black College or University, and Minority Serving Institution students internship opportunities.

Notes

- Align with DHS S&T Integrated Project Team gaps and CG Idea Submission Review input.
- Support RDC tasks as requested (WCC Sonar, ISR Buoy Prototype for MDA Man Portable Doppler Radar, SAR Hawk).

Sponsor: CG-926
Stakeholder(s): DHS S&T, Various

RDC Research Lead:
Mr. Timothy Hughes

CG-926 Domain Lead:
Ms. Minh-Thu Phan

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Various
Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype

Project Start: Ongoing

WCC Sonar Test/Evaluation
Nov 22

ISR Buoy for MDA
Apr 23

Joint Capability Technology Demonstration Wide-Area Autonomous Maritime Target Detect and Classification Technology Demonstration Support
Sep 23

FY23 Support
Sep 23

Project Completion: Ongoing