

Coast Guard HC-144 Ocean Sentry Transports Pregnant Manatee To Safety

Rescue teams offload a pregnant manatee from a Coast Guard HC-144 Ocean Sentry at the Orlando International Airport in Florida on Oct. 18, 2016. The crew from Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts, worked with multiple animal rescue teams to transport the manatee from Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut to SeaWorld in Orlando, where veterinarians will prepare the manatee for release into its natural habitat. Both the HC-144 Ocean Sentry and C-27J Spartan medium surveillance aircraft feature rear ramps that allow crews to quickly reconfigure the aircraft for varied missions, including passenger or animal transport. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Michael De Nyse.