



U.S. Coast Guard Research & Development Center FY26 Research Program Portfolio



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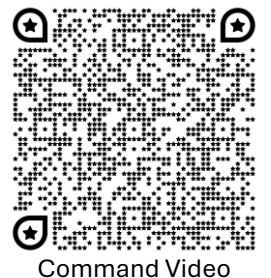


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AUTONOMY RESEARCH PROGRAM



PROGRAM INPUTS

Research includes the **strategic application of automation and autonomous technologies** to advance the capabilities of physical, virtual, and other systems. Integration of autonomy/autonomous systems with legacy assets and infrastructure also comprises a key focus. Unique expertise will also include how autonomy may be used by other maritime stakeholders and/or adversaries, how that use will impact the service, and how the service will need to adapt to maintain a competitive edge. The transition goal of this program is to **provide clear opportunities for Coast Guard adoption and incorporation of autonomous technology** across its operational missions and support functions and how it will interact with autonomy within the Marine Transportation System and the public.

FUTURE CAPABILITY CHALLENGES

- Uncrewed Systems (UxS) Integration Optimization
- Crewed/Uncrewed Collaborative Mission Execution
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Maritime Domain Dominance
- Multi-Domain Mission Planning/Command and Control (C2) AI
- Maritime AI Training Toolset
- Autonomous Technology Evaluation Standards
- Technology Development and Obsolescence Pace
- Application of Autonomous Technology to Emerging Needs

RESEARCH PROGRAM CHIEF

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CORE COMPETENCIES

Intelligent Sensor Control

Algorithm Performance Assessment

Perception-Driven Platform Control

Multi-Platform Collaboration

Concept of Employment Development

Advanced Capability Demonstration



RESEARCH OUTCOMES

Robotic and Intelligent Platforms Testbed for Integrated Deterrence and Enforcement (RIPTIDE)

- Multi-Domain Collaborative C2 Prototype
- On-Water Autonomy Evaluation Testbed
- Operational Technology Demonstration

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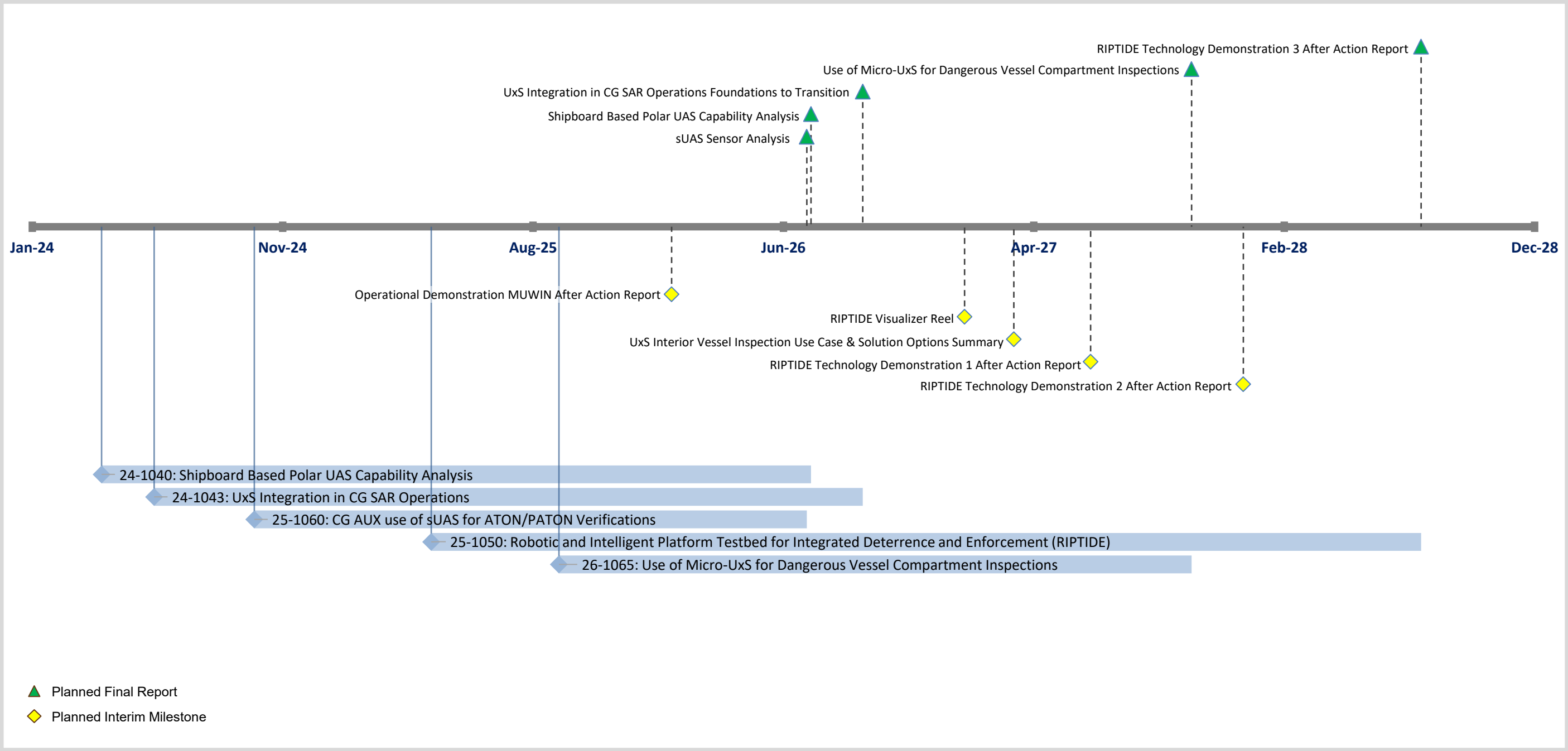
Maritime AI Training Data Set(s)

Autonomous Technology Evaluation Framework(s)

UxS Subject Matter Expert (SME) Support



Research Program Roadmap | Autonomy



CG Auxiliary use of Small Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (sUAS) for Aids to Navigation (ATON)/Private ATON (PATON) Verifications

25-1060

Mission Need: A reliable and repeatable method for conducting ATON/PATON verifications.

Objectives

- Establish a comprehensive understanding of the sensor uncertainties inherent in the U.S. Coast Guard's (CG) Short Range Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS) program, specifically focusing on the Parrot, Skydio, and Puma systems.

Notes

- Builds on work completed by RDC effort 1020, "PATON Improvements."
- Use CG Auxiliary/PATON as first testbed for expansion to ATON. Leverage AVA mobile application tool methodology for data transference.
- Partner with Sectors and Districts for vignette development.

RDC Principal Investigator:
Ms. Shelly Wyman, P.E.

Sponsor's Representative:
CG-NAV

Stakeholder(s): CG-711, CG-751, CG-AUX, CGD-GL, CGD-NE, CG-RAS, CG-TECH

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



Initiation: 1 Oct 24

Conduct sUAS Sensor Uncertainties Tests 1 May 25 ✓

Small Uncrewed Aircraft Systems Sensor Analysis (Report) Sep 26 ★

Completion: Sep 26

Timeline / Key Milestones

Indicates RDC Product ★



Shipboard Based Polar UAS Capability Analysis

24-1040

Mission Need: Uncrewed aircraft technologies to extend awareness and logistics for polar operations.

Objectives

- Identify and evaluate emerging Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS) technologies to enhance U.S. Coast Guard (CG) operations in arctic regions.
- Analyze possible UAS and identify integration considerations tailored for CG Polar Security Cutter assets.
- Cultivate joint arctic UAS efforts, interagency cooperation and allied nation information sharing to gain better understanding of uncrewed aerial sensor capability in characterizing marine domain awareness in polar conditions.
- Inform future capabilities and operational documents.

Notes

- Most objectives were addressed by International Cooperative Engagement Program for Polar Research (ICE PPR) and Office of Naval Research (ONR) Global in 2023 and 2024 through field experiments. Plan to analyze data from the ONR Global Frozen Flyer project which was created by the executive officer for the ICE PPR, Office Symbol: DCNO, N9.

RDC Principal Investigator:

Mr. Ross Vassallo

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-RAS

Stakeholder(s): CG-711, CG-AIR-A, CG-C5I, CG-751, CGD-A, LANT-5, NOAA, CG-MER

Anticipated Outcome/ Transition: Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability



Initiation: 1 Apr 24

Complete Initial Review of ONR Frozen Flyer Data

26 Jun 24 ✓

Complete Technology Focus Analysis on ONR Data

9 Aug 24 ✓

Shipboard Based Polar UAS Capability Analysis (Report)

Sep 26 ★

Completion: Sep 26

Timeline / Key Milestones



UxS Integration in Coast Guard SAR Operations

24-1043

Mission Need: Improved response outcomes through UxS integration into CG SAR operations.

Objectives

- Identify critical gaps in current U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Search and Rescue (SAR) operations to determine where integration of Uncrewed Systems (UxS) technologies could significantly enhance operational effectiveness along the case response continuum.
- Characterize current capabilities within the UxS market, focusing on technological maturity and potential adaptability to SAR operations.
- Investigate how other SAR organizations, both domestic and international, currently utilize UxS.
- Conduct targeted trials to evaluate the feasibility and integration potential of selected UxS technologies within simulated SAR scenarios.
- Deliver SAR-specific UxS integration recommendations to facilitate the implementation and operationalization of the CG UxS Strategic Plan.

Notes

- Leverages RDC effort 1028, "Cutter-Based Uncrewed Systems (UxS) Integration Analysis."
- Benchmark U.S. Department of War, Other Government Agencies, and allied nations' UxS programs.
- Addresses imperatives highlighted by UxS Strategic Plan.
- Execute field test events in coordination with Robotic and Intelligence Platform Testbed for Integrated Deterrence and Enforcement (RIPTIDE) initiatives.

RDC Principal Investigator:

Ms. Marie Whalen

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-SAR

Stakeholder(s): CG-RAS, CG-711, CG-731, CG-741, CG-751, CG-5RI, CG-TECH

Anticipated Outcome/ Transition: Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability



Initiation: 3 Jun 24

UxS SAR Exercise with USCG Southeast District

14 Feb 25 ✓

UxS SAR Capabilities Baseline

28 Feb 25 ✓

RIPTIDE Team Roundtable

11 Jun 26 ✓

Uncrewed Systems Integration in CG Search and Rescue Operations Foundation to Transition (Report)

Sep 26 ★

Completion: Sep 26

Timeline / Key Milestones

Indicates RDC Product ★



Use of Micro-UxS for Dangerous Vessel Compartment Inspections

26-1065

Mission Need: Expanded toolset for the inspection of dangerous vessel compartments.

Objectives

- Characterize the state of technology for micro-Uncrewed Systems (UxS).
- Prototype the integration of micro-UxS into U.S. Coast Guard (CG) vessel inspections.
- Determine the safety and efficiency benefits of performing dangerous vessel compartment inspections assisted by micro-UxS.
- Determine the impact on inspection capabilities for viewing difficult to access locations within a vessel's internal structure.
- Map the utility of micro-UxS capabilities to vessel inspection requirements.

Notes

- Implementation action of the CG Unmanned Systems Strategic Plan.
- Supports CG Force Design 28 Technology campaign to accelerate adoption of secure, state-of-the-market technology to enhance operational effectiveness.
- Potential partnership with HSWERX, the Homeland Security Innovation Hub.
- Leverage similar work done by the International Maritime Organization and classification societies.

RDC Principal Investigator:
Mr. Ross Vassallo

Sponsor's Representative:
CG-CVC

Stakeholder(s): CG-741, CG-FAC, CG-INV, CG-RAS, CG-TECH

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 1 Oct 25		
Define Use Cases		Dec 26
UxS Interior Vessel Inspection Use Case & Solution Options Summary (Brief)		
	Mar 27	★
Complete Evaluation Plan		Jun 27
Conduct Field Evaluation		Aug 27
Use of Micro-UxS for Dangerous Vessel Compartment Inspections (Report)		
	Oct 27	★
Completion: Oct 27		



Robotic and Intelligent Platform Testbed for Integrated Deterrence and Enforcement (RIPTIDE)

25-1050

Mission Need: Rapid integration of uncrewed systems through layered autonomy.

Objectives

- Expand existing Maritime Domain Awareness capability sprint model.
- Prototype the integration of high Technical Readiness Level autonomous systems to identify enabling technologies.
- Perform interoperability assessments with U.S. Coast Guard (CG) legacy systems.
- Streamline the assessment of emerging autonomous technologies.
- Incubate emerging technology to provide robust deployable and/or Data-as-a-Service options for CG operators.
- Provide the mechanism to translate innovations from industry, academia, and Other Government Agencies into push-button CG capabilities.

Notes

- Demonstration execution in proximity to United States Southern and Northern maritime borders.
- Potential partners include National Urban Security Technology Laboratory, Department of War partner laboratories, Customs and Border Protection Innovation Team, in addition to industry partners.

RDC Principal Investigator:

Mr. Derek Meier

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-RAS

Stakeholder(s): CG-SEA-E, CG-721, CG-731, CG-751, CG-761, CG-791, SFLC, AREAs, CG-TECH

Anticipated Outcome/ Transition: Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 1 May 25

Operational Demonstration MUWIN After Action Report (Brief) 13 Feb 26 ✓ ★

RIPTIDE Visualizer Reel (Video) Jan 27 ★

RIPTIDE Technology Demonstration 1 Mar 27

RIDTIDE Technology Demonstration 1 After Action Report (Brief) Jun 27 ★

RIPTIDE Technology Demonstration 2 Sep 27

RIPTIDE Technology Demonstration 2 After Action Report (Brief) Dec 27 ★

RIPTIDE Technology Demonstration 3 Feb 28

RIPTIDE Technology Demonstration 3 After Action Report (Brief) Jul 28 ★

Completion: Jul 28



CONNECTIVITY RESEARCH PROGRAM



PROGRAM INPUTS

Research includes traditional Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, and Intelligence (C5I) focus extended to include Information Technology (IT) and networking, mobile device solutions, data connectivity from all sensors and platforms (crewed or uncrewed), at any latitude and longitude. This also **includes next generation remote command and control** and bringing data to decision makers wherever they are, enabling tasking to flow automatically to all assets, and **maintaining consistent and reliable communication pathways**.

FUTURE CAPABILITY CHALLENGES

- Response Asset Over-The-Horizon Capability
- Distributed Situational Awareness for Response Assets
- Position, Navigation, and Timing Resiliency in Contested Environments
- Rapid Technology Change
- Sensor Network Optimization and Deployment

RESEARCH PROGRAM CHIEF

Mr. Sean Lester

CORE COMPETENCIES

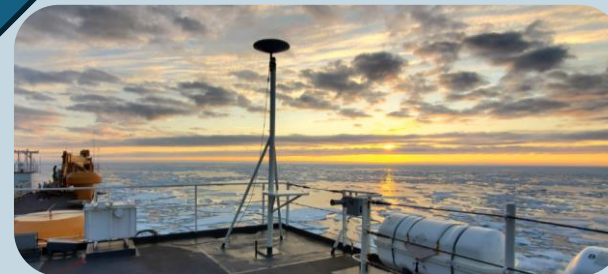
Modernized C5I Infrastructure

Universal Data Integration & Delivery

Advanced Remote & Control Command

Automated Tasking & Asset Management

Resilient Communication Pathways



RESEARCH OUTCOMES

Increase technology maturity for data analytics and AI through a dedicated, secure cloud test environment.

Inform precise technology investments and strategic planning through the application of advanced GIS mapping, data integration, and spatial analysis.

A portable, secure wireless network architecture enabling real-time tactical data integration and user authentication for small vessel operations in disconnected environments.

Industry Engagement through Cooperative Research and Development Agreements | [VoiceBrain](#) | [TAK](#)

Developed joint border security capability through operational testing of persistent unmanned surveillance and inspection systems in coordination with CBP.

Informed precise technology investments for resilient navigation through the assessment of alternative positioning, navigation, and timing systems.

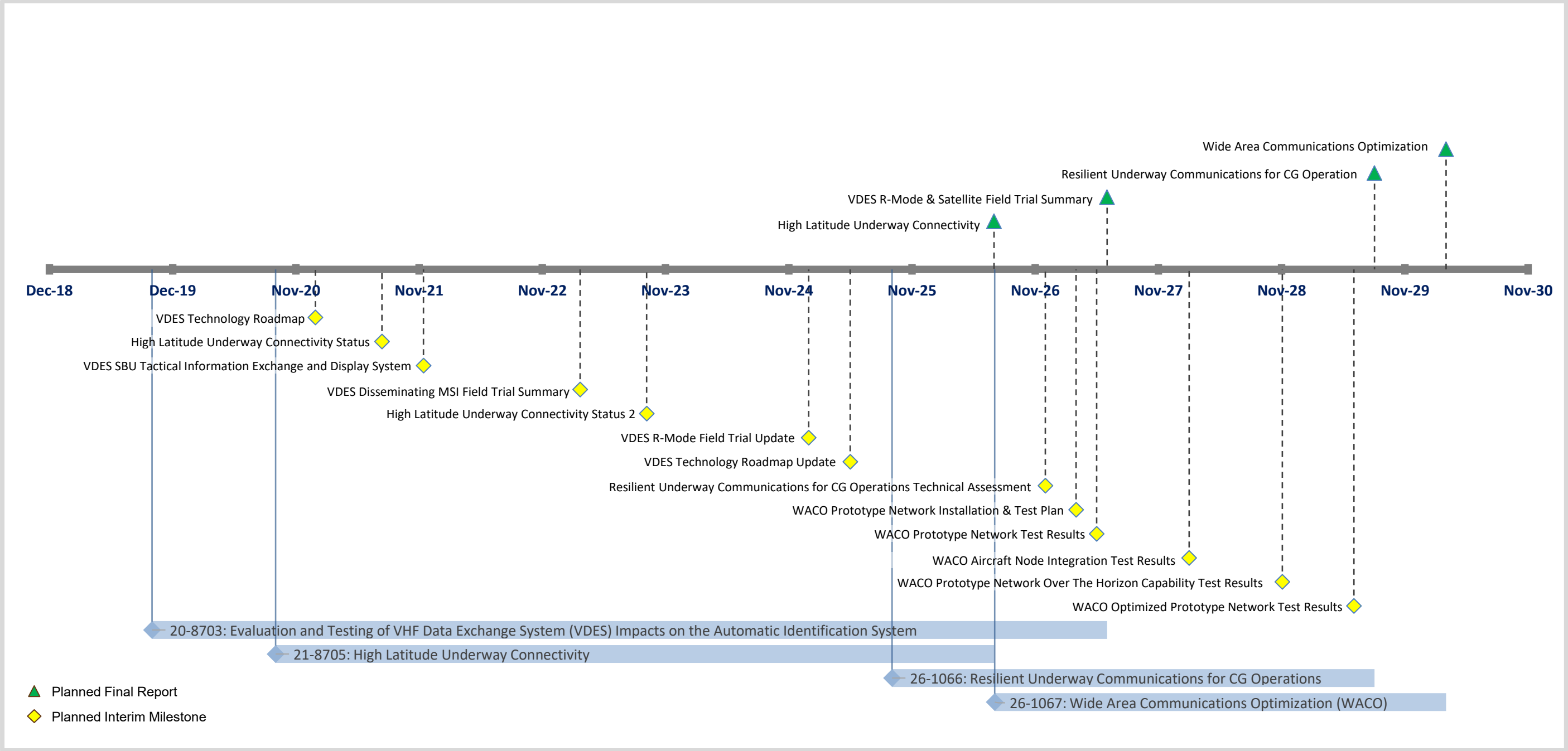
Develop maritime domain awareness capabilities through prototyping and field-testing security technologies in support of Sail250 planning.

Operational guidance and planning information to support the future dissemination of safety and security information to mariners.

Enhance coastal surveillance capability through prototyping interconnected sensor networks during West Coast Battlelab initiatives.



Research Program Roadmap | Connectivity



High Latitude Underway Connectivity

21-8705

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

Objectives

- 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 War (DoW) 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.
- Deploy a prototype solution and perform a Limited User Evaluation and report on system capabilities.

Notes

- Leverage RDC effort 6208, "Arctic Communications Technology Assessments," 8702, "Evaluate Network Accelerator Technology to Improve Cutter IT Performance," and 7759, "Evaluation of Potential CG Use of CubeSats."
- Partner with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate; Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, and Intelligence Service Center (C5ISC) Deployed Connectivity Section; Air Force Research Lab; and Naval Information Warfare Center.
- Inform C5ISC SATCOM procurement.
- Link with DoW Lab Sync Arctic Comms effort and International Cooperative Engagement Program for Polar Research.

RDC Principal Investigator:

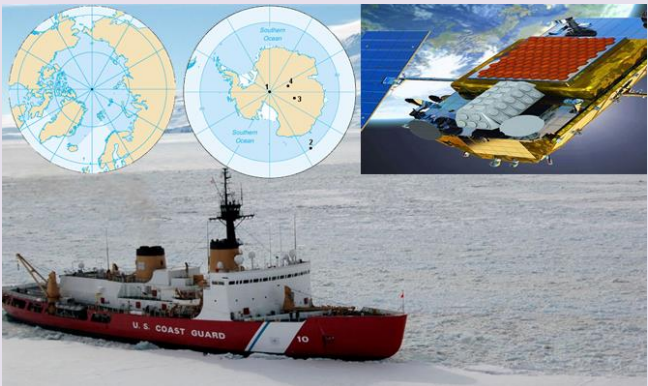
Mr. Jon Turban, P.E.

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-761

Stakeholder(s): CG-SID-6, CG-C5I-E, CG-751, C5ISC, ALC, CGCYBER, CG-TECH

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 1 Oct 20

Review of Previous Efforts and Research Completed 18 Mar 21 ✓

High Latitude Satellite Systems Market Research Completed 18 Mar 21 ✓

High Latitude Underway Connectivity – Status Update (Brief) 12 Aug 21 ✓ ★

High Latitude Underway Connectivity – Status Update 2 (Brief) 5 Oct 23 ✓ ★

Cooperative Research & Development Agreement (CRADA) Established 10 Jun 24 ✓

Limited User Evaluation Complete 30 Mar 25 ✓

CGC POLAR STAR Hughes (OneWeb) CRADA Complete 12 Jun 25 ✓

High Latitude Underway Connectivity – Final Report (Report) Jul 26 ★

Completion: Jul 26



Evaluation and Testing of VHF Data Exchange System (VDES) Impacts on the Automatic Identification System (AIS)

20-8703

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.
- Develop AIS/VDES-transmit application to disseminating search patterns.
- Assess feasibility, accuracy and technical limitations of VDES Ranging Mode (R-Mode) implementation in the United States.
- Investigate the ability to use VDES R-Mode to detect position spoofing efforts by bad actors.
- Evaluate VDES satellite capabilities and limitations for transmitting MSI in the high-latitudes, offshore, and other remote regions.

Notes

- Work closely with the Canadian Coast Guard; Electronics and Information Services, Quebec; and the 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.
- Establish Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with VDES satellite commercial providers on test evaluation.

RDC Principal Investigator:

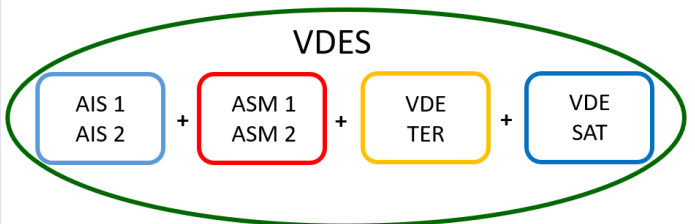
Ms. Anita Faubert

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-761

Stakeholder(s): CG-SID-6, CG-C5I-E, CG-C5I-A, CG-NAV, NAVCEN, C5ISC, CGCYBER, CG-TECH

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Recommendations for Standards/Regulations/Policy
Recommendations for Product Line Tech Insertion



Initiation: 1 Oct 19

Technology Roadmap Investigation Complete

30 Sep 20 ✓

Very High Frequency Data Exchange System (VDES) Technology Roadmap (Report)

27 Jan 21 ✓ ★

Phase 1 Field Trials – VDES Evaluation of CG Tactical Data Transmission

1 Oct 21 ✓

Sensitive but Unclassified Tactical Information Exchange and Display System Using VDES (Report)

13 Dec 21 ✓ ★

Phase 2 Field Trials – VDES Evaluation of the Dissemination of MSI

8 Dec 22 ✓

Disseminating MSI Using VDES Field Trial Summary (Report)

22 Mar 23 ✓ ★

VDES R-Mode Field Trial Update (Report)

27 Jan 25 ✓ ★

VDES Technology Roadmap Update (Report)

30 May 25 ✓ ★

Complete Phase 3 & Phase 4 Field Trials – Evaluation of R-Mode & VDES-Satellite

Mar 27

VDES R-Mode and Satellite Field Trial Summary (Report)

Jun 27 ★

Completion: Jun 27

Timeline / Key Milestones



Alternate Navigation Positioning Sources

23-1035

Mission Need: Navigation alternatives for the Global Positioning System (GPS).

Objectives

- Identify Alternate Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (APNT) solutions that provide robustness and resilience to platforms navigating in areas where the critical GPS signal may be spoofed or jammed.
- Understand and analyze the state of research, both within the U.S. and North Atlantic Treaty Organization, regarding navigation in GPS –degraded or –denied environments.
- Partner with government and contractors to drive APNT system and sensor development and testing by providing polar research transits and operational afloat systems for testing opportunities.

Notes

- Office of Naval Research Electro-optical/Infrared Celestial Navigation efforts ongoing.
- Leverage ongoing work of the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division, Office of Naval Research, U.S. Fleet Forces Command, and Air Force Research Laboratory.
- Coordinate with CG-NAV and CG Navigation Center (NAVCEN) Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Working Group on alternative solutions.

RDC Principal Investigator:

APNT Research Team

Sponsor’s Representative:

CG-761

Stakeholder(s): CG-NAV, C5ISC, NAVCEN, CG-TECH, CG-SID-6, CG-C5I-E, CG-751, CG-7511, CG-C5I-A5

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



Initiation:

Please e-mail Research@uscg.mil for information concerning the milestones and deliverable schedule.

Timeline / Key Milestones

Completion:



Resilient Underway Communications for CG Operations

26-1066

Mission Need: Improve the resiliency of underway communications on CG vessels.

Objectives

- Identify additional underway NIPRnet and SIPRnet satellite and terrestrial communication channels.
- Evaluate additional underway technologies on CG vessels.
- Communicate in a satellite denied environment.
- Manage traffic with a Software Defined Wide Area Network (SD-WAN).

Notes

- Potential partnerships:
 - CG Office of Rapid Response and Prototyping (RAPTOR)
 - C5ISC-Alexandria Deployable Connectivity Section
 - Hughes Network Systems/RDC Cooperative Research and Development Agreement
 - Air Force Research Lab
 - Mitre
 - Navy PMW 160 Tactical Networks
 - Navy Program Executive Office Digital and Enterprise Services

RDC Principal Investigator:

Mr. Jon Turban, P.E.

Sponsor's Representative:

C5ISC

Stakeholder(s): CG-761, CG-TECH, CG-C5I, CG-RAPTOR

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 1 Oct 25

Effort Kickoff	3 Nov 25	✓
Initiate Prototype(s)/Prep for Underway Testing	23 Feb 26	✓
Resilient Underway Communications for CG Operations Technical Assessment (Brief)	Dec 26	★
Selection of Prioritized Systems for Underway Testing	Jan 27	
Complete Underway Test System 1	Jan 27	
Complete Underway Test System 2	Oct 27	
Complete Underway Test System 3	Jun 28	
Complete Prototype(s)/Prep for Underway Testing	Oct 28	
Complete Underway Test System 4	Mar 29	
Resilient Underway Communications for CG Operations (Report)	Aug 29	★

Completion: Aug 29



Wide Area Communications Optimization (WACO)

26-1067

Mission Need: Real time bidirectional data transfer between shore sites and underway assets.

Objectives

- Prototype communications network using currently available U.S. Coast Guard (CG) equipment that links together at least two nodes, such as Sector and boat.
- Support Coastal Sentinel by leveraging prototype communications network development, integration, and testing.
- Determine bandwidth limitations and message receipt accuracy of Prototype Network (ProNet).
- Connect ProNet to CG data systems such as Sextant.
- Integrate Aircraft or Unmanned Aerial Vehicle into the prototype communications network and demonstrate sending video or imagery.
- Integrate Over the Horizon (OTH) communications capability.
- Optimize network to maximize bandwidth capability while reducing cost.
- Connect ProNet to classified CG data systems.

Notes

- Heavily supports Coastal Sentinel sensor integration effort.
- Leverage USCG Northeast District for initial prototyping and USCG Southwest District (CGD-SW) for operational testing as appropriate.
- Determine cost/benefit analysis of existing solutions such as Starlink, mesh networks, short burst data modems, and radios.

RDC Principal Investigator:

Mr. Benjamin Berman

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-C5I-E4

Stakeholder(s): CG-C5I-E, CG-TECH

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: Aug 26

Develop Prototype Communications Network	Sep 26	
Prototype Network Installation and Test Plan (Brief)	Mar 27	★
Install/Test Prototype Network	Mar 27	
Prototype Network Test Results (Brief)	May 27	★
Install/Test Aircraft Node and Connect to Prototype Network	Aug 27	
Complete Aircraft Node Integration Test Plan & Test at CGD-SW	Dec 27	
Aircraft Node Integration Test Results (Brief)	Feb 28	★
Install/Test OTH Comms Hardware into Prototype Network	May 28	
Complete OTH Comms Test Plan & Test at CGD-SW	Jun 28	
Prototype Network OTH Capability Test Results (Brief)	Nov 28	★
Test Optimization at RDC	Jan 29	
Optimized Prototype Network Test Plan	Apr 29	
Perform Optimized Prototype Network Test at CGD-SW	Apr 29	
Optimized Prototype Network Test Results (Brief)	Jun 29	★
Wide Area Communications Optimization (Report)	Mar 30	★

Completion: Mar 30



DATA, MODELING, AND DECISION SUPPORT RESEARCH PROGRAM



PROGRAM INPUTS

DMDS develops, integrates, and transitions analytical capabilities that enhance U.S. Coast Guard mission performance, operational planning, and strategic resource allocation. The program **leverages advanced modeling, simulation, analytics, and AI-enabled decision tools** to provide timely, data-driven insights that support the mission engineering process.

DMDS focuses on **transforming diverse Coast Guard data into actionable knowledge** through modeling of complex maritime systems, predictive analytics, and human-centered decision tools. The program aims to improve situational awareness, optimize mission effectiveness, and support evidence-based organizational decisions across all mission areas while ensuring that the solutions consider human-centered design, usability, validity, and operational relevance.

FUTURE CAPABILITY CHALLENGES

- Integrating AI and Machine Learning at Operational Tempo
- Leveraging Unstructured and Multi-Modal Data
- Ensuring Data Quality, Governance, and Interoperability
- Modeling Complex Maritime Threats and Emerging Risks
- Leveraging the CG Enterprise Environment to Support Successful Transitions

RESEARCH PROGRAM CHIEF

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CORE COMPETENCIES

Advanced Modeling & Simulation

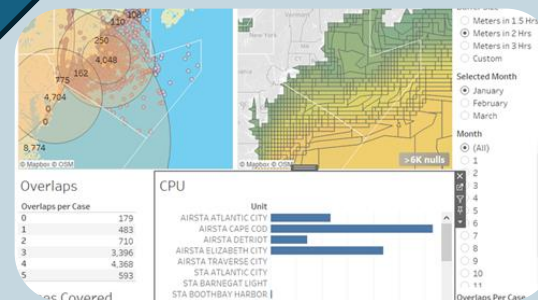
Predictive Analytics & Machine Learning

Decision Support System Development

Data Curation and Analysis

Human-Centered Analytics & Visualization

Research Psychology Based Study Design



RESEARCH OUTCOMES

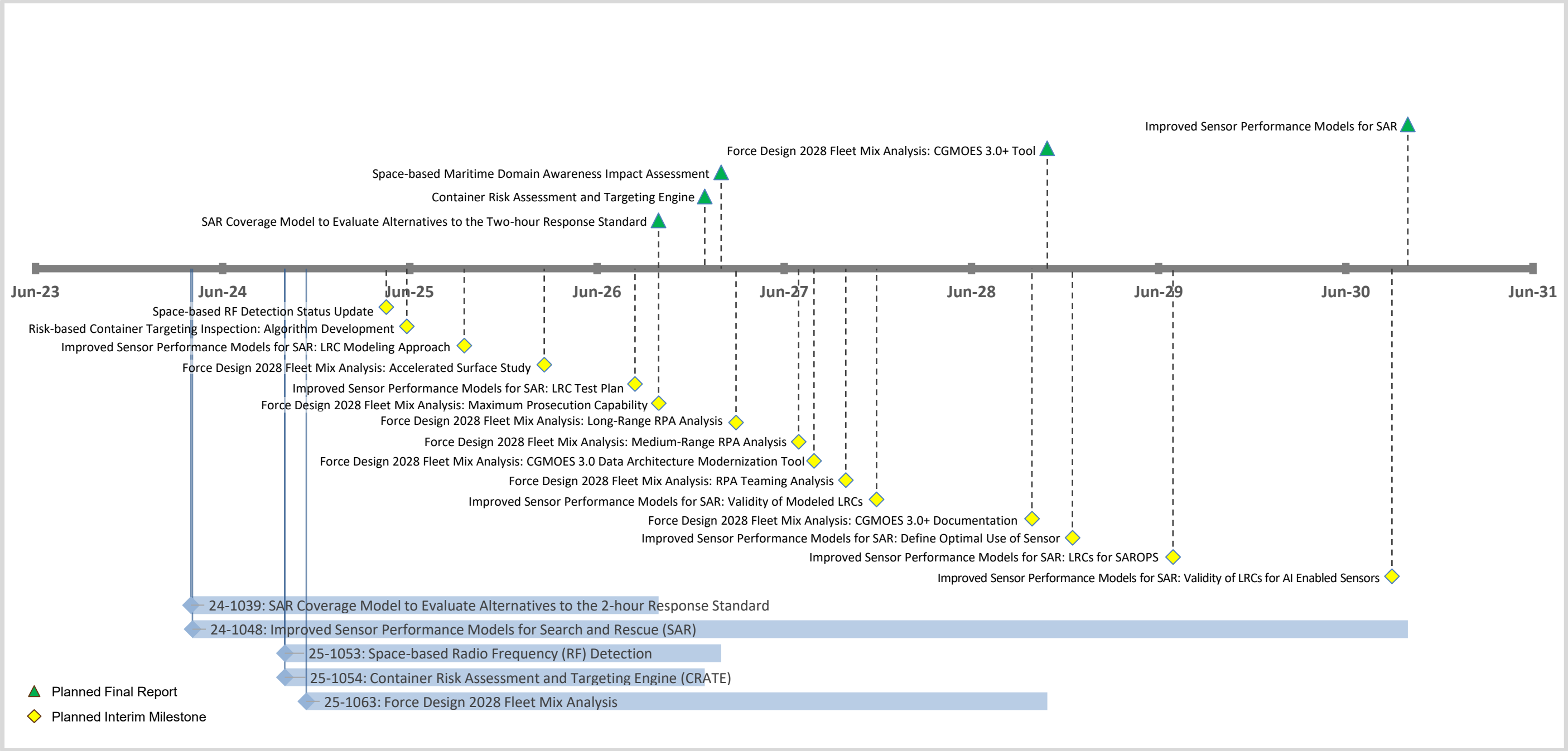
Support Organizational Planning with validated modeling frameworks and data structures to evaluate mission performance, resource effectiveness, and emerging operational concepts. Examples include the **Improved Sensor Performance Model for Search and Rescue (SAR)** and the **Fleet Mix Analysis** modeling.

Transition Ready Tools by leveraging established enterprise workflows, data structures, and interfaces, the solution reduces training needs and accelerates implementation. Examples include the development of the **Container Risk Assessment and Targeting Engine** tool using Data Bricks and the **SAR 2-Hour Coverage Model** tool using ArcGIS.

Integrated Human Factors into Analytics with expertise that bridges the gap between complex data analytics and the human end-user, ensuring that decision support tools are not only powerful but also intuitive, trusted, and effective for operators and leadership. Examples include **Enhanced Decision Support through Cognitive Modeling** and **Strengthened Personnel Resilience** research.



Research Program Roadmap | Data, Modeling, and Decision Support



SAR Coverage Model to Evaluate Alternatives to the 2-hour Response Standard

24-1039

Mission Need: Position response resources efficiently around the CG's Area of Responsibility.

Objectives

- Current U.S. Coast Guard (CG) asset siting is based, in part, on a 2-hour Search and Rescue (SAR) response standard, but this standard is based on limited, and potentially outdated, factors.
- Identify and evaluate potential risk and response paradigms for CG SAR.
- If a feasible paradigm is identified, develop a prototype SAR risk and response tool that leverages the new methodology.
- Improve effectiveness of SAR system.
- Analyze basing and siting of SAR resources.

Notes

- Research may benefit from existing tools for siting decision support:
 - Coastal Zone Assets & Resources Model.

RDC Principal Investigator:

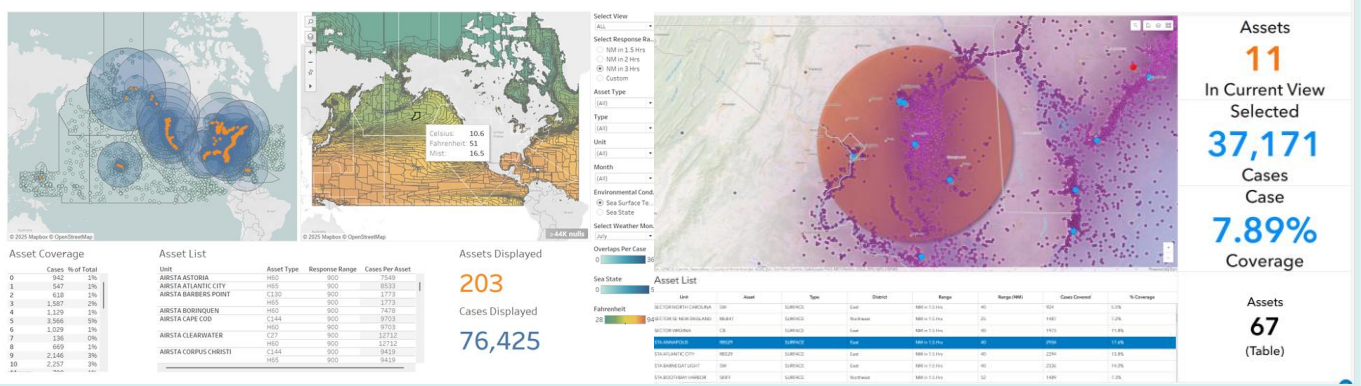
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Sponsor's Representative:

CG-SAR

Stakeholder(s): CG-PAE

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 1 Apr 24

Literature Review of SAR Response Standard and Emergency Response Siting Methodologies Completed

30 Aug 24 ✓

Definition of Constraints for New Siting Methodology Completed

16 Oct 24 ✓

Develop Analytical Approach to Model SAR Response Completed

14 May 25 ✓

Prototype Risk and Response Tool Complete

29 May 26 ✓

SAR Coverage Model to Evaluate Alternatives to the Two-hour Response Standard (Report)

Sep 26 ★

Completion: Sep 26



Container Risk Assessment and Targeting Engine (CRATE)

25-1054

Mission Need: Efficient identification of high-risk cargo for targeted inspection.

Objectives

- Objectives:
- Increase the likelihood of target container inspections revealing safety deficiencies by leveraging data already available and/or easily accessible to the U.S. Coast Guard (CG).
 - Exploration of contraband targeting.
- Approach:
- Understand the container inspection process.
 - Familiarize with available data sources.
 - Develop method and metrics for evaluating targeting effectiveness.
 - Identify and develop initial rule-based solution.
 - Prototype initial rule-based method at various locations.
 - Develop and test Machine Learning (ML) method from curated data.

Notes

- Driven by previous work performed in partnership between Sector NY, Stevens Institute of Technology, and Customs and Border Protection's National Targeting Center (NTC).
- Hazcheck Detect (commercial service used by NTC) is a potential benchmark.
- Leverage lessons learned in ML application from RDC effort 7532, "Improved Efficiency in Domestic Inspections" and extensive academic research on container targeting.

RDC Principal Investigator:

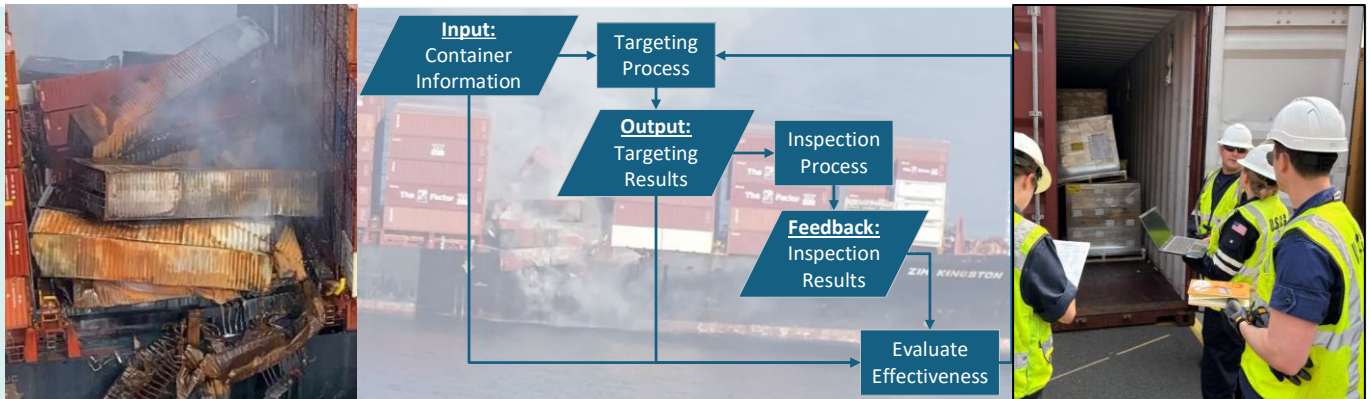
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Sponsor's Representative:

CG-FAC

Stakeholder(s): NTC, SEC NY, MSU SAVANNAH, SEC HOU-GAL, SEC CHARLSTEON, SEC LA/LB, CG CITAT, ICC

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques & Procedures
Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype



Initiation: 1 Oct 24

Virtual Kickoff Meeting with Sponsor & Stakeholders 31 Oct 24 ✓

Familiarize with Available Data Sources 21 Feb 25 ✓

Initiate Data Engineering/Analysis 7 Mar 25 ✓

Port Container Inspection Visits (Sector NY, MSU Savannah, Sector LA-LB) 2 May 25 ✓

Risk-Based Container Targeting Inspection Program: Algorithm Development Plan Summary (Brief) 27 May 25 ✓ ★

Develop Rule-Based Method & Evaluation Process 16 Sep 25 ✓

Prototype and Evaluate Rule-Based Method 11 Dec 25 ✓

Develop ML Method from Newly Collected Data Aug 26

Prototype and Evaluate ML Method Sep 26

Container Risk Assessment and Targeting Engine (Report) Dec 26 ★

Completion: Dec 26

Timeline / Key Milestones



Space-based Radio Frequency (RF) Detection

25-1053

Mission Need: Increase Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) through space-based RF detection.

Objectives

- Recommendations on technology applicability and workflow procedures.
- Provide a roadmap to harness promising advancements in space sensor capabilities, with a particular focus on space-based RF detection.
- Investigate existing space-based RF detection capabilities.
- Identify business use cases to use Government-Off-The Shelf (GOTS)/Commercial-Off-The Shelf (COTS) solutions for real-world missions (Search and Rescue; Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing; drug interdiction; migrant ops).
- Identify gaps and analyze workflows and procedures.
- Investigate the capabilities of U.S. Coast Guard (CG) systems to display space-based RF detection information.
- Evaluate integration and effectiveness of current space-based applications on CG missions.

Notes

- National Reconnaissance Office, National Security Agency, Air Force Research Laboratory, and U.S. Space Force collaboration.
- Leverage Defense Innovation Unit Hybrid Space Architecture II project.
- Leverage joint DHS S&T/RDC Digital Selective Calling detection from space under RDC effort 1027, "Next Generation Distress Communication Capability for Alaska and the Arctic."
- Leverage DHS S&T Rescue 21 Augmentation from Space (RASP) reports and findings.

RDC Principal Investigator:

Mr. Paul Harvey

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-2AI

Stakeholder(s): CG-C5I-E, MIFC, CG-741, CG-761, JIATF-S

Anticipated Outcome/
Transition:

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 1 Oct 24

Determine Space-based RF Detection Capabilities 31 Mar 25 ✓

Determine Use Case Applicability 31 Mar 25 ✓

Space-based Radio Frequency Detection Status Update (Brief) 17 Apr 25 ✓ ★

Determine Roadmap for Space-based RF Detection 28 Oct 25 ✓

Space-based RF Detection Workflow Analysis 28 Nov 25 ✓

Impact Analysis Oct 26

Space-based Maritime Domain Awareness Impact Assessment (Report) Jan 27 ★

Completion: Jan 27



Force Design 2028 Fleet Mix Analysis

25-1063

Mission Need: Capability for CG-wide asset allocation and force-structure decision support.

Objectives

- Use Coast Guard Maritime Operational Effectiveness Simulation (CGMOES) 3.0 tool to assess operational effectiveness, force structure, and system-wide tradeoffs of projected and proposed cutter and aircraft fleet mixes within the offshore operational environment.
- Compare Program of Record against alternative Medium Endurance Cutter platforms.
- Compare alternative aviation mixes.
- Upgrade CGMOES to 3.0+ to support ongoing fleet analysis studies through FY 2030. Upgrade includes:
 - Expand the model with additional Concept of Operations, tactics, and capabilities.
 - User documents.
 - Model Verification, Validation, and Accreditation.
 - Transition to a U.S. Coast Guard (CG) operational cloud environment.
 - Modernize data structure.
 - Modernize metrics output visualization.

Notes

- Under the Enterprise Fleet Mix & Design Analysis Charter (led by CG-PAE) signed by the VCG and the Line of Effort (LOE) 2 USCG Fleet Mix Analysis Working Group Charter, signed by DCO.
- LOE 2 WG co-lead is CG-771; support development of study questions and data validation by Subject Matter Experts.
- Explore efficiency enhancements to reduce study time, to include development of an automated surface asset scheduling tool.

RDC Principal Investigator:

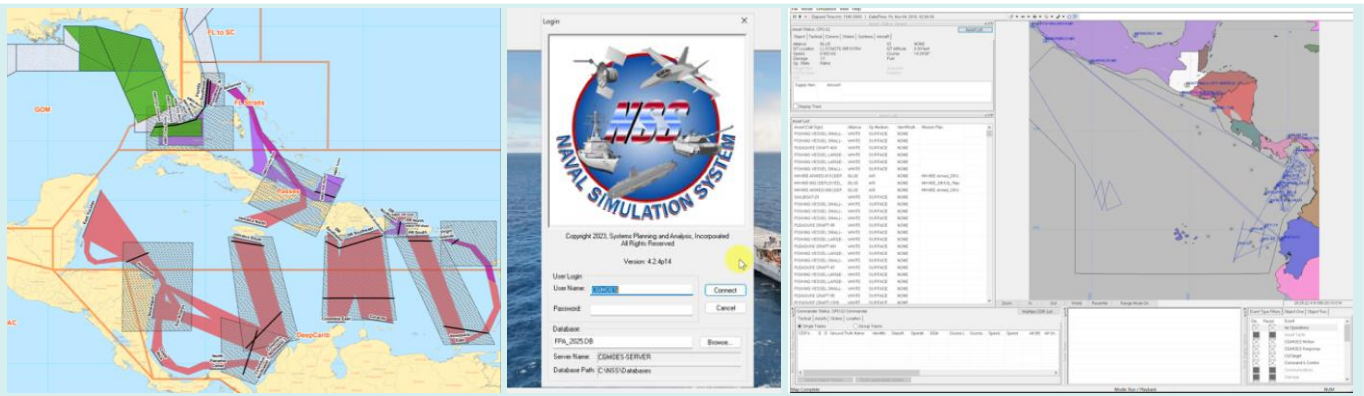
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Sponsor's Representative:

CG-PAE

Stakeholder(s): CG-7, CG-TECH-3, CG-SI, C5ISC, LANT, PAC

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Recommendations for Acquisition Milestone Support
Recommendations for Cost/Risk Avoidance



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 12 Nov 24

Enterprise Fleet Mix & Design Analysis Charter Signed 12 Nov 24 ✓

LOE 2 USCG Fleet Mix Analysis Working Group Charter Signed 11 Feb 25 ✓

Force Design 2028 Fleet Mix Analysis: Accelerated Surface Study (Report) 19 Feb 26 ✓ ★

Transition CGMOES 3.0 to CG Operational Cloud 1 Jun 26 ✓

Force Design 2028 Fleet Mix Analysis: Maximum Prosecution Capability (Report) Sep 26 ★

Force Design 2028 Fleet Analysis: Long-Range RPA Analysis (Report) Feb 27 ★

Force Design 2028 Fleet Analysis: Medium-Range RPA Analysis (Report) Jun 27 ★

CGMOES 3.0 Data Architecture Modernization (Tool) Jul 27 ★

Force Design 2028 Fleet Analysis: RPA Teaming Analysis (Report) Sep 27 ★

Force Design 2028 Fleet Mix Analysis: CGMOES 3.0+ Documentation (Report) Sep 28 ★

Force Design 2028 Fleet Mix Analysis: CGMOES 3.0+ (Tool) Oct 28 ★

Completion: Oct 28



Improved Sensor Performance Models for Search and Rescue

24-1048

Mission Need: A time and cost-effective methodology to incorporate sensor capabilities in SAROPS.

Objectives

- Establish empirical Lateral Range Curves (LRC) for one selected sensor type through field experiments.
- Determine if LRCs produced by physics-based models appropriately estimate empirical LRCs for selected sensor type.
- Define the optimal employment of the selected sensor type for Search and Rescue (SAR) missions.
- Define LRCs for inclusion in the Search and Rescue Optimal Planning System (SAROPS). The basis of these LRCs will be either physics-based models or the traditional analysis approach, based on the findings of the second objective.
- Define a process to compute LRCs for sensors enabled with object detection algorithms.
- Determine if LRCs computed for AI enabled sensors appropriately estimate empirical LRCs.

Notes

- Validates LRC modeling approaches identified in RDC effort 7937, "Incorporating Sensor Performance in SAROPS."
- Leverages RDC's previous work developing SAROPS sensor inputs.

RDC Principal Investigator:

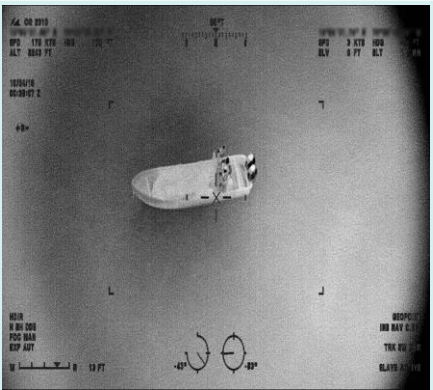
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Sponsor's Representative:

CG-SAR

Stakeholder(s): CG-AIR-A, CG-7, AREAs, Districts, Sectors, FORCECOM

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 4 April 24

Definition of Combinations of Sensor, Search Asset, and Search Object for Validation Complete	30 Jun 25	✓
Develop Improved Sensor Performance Models for SAR: LRC Modeling Approach (Brief)	16 Sep 25	✓ ★
Develop Improved Sensor Performance Models for SAR: LRCs Test Plan (Brief)	Aug 26	★
Develop Improved Sensor Performance Models for SAR: Validity of Modeled LRCs (Brief)	Nov 27	★
Define Optimal Use of Sensor for SAR (Brief)	Dec 28	★
Develop Improved Sensor Performance Models for SAR: LRCs for SAROPS (Report)	Jun 29	★
Develop Improved Sensor Performance Models for SAR: Validity of LRCs for AI Enabled Sensors (Brief)	Aug 30	★
Develop Improved Sensor Performance Models for Search and Rescue (Report)	Sep 30	★

Completion: Sep 30

Indicates RDC Product ★



DEFENSE AND SAFETY SYSTEMS RESEARCH PROGRAM



PROGRAM INPUTS

The Defense and Safety Systems Research Program conducts research to address evolving challenges in maritime safety and security, with a focus on countering uncrewed and **non-compliant vessels and vehicles across air, surface, and subsurface domains (C-UxS)**. It also explores non-lethal technologies to enhance interdiction and response capabilities. Additional focus areas include continuously improving lifesaving equipment to maximize survivability in emergency situations, development and refinement of chemical and **drug detection** tools and protocols to support law enforcement missions and combat illicit trafficking and understanding emerging hazards such as **lithium-ion battery fires to enhance fire protection** and safety measures for . By anticipating future threats and operational needs, the program supports the Coast Guard's ability to adapt to new technologies, threats, and operational environments, ensuring readiness and effectiveness across all mission areas.

FUTURE CAPABILITY CHALLENGES

- Multi-domain C-UxS of Emerging Threats
- Effective Response to Fires Involving Emerging Energy Sources and Fuels at Sea and In Ports
- Subsea Security
- Countering Illegal Entry Across Borders

RESEARCH PROGRAM CHIEF

Ms. Amy Cutting

CORE COMPETENCIES

C-UxS Expertise, Capability Development, & Field Experimentation

C2 System Architecture & Development

Directed Energy Expertise & Capability Development

Emerging Energy Fire Protection and Risk Mitigation

Narcotics & Chemical Detection Systems Development & Evaluation



RESEARCH OUTCOMES

Tested C-UAS Systems in the Maritime Domain for Multiple Concepts of Employment (CONEMP) | [CG-RAS-X](#)

Industry Engagement through Cooperative Research and Development Agreements | [FLIR](#) | [RADA](#)

Increased Technology Maturity for AI Applied to C-UAS | [CG-RAS-X](#)

Collaboration with DoW Units for Mutually Beneficial Experimentation | [CG-RAS-X](#)

Partnerships with DHS S&T to Develop Cross-component Solutions to Homeland Security Challenges | [CG-MLE](#)

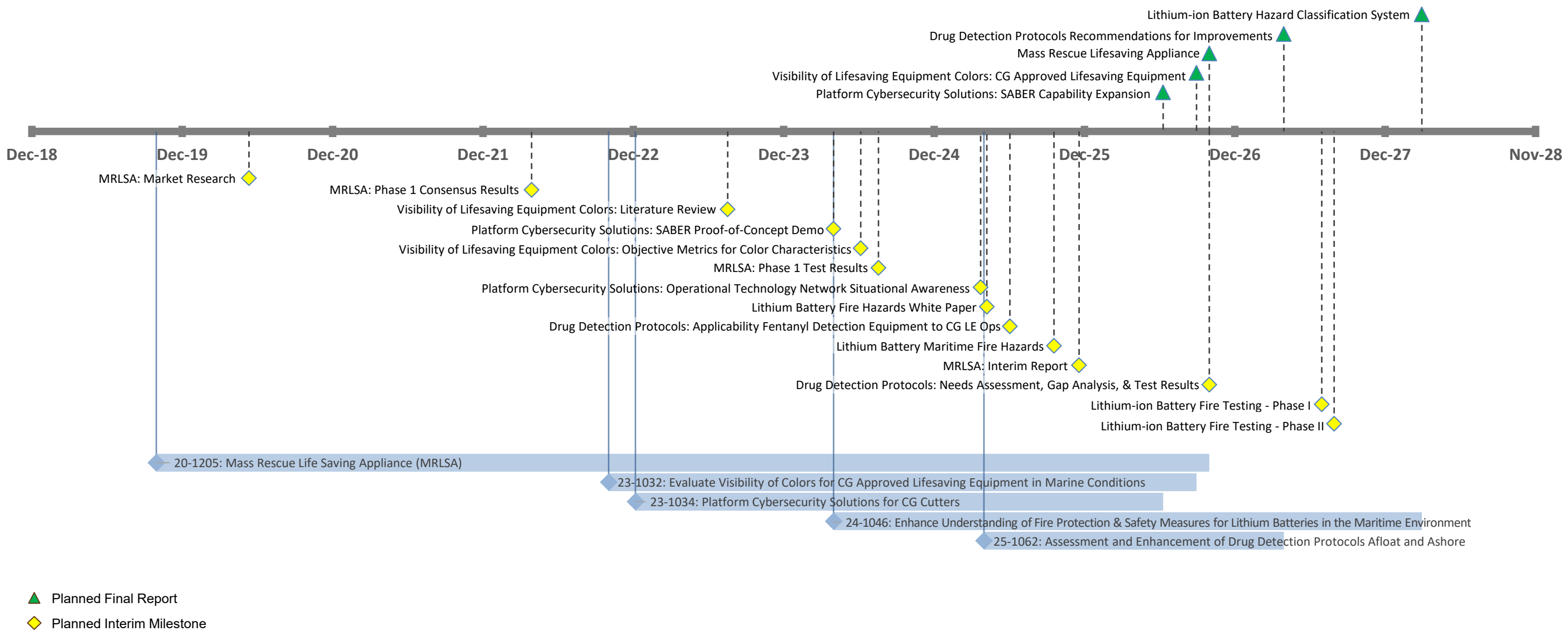
Subsea Security Operating Concept Support through Advanced Concept Team Support | [CG-FD&I](#)

CONEMP for Directed Energy Technologies | [CG-721](#)

Fire Simulation Assessments | [CG-ENG](#)



Research Program Roadmap | Defense and Safety Systems



Platform Cybersecurity Solutions for CG Cutters

23-1034

Mission Need: Cyber resilient Operational Technology (OT) systems on CG cutters.

Objectives

- Explore how the U.S. Navy's Situational Awareness Boundary Enforcement and Response (SABER) program of record for ship/carrier cyber defense could be used to monitor U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Cutter (CGC) OT systems and protect against cyber threats.
- Survey CGC OT systems and determine how SABER could be integrated with a critical OT system to improve cutter cyber resiliency.
- Perform an analysis of SABER's ability to inform cutter crews of anomalies and cybersecurity threats to OT systems on a Fast Response Cutter (FRC) and a National Security Cutter (NSC).
- Explore, develop, and test SABER's Boundary Enforcement and Response for the NSC's Coast Guard Machinery Control System (CGMCS).
- Inform requirements for new acquisition systems to improve cyber resiliency for future CG assets.

Notes

- Effort aligns with Cyber Strategic Outlook 2021 Line of Effort 1: Defend and Operate the Enterprise Mission Platform, by ensuring secure and resilient OT networks on CG assets to support all missions.
- Partnerships with Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Cyber Engineering and Digital Transformation Directorate (SEA 03) and the Naval Surface Warfare Center Philadelphia Division for a proof-of-concept demonstration on the FRC Machinery Control and Monitoring System (MCMS) and NSC CGMCS.

RDC Principal Investigator:
Mr. Rob Coburn

Sponsor's Representative:
CG-791

Stakeholder(s): CGCYBER, CG-SEA-E, CG-C5I-E, CG-751, CG-761, CG-SEA-A, CG-C5I-A, SFLC, C5ISC, CG-TECH

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 7 Dec 22

SABER Working Group Sessions with NAVSEA 03	29 Mar 23	✓
MCMS Trainer SABER Lab Test and Data Collection	22 Nov 23	✓
SABER Proof-of-Concept Demonstration (Brief)	1 Apr 24	✓ ★
FRC MCMS Pier Side SABER Test and Data Collection	7 May 24	✓
FRC MCMS Pier Side CGCYBER Red Team Exercise	13 Sep 24	✓
OT Network Situational Awareness (Report)	24 Mar 25	✓ ★
NSC CGMCS SABER Validation	18 Dec 25	✓
NSC CGMCS SABER Lab Demonstration	7 Jan 26	✓
Platform Cybersecurity Solutions for CG Cutters (Closeout Memo)	10 Jun 26	✓ ★

Completion: 10 Jun 26



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

23-1032

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.
- Enable sponsor and stakeholders to use for lifesaving equipment color evaluations and standards revision, if appropriate.

Notes

- Engage RDC Human Factors Subject Matter Experts and CG-SID-7 Portfolio Manager, as well as CG Aux for experiment support.
- Review previous RDC visibility, visual distress signal, and detectability projects for experiment techniques, findings and conclusions.
- Involve global maritime stakeholders in results review for possible revisions to international policy and regulations.
- Leverage DOD, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Maritime Administration, and Cruise Lines Industry Association interest.

RDC Principal Investigator:

Mr. Josh Pennington

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-ENG

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

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 3 Oct 22

Technical Review 8 Mar 23 ✓

Lifesaving Equipment Colors; Literature Review (Report) 19 Jul 23 ✓ ★

Research & Define Color Characteristics 27 Oct 23 ✓

Objective Metrics for Lifesaving Equipment Color Characteristics (Report) 6 Jun 24 ✓ ★

KDP – Sponsor Concurrence on Color Characteristics 14 Jun 24 ✓

Field Trial Test Plan 30 Aug 24 ✓

Field Trials Complete 6 Jun 25 ✓

Data Analysis Complete 30 Jan 26 ✓

Visibility of Potential Colors for CG Approved Lifesaving Equipment (Report) Aug 26 ★

Completion: Aug 26



Mass Rescue Lifesaving Appliance (MRLSA)

20-1205

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

Objectives

- 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.
- Phase 1 includes developing a prototype device and testing in a controlled environment, including weight tests, and human subject boarding exercises.
- Phase II option includes final design for testing in open water including deploying from U.S. Coast Guard (CG) assets (air, afloat).
- 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.
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science & Technology (S&T) funded Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for prototype development.
- Investigate National Aeronautics and Space Administration or other government agency partnership.

RDC Principal Investigator:

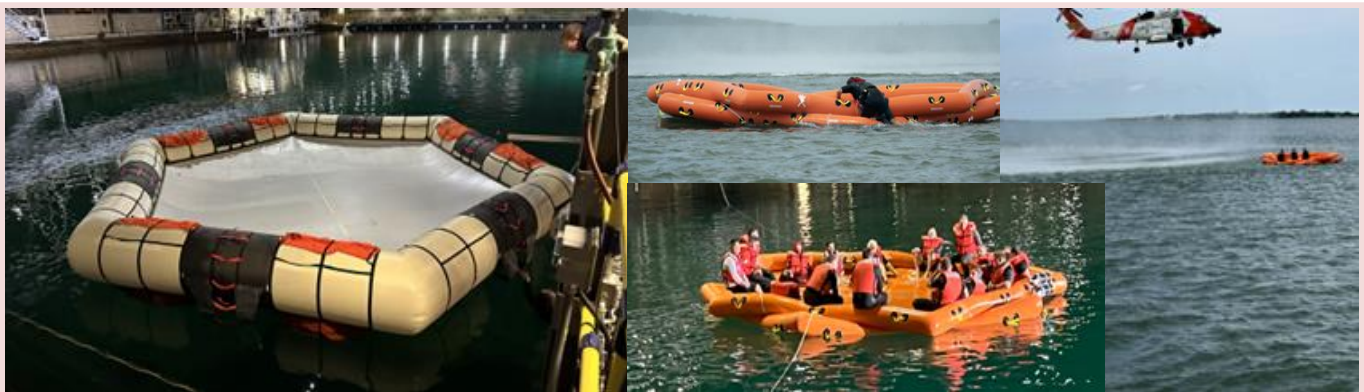
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Sponsor's Representative:

CG-SAR

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

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 1 Oct 19

Request for Information Complete 1 Mar 20 ✓

MRLSA: Market Research Summary (Report) 13 May 20 ✓ ★

BAA Released and Interim Brief Completed 28 Sep 21 ✓

MRLSA: Phase 1 Consensus Results (Brief) 30 Mar 22 ✓ ★

DHS Contract Award 12 Sep 22 ✓

Prototype Development Complete, Phase 1 Testing 19 Apr 24 ✓

MRLSA: Phase 1 Test Results (Brief) 19 Jul 24 ✓ ★

Phase 2 Testing 26 Aug 25 ✓

MRLSA Interim Report (Report) 18 Nov 25 ✓ ★

Final Vendor Test Aug 26

MRLSA Final Report (Report) Sep 26 ★

Completion: Sep 26



Assessment and Enhancement of Drug Detection Protocols Afloat and Ashore

25-1062

Mission Need: Capability to detect illicit drugs, illegal fentanyl, and precursors in the maritime domain.

Objectives

- Optimize Existing Afloat Detection Capabilities:
- Analyze current U.S. Coast Guard (CG) procedures and training for drug interdiction at sea, identifying limitations related to fentanyl detection.
 - Test and Evaluate (T&E) the capability of existing and proposed technologies to validate equivalent performance for CG operations.
 - Recommend technologies for both bulk and trace detection for afloat deployment.
- Assess Ashore Detection Capabilities for the Future:
- Identify historical cases of drug smuggling in shipping containers and other commercial maritime cargo.
 - Propose sampling and analysis process for bulk and trace detection of illicit drugs during cargo inspections.

Notes

- On 29 Jan 2025, Acting Commandant of the CG Admiral Lunday issued an action order directing the CG to increase its operational focus on combating illegal fentanyl entering the United States.
- Partner with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology (S&T) and Other Government Agencies (OGAs) to advance low-Technology Readiness Level technologies for fentanyl detection.
- Contract with laboratory for equipment testing.
- Leverage lessons learned from RDC effort 5807, "Drug and Explosives Detection Technologies."

RDC Principal Investigator:

Ms. Sara Mikovic, P.E.

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-MLE

Stakeholder(s): CG-721, CG-761, CG-C5I-E, PAC-35LE, C5ISC, CG-NSF, CG-MSRT, CG-MSST, CGA

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 1 Apr 25

Applicability of Commercially Available Fentanyl Detection Equipment to CG Law Enforcement Operations (Report)	3 Jun 25 ✓ ★
Kicked off Fentanyl Detection R&D with DHS S&T	14 Jul 25 ✓
Trace & Bulk Detection Instruments Market Research	24 Nov 25 ✓
Kickoff Contracting for Equipment T&E	24 Nov 25 ✓
Analysis of CG and OGA Extant Drug Detection Policies and Procedures, Afloat and Ashore	Dec 26
Needs Assessment & Gap Analysis of CG Drug Detection Capabilities (Brief)	Jan 27 ★
Results from Equipment T&E	Feb 27
Assessment of CG Drug Detection Protocols and Recommendations for Improvements Afloat and Ashore (Report)	Jun 27 ★

Completion: Jun 27



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

21-7815

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

Objectives

- Assess new developments in kinetic C-UAS solutions in the open market and with other government agencies as technologies evolve.
- 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 effort 7812, "Maritime Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems."

RDC Principal Investigator:
C-UAS Research Team

Sponsor's Representative:
CG-RAS

Stakeholder(s): CG-711, CG-721, CG-751, LANT-3, PAC, CGD-NE, NSWC Dahlgren, CGCYBER, CG-TECH

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



Initiation:

Please e-mail Research@uscg.mil for information concerning the milestones and deliverable schedule.

Completion:

Timeline / Key Milestones



Enhanced Countermeasure Solutions for Small Non-Compliant or Uncrewed Watercraft

26-1069

Mission Need: Capabilities to deter and defeat small non-compliant or uncrewed watercraft.

Objectives

- Develop Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTP) for use of Personal Watercraft (PWC) by Coast Guard (CG) personnel to conduct interdiction operations.
- Leverage partnerships for development of prototype Non-lethal, Non-kinetic (NLNK) system to defeat and deter small non-compliant watercraft.
- Assist in the acquisition of PWC for TTP development and system testing.
- Develop NLNK High Power Microwave (HPM) system for CG operated small boat and PWC integration.

Notes

- Leverage previous work done at RDC for non-compliant vessel stopping and counter uncrewed systems.
- Collaborate with DIU Show Stopper initiative.
- Develop CRADA with industry partners for NLNK HPM system for small boat and PWC integration.
- Ensure all directed energy operations comply with CG and other federal agencies' policies.

RDC Principal Investigator:

RDC Research Team

Sponsor's Representative:

SMTC

Stakeholder(s): MSRT-W, CG-MLE, PACAREA

Anticipated Outcome/ Transition: Provide Sponsor/Product Line Tested Prototype Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures



Initiation:

Timeline / Key Milestones

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Completion:



Enhance Understanding of Fire Protection and Safety Measures for Lithium Batteries in the Maritime Environment

24-1046

Mission Need: Address vessel and personnel safety knowledge gaps concerning lithium-ion batteries.

Objectives

- Inform fire mitigation strategies, suppression technologies, shipboard battery storage space classifications, and emergency response actions through marine lithium-ion (li-ion) battery literature review.
- Determine effect of differing marine li-ion battery chemical properties, configuration, and quantity on fire behavior and propagation.
- Identify knowledge, policy, and regulatory gaps in safety, fire protection, and vessel survivability for marine li-ion batteries.
- Assist sponsor in developing fire experimental test plans to address fire risks, personnel hazards, optimal fire suppression procedures, and post-fire safety guidelines.
- Conduct laboratory li-ion battery fire testing to develop fire data for advanced fire modeling and marine li-ion battery hazard categorization.
- Inform future policy, procurement, and regulatory considerations among CG-ENG, CG-5RI, and CG platform managers through literature review and fire-test data analysis.

Notes

- Engage community of interest including RDC power/propulsion project staff; CG fire protection engineers; U.S. Department of War, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), U.S. Department of Energy, and other government agencies; classification societies; marine fire and salvage; maritime industry leaders, etc. to leverage expertise.
- International Maritime Organization (IMO), DOT, Maritime Administration and first responder organization interest.

RDC Principal Investigator:

Mr. Josh Pennington

Sponsor’s Representative:

CG-ENG

Stakeholder(s): CG-5P, CG-5R, CG-5PS, CG-SEA-E, CG-SHORE-E2, CG-731, CG-751, CG-LMI, MSC, DOT, IMO

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Recommendations for Standards/Regulations/Policy
Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 1 Apr 24

Marine Li-ion Battery Literature Review Complete	2 Apr 25	✓
Lithium Battery Fire Hazards in the Maritime Environment (White Paper)	8 Apr 25	✓ ★
Lithium Battery Maritime Fire Hazards (Report)	18 Sep 25	✓ ★
Marine Li-ion Battery Fire Test Plan Complete	Aug 26	
Li-ion Battery Fire Testing (FY26) – Phase I Complete	Jun 27	
Lithium-ion Battery Fire Testing – Phase I (Report)	Jun 27	★
Li-ion Battery Fire Testing (FY27) – Phase II Complete	Jul 27	
Lithium-ion Battery Fire Testing – Phase II (Report)	Jul 27	★
Marine Li-ion Battery Hazard Classification System Complete	Oct 27	
Marine Lithium-ion Battery Hazard Classification System (Report)	Feb 28	★

Completion: Feb 28

Indicates RDC Product ★



Mission Need: Integrated system architecture to enable countering uncrewed systems in all domains.

Objectives

- Identify opportunities to network Counter-Uncrewed Aircraft Systems within U.S. Coast Guard (CG) units and with both Department of War (DoW) and Law Enforcement partners depending on mission set.
- Explore and define standard protocols for sensors to enhance interoperability between Counter-Uncrewed Systems (C-UxS).
- Analyze requirements of aerial, surface, and sub-surface Command and Control (C2) systems utilized by the CG and anticipated to be available in the next 3-5 years for operational use. Identify commonalities and differences.
- Conduct assessment of existing Multi-domain (MD) C2 (MDC2) systems and identify unique needs of the CG that would deviate from those systems.
- Prototype a MDC2 system.
- Work with C5ISC to prototype data paths and implement test of MDC2 data sharing.

Notes

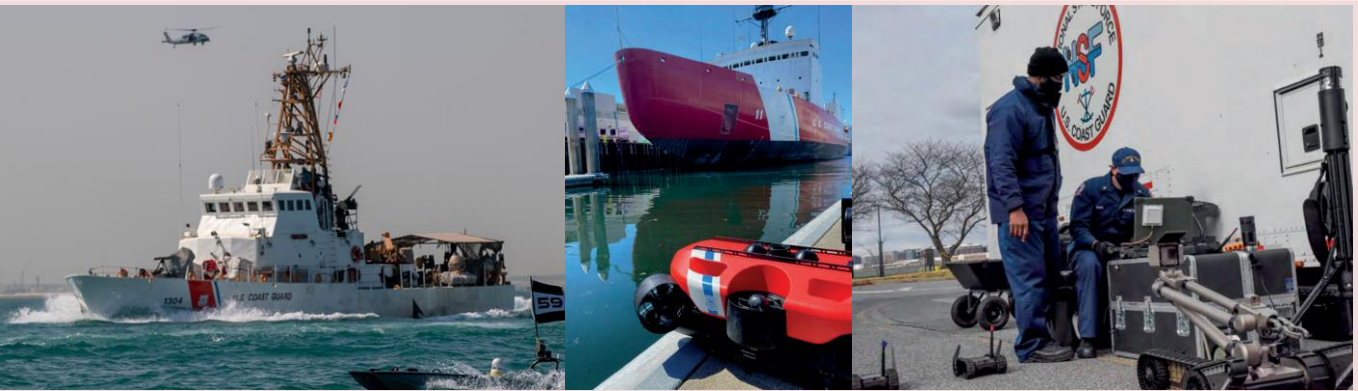
- Partner with DoW entities that are working on countering multiple domains from one C2 (U.S. Navy’s Counter-uncrewed Experimentation and Advanced Development and Enhanced Battlespace Reconnaissance, Intelligence, and Surveillance Software; U.S. Air Force Small Uncrewed Aircraft Defense System).
- Engage with defense and international partners that have conducted multi-domain UxS operations and C-UxS operations.

RDC Principal Investigator:
C-UxS Research Team

Sponsor’s Representative:
CG-RAS

Stakeholder(s): CG-721, CG-MSR, CG-TECH

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation:

Please e-mail Research@uscg.mil for information concerning the milestones and deliverable schedule.

Completion:



Counter Uncrewed Underwater Vehicle (C-UUV) Defeat Capabilities & Technologies

25-1061

Mission Need: Modular response asset capabilities to deter and defeat adversarial UUVs.

Objectives

- Deliver decision support information regarding improved C-UUV capabilities for deterring and defeating UUVs.
- Refine U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Concepts of Operation for response to adversarial UUVs.
- Establish procedures for control/custody of defeated UUVs with domestic security partners.
- Provide CG support and participate in Defense Innovation Unit C-UUV effort.

Notes

- Leverages results from RDC effort 5922, "Counter Uncrewed Underwater Vehicle (C-UUV) Technology."
- Coordinated with C-UUV Community of Interest (COI) prior and ongoing work.
- Research informed by the interagency C-UUV National Action Plan.
- Aligned with goals of CG Unmanned Systems Strategic Plan.
- Possible partnership opportunities with Office of Naval Research Global, North American Treaty Organization allies, U.S. Navy Fleet Forces Command, and U.S. Navy's numbered fleet Science Advisors.

RDC Principal Investigator:

C-UUV Research Team

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-RAS

Stakeholder(s):

CG-SEA-E, CG-731, CG-5R, CG-ODO, CG-761, CG-TECH

Anticipated Outcome/ Transition:

Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability



Initiation:

Timeline / Key Milestones

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Completion:



Directed Energy Technologies Against Non-Compliant Vessels and Uncrewed Systems

25-1055

Mission Need: Non-lethal capabilities to deter and defeat crewed and uncrewed systems.

Objectives

- Assess the technical readiness of existing and emerging Directed Energy (DE) technologies and analyze their applications to Non-Compliant Vessel (NCV) stopping and Counter-Uncrewed Systems (C-UxS) operations.
- Execute two phase experimentation and development event with industry, academia, and government participation.
- Leverage the U.S. Department of War, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate, and Other Government Agency (OGA) investments in DE.
- Develop roadmap for integration and testing of DE prototypes on afloat platforms.
- Identify Coast Guard policy gaps and influence the development of future authorization(s).
- Ensure that all DE operations comply with guidance from Office of Law Enforcement Policy (CG-MLE) and Office of Maritime Security Response Policy (CG-MSR) policies.

Notes

- Leverages results from RDC effort 5678, "Non-Compliant Vessel Stopping Using Less-Than-Lethal Radio Frequency Technologies," 7815, "Advanced Maritime Counter-Uncrewed Aircraft System (C-UAS) Technologies," and 7812, "Counter Unmanned Aerial System (cUAS)."
- Focus on both air and surface targets.
- Joint DHS S&T/RDC project.

RDC Principal Investigator:

DE Research Team

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-RAS

Stakeholder(s): CG-MLE, CG-MSR, CG-SEA-A, SFLC, CG-C5I-E, CG-761, LANTAREA, PACAREA, CG-TECH

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



Initiation:

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Timeline / Key Milestones

Completion:



WATERWAYS MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSE RESEARCH PROGRAM



PROGRAM INPUTS

Research will enhance maritime domain awareness and dominance by providing **strategy and insight to ensure a safe and efficient flow of commerce** in the Marine Transportation System (MTS). It will proactively address converging pressures on the MTS including the competing demands of increased maritime uses and traffic, and escalating threats from natural and human challenges. Deliberate advancements—from expanding our operational reach in Polar regions to modernizing our aids to navigation system and providing next-generation tools to our incident prevention and response teams—are foundational to a **resilient MTS**. This forward-leaning posture ensures the Coast Guard can address emerging hazards and set the global standard for maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship.

FUTURE CAPABILITY CHALLENGES

- Optimized Physical and Electronic Aids To Navigation (ATON)
- Schema for Alternative Power Use
 - Conventions for Safe Use, Carriage, and Handling of a Wide Range of Fuels
 - Nuclear Energy Considerations for the MTS
- High-resolution, Near Real-time Environmental Information in Polar Regions
- Integrating Incident Prevention and Management

RESEARCH PROGRAM CHIEF

LT Ian C. Wood (Acting)

CORE COMPETENCIES

ATON Infrastructure Capabilities & Planning

Electronic Navigation

Carriage, Transfer, & Use of Emerging Fuels & Energy Sources

Planning & Response Capabilities

MTS Resiliency

Polar Region Operational Gaps; Coast Guard Ice Operations

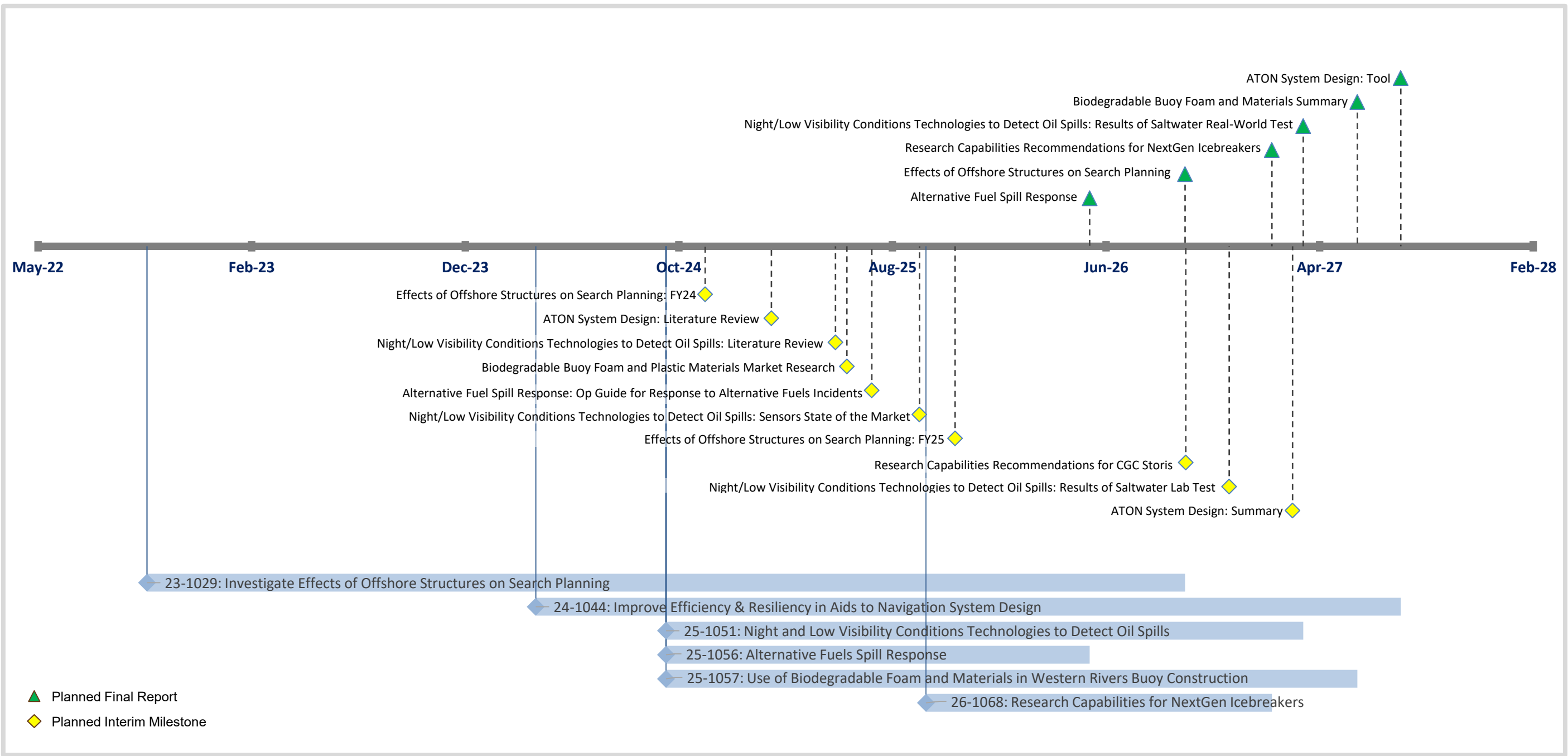


RESEARCH OUTCOMES

- An updated waterway relative-risk model that accounts for changes to vessels and navigation practices over the past 30 years | [CG-NAV](#)
- Guidance for oil-detection sensor use at night or in obscured weather conditions | [CG-MER](#)
- Determining whether VHF Digital Encryption System can provide improved capability for dissemination of navigation safety information that aligns with new International Hydrographic Organization standards | [CG-761](#)
- Operational guidance to field commanders concerning response to alternative fuel incidents and tracking the degree of their use, bunkering infrastructure development, and incident occurrence | [CG-MER](#)
- Planning information and risk assessment to assist the Office of Nuclear Energy Policy in developing regulatory and operational guidance | [CG-ENG](#)
- Investigation of improved ice navigation techniques including evaluation of off-the-shelf software aboard CGC Healy | [CG-751](#)
- Guidance for needs-based, new-icebreaker research capabilities | [CG-751](#)



Research Program Roadmap | Waterways Management and Response



Alternative Fuels Spill Response

25-1056

Mission Need: Response guidance for alternative fuels discharges and spills.

- Objectives**
- Determine discharge/incident risks for alternative fuels.
 - Examine incident likelihood (probability) by alternative fuel type, then identify safety hazards and potential environmental damage (consequences).
 - Provide operational guidance to field responders about priority alternative fuels spill response.

- Notes**
- Engage community of interest: U.S. Coast Guard (CG) District Response Advisory Teams, CG Sectors, and Regional Response Teams.
 - Coordinate with Oil Spill Removal Organizations, Federal On-Scene Coordinators (FOSC), and other pollution response organization interest.

RDC Principal Investigator: Mr. Alexander Balsley, P.E.

Sponsor’s Representative: CG-MER

Stakeholder(s): CG-721, CG-ENG, NSFCC, ICCOPR, District Response Advisory Teams, FOSCs, AREAs

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



Timeline / Key Milestones	Initiation	1 Oct 24
	Conduct Literature Review of Alternative Fuels	14 Mar 25 ✓
	Operational Guide for Response to Alternative Fuels Incidents (Report)	17 Jul 25 ✓ ★
	Key Decision Point – Additional Alternative Fuels Study/Evaluation	11 Sep 25 ✓
	Alternative Fuels Spill Response (Closeout Memo)	19 May 26 ✓ ★
Completion: 19 May 26		



Investigate Effects of Offshore Structures on Search Planning

23-1029

Mission Need: Determine the impacts of offshore structures on search and rescue operations.

Objectives

- Literature review and workshop with sponsor and stakeholders to determine current state of offshore structures and SAR impacts.
- Collect and analyze real-time wind and current measurements to determine impact of changes due to offshore structures with Leeway Drift Studies.
- Research, verify and implement updates to atmospheric and oceanographic models to account for offshore structures.
- Conduct modeling and field tests to determine the impact to search object detection at US and United Kingdom (UK) based offshore structures.

Notes

- Partnership with the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Integrated Ocean Observing System and, with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.
- International partners (UK, Denmark, Norway, Dutch, Sweden).
- Possible collaboration with the State of NY Maritime College - SUNY Maritime.
- Leverage Maritime Risk Symposium.

RDC Principal Investigator:

LT Ian Wood

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-SAR

Stakeholder(s): NAVCEN, CG-NAV, CG-MER, CG-711, CG-731, CG-751, CG-741, CG-761, LANT, CGD-NE, FORCECOM

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



Initiation: 3 Oct 22

UK Leeway Drift

24 Mar 23 ✓

US Leeway Drifts: Pre – Construction

3 May 24 ✓

Investigate Effects of Offshore Structures on Search Planning: FY24 Annual Update (Brief)

25 Nov 24 ✓ ★

Investigate Effects of Offshore Structures on Search Planning: FY25 Annual Update (Brief)

11 Nov 25 ✓ ★

Leeway & Atmospheric and Oceanographic Models Data Analysis

30 Jun 26 ✓

Investigate Effect of Offshore Structures on Search Planning (Report)

Sep 26 ★

Completion: Sep 26

Timeline / Key Milestones



Research Capabilities for NextGen Icebreakers

26-1068

Mission Need: Identify Next-Generation (NextGen) icebreaker state-of-the-art research capabilities.

Objectives

- Determine and prioritize research community's research capability needs for polar research within the next 10 years.
- Evaluate and identify commercially available and emerging research equipment suitable for icebreaker deployment, assessing the technological maturity, cost-effectiveness, and maintainability.
- Recommend a prioritized suite of research instrumentation and equipment for the CGC *Storis* refit.
- Modernize icebreakers capabilities to collect high-quality data to enhance understanding of the Arctic environment and support informed decision-making related to national security, maritime safety, and environmental protection.
- Provide recommendations for outfitting future Polar-capable vessels to meet different research mission needs.

Notes

- Anticipate partnerships with the Department of War Labs, National Labs, the National Science Foundation, Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee, U.S. Arctic Research Commission, members of the International Cooperative Engagement Program for Polar Research (ICE-PPR), and the Icebreaker Collaboration Effort (ICE Pact).

RDC Principal Investigator:

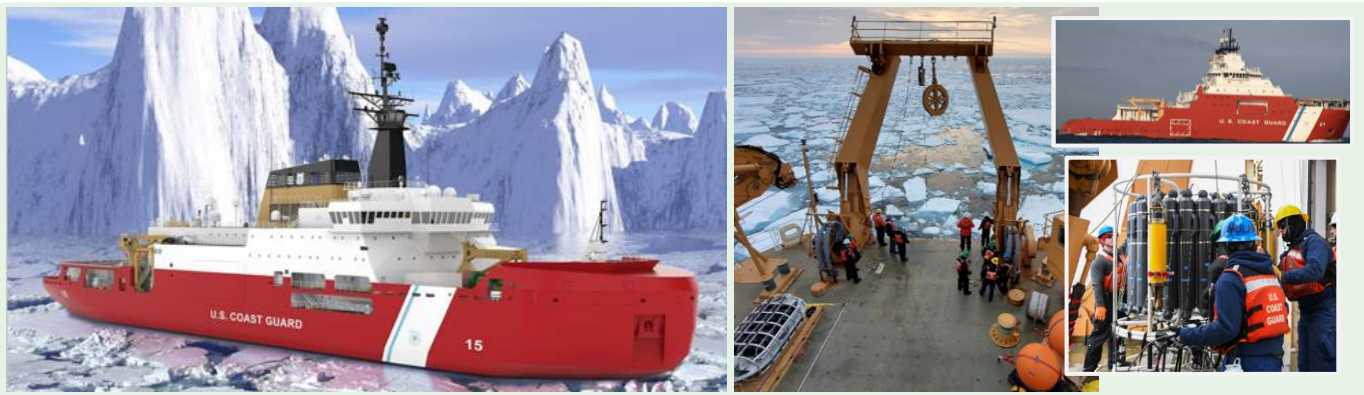
Ms. Shalane Regan

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-751

Stakeholder(s): PCO, CG-SEA-E, LREPL, CASP

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Recommendations on Tech Availability & Applicability
Recommendations for Standards/Regulations/Policy



Initiation: 1 Oct 25

Assessment of Current Capabilities of CGC *Healy* and Capabilities Needed by Research Community

3 Jun 26 ✓

Identification of Constraints of NextGen Icebreakers

Jul 26

Request for Information and Review of Available Research Equipment

Aug 26

Results Analysis and Development of Recommendations

Oct 26

Research Capabilities Recommendations for CGC *Storis* (Report)

Oct 26



Research Capabilities Recommendations for NextGen Icebreakers (Report)

Jan 27



Completion: Jan 27

Timeline / Key Milestones



Night and Low Visibility Conditions Technologies to Detect Oil Spills

25-1051

Mission Need: Overcome oil spill detection limitations during darkness and low visibility conditions.

- Objectives**
- Determine the most suitable sensor or combination of sensors that will allow oil detection in darkness or reduced visibility conditions.
 - Provide attributes and limitations of each sensor type for determining what sensor or sensor suite is most appropriate for U.S. Coast Guard (CG) field use.
 - Incorporate this information in an easy reference guide for CG-MER and Federal On-Scene Coordinators.
 - Improve the speed and scale of oil spill response in night and low visibility conditions.
 - Increase detection in low visibility and nighttime conditions for diesel and medium crude oil.
 - Identify platforms suitable for experimentation of sensors.

- Notes**
- The range of application should include sensors that are vessel or aircraft mounted, small Uncrewed Systems payload, and handheld.
 - Leverage work done by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, other agencies, and the Naval Postgraduate School.

RDC Principal Investigator:
Mr. Michael Wurl

Sponsor's Representative:
CG-MER

Stakeholder(s): CG-721, CG-NSF, NOAA, CGD-GL, GLCOE, BSEE

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 1 Oct 24		
Complete Literature Review on Existing Research/Use for Night and During Low Visibility Oil Detection	13 Feb 25	✓
Literature Review: Night and Low Visibility Oil Detection Capabilities and Research (Report)	27 May 25	✓ ★
Complete Market Research on Available Sensors that can Detect Oil at Night or During Low Visibility	29 Aug 25	✓
State of the Market of Night/Low Visibility Sensors and Sensors Chosen for Testing (Brief)	22 Sep 25	✓ ★
Complete Sensor Purchases/Agreements	1 Dec 25	✓
Start In-situ Testing along side MSU New Bedford	1 Dec 25	✓
Laboratory Saltwater Sensor Testing in Low Light and Poor Visibility	Aug 26	
Night and Low Visibility Oil Detection: Results of Saltwater Laboratory Experimentation (Report)	Dec 26	★
Complete Real-World Saltwater Sensor Testing in Low Light and Poor Visibility	Dec 26	
Night and Low Visibility Oil Detection: Results of Saltwater Real-World Experimentation (Report)	Mar 27	★
Completion: Mar 27		



Use of Biodegradable Foam and Materials in Western Rivers Buoy Construction

25-1057

Mission Need: An environmentally sound solution for plastic foam in river Aids to Navigation buoys.

Objectives

- Determine if there is a cost-efficient alternative to the plastic foam used in river buoys that provides similar performance characteristics but naturally degrades over time and minimizes plastic waste in the environment.
- Identify biodegradable foam and other materials with a high technology readiness level that are commercially available or under development.
- Provide market research results and cost analysis on biodegradable alternatives compared to current foam system.
- Perform lab tests to assess the biodegradability of the foam materials.
- Develop and field test a river buoy prototype(s) with a foam alternative(s).

Notes

- Engage with industry developing bio-degradable plastic alternatives.
- Use results of RDC effort 2703, "Next Generation Aids to Navigation Buoys & Alternative Moorings," to identify commercially available solutions.
- Partner with government labs (Air Force Research Laboratory, Naval Research Laboratory, etc.) or U.S. Coast Guard (CG) Academy.

RDC Principal Investigator:

Dr. Benedette Adewale

Sponsor's Representative:

SILC-WOPL

Stakeholder(s): CG-NAV, CGD-H (dpw), CG-SHORE-V, AREAs

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



Timeline / Key Milestones

Initiation: 1 Oct 24

Investigate Current River Buoy Manufacturing, Operations, and Disposal Processes 7 Nov 24 ✓

Identify Biodegradable Buoy Foam and Materials 2 Jun 25 ✓

Biodegradable Buoy Foam and Plastic Materials Market Research Update (Brief) 12 Jun 25 ✓ ★

Key Decision Point – Path Forward Foam Alternatives & Buoy Prototyping 18 Aug 25 ✓

Start Biodegradability Lab Testing – Foam Alternatives 22 Aug 25 ✓

Develop River Buoy Prototype with Foam Alternative at CG Industrial Facility & Start Field Trials Aug 26

Complete Lab & Field Trials – River Buoy Prototype Dec 26

Biodegradable Buoy Foam and Materials Summary (Report) May 27 ★

Completion: May 27

Indicates RDC Product ★



Improve Efficiency and Resiliency in Aids to Navigation (ATON) System Design

24-1044

Mission Need: Modernize ATON design standards for the future.

Objectives

- Update 1990's-based ATON system design tool standards to reflect the physical characteristics of modern ATON, the characteristics of modern vessels (e.g., increased draft and size), or the emergence of electronic navigation technologies in use today.
- Partner with sponsor to develop and integrate Geographic Information System-based risk assessment tools within the Waterways Design module in the U.S. ATON Information Management System (USAIMS) application.
- Provide recommendations on future work, including on Marine Transportation System transit risks and economic impacts due to Global Navigation Satellite System disruption scenarios and development of a cost-benefit analysis tool to evaluate ATON system design configurations.

Notes

- Leverage USAIMS modernization initiatives.
- Leverage U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology efforts on novel waterway use risks and ATON system resilience.
- Collaborate with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Maritime Administration Center for Maritime Innovation, and industry partners.
- Leverage International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation and international partners' work (through DCO-I).
- Leverage previous RDC ATON risk assessment work.

RDC Principal Investigator:

Mr. James Spilsbury

Sponsor's Representative:

CG-NAV

Stakeholder(s): CG-5PW, WWM, NAVCEN, SILC-WOPL, CG-C5I-E, CG-761

Anticipated Outcome/Transition: Recommendations for Tactics, Techniques & Procedures
Provide Sponsor Tested Prototype



Initiation: 1 Apr 24

Identify Existing Tools, Guidelines, and Studies used for ATON System Design 31 Oct 24 ✓

Complete Literature Review 28 Jan 25 ✓

Develop Test Plan for Additional Studies Required 28 Jan 25 ✓

Literature Review of ATON System Design (Brief) 26 Feb 25 ✓ ★

Key Decision Point 1 – Path Forward on Methodology for Modernizing ATON System Design 10 Mar 25 ✓

Complete ATON System Design Tool Conceptual Model 22 April 26 ✓

Key Decision Point 2 - Consensus on ATON System Design Tool Conceptual Model 22 April 26 ✓

ATON System Design Summary (Report) Feb 27 ★

ATON System Design Tool (Tool & Brief) Jul 27 ★

Completion: Jul 27

Timeline / Key Milestones

Indicates RDC Product ★



INTEGRATION, EXPERIMENTATION, AND TRANSITION SECTION



SECTION INPUTS

The Integration, Experimentation, and Transition section provides resources and expertise to support the execution of all lines of effort across the five research program areas throughout all phases from initiation to completion.

The section assists in project plan development, market research, test plan development, logistic coordination, data collection methodology and capture, as well as various approvals to conduct the evaluation (i.e., Spectrum, ATO, NEPA, IRB).

FUTURE CAPABILITY CHALLENGES

- Transition (Tech Transfer)
- Drafting Future RP for Program Offices

SECTION CHIEF
Mr. Scott Fields

CORE COMPETENCIES

Test Plan Development & Review

Human Subjects Internal Review Board

Field Test Logistics

Engineering Technician Support

Experimentation Leads

Boat Program

RESEARCH OUTCOMES

Ensure internal quality assurance through centralized test plan development and review.

Facilitate Requests for Forces, field unit coordination.

Facilitate test approvals including CCB, IATT, ATO, NEPA, IRB, and Spectrum.

Serve as support staff and provide engineering technician support for all RDC Lines of Effort.

Ensure sponsor and stakeholder engagement throughout the lifecycle of RDC efforts.

Establish a new post completion process focused on transition.

Partner with Sector Boston Sail250- test advanced, low Technology Readiness Level (TRL) capabilities in a complex, real-world environment.

