

# USCGC MUNRO

## THE BERING SEA CUTTER



MUNRO at anchor off the coast of San Diego

### TSTA

TSTA stands for Tailored Ships Training Availability. It tests the training teams and crew on every aspect of operational readiness. The crew earned Battle Excellence Honors in every evaluated evolution.



Rust flies as the anchor is let go. This is a normal sight to see after being in port for an extended period.

100

100 PERCENT

The Engineering Training Team got a perfect score on the Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercises.

5,515

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The total distance traveled in 31 days.

31

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Number of Days away from homeport.



#### Gunnery Exercises

GM1 Cook directs the operation of the crew served mounts on board MUNRO



#### Towing

BOSN Haney oversees the towing of CGC HADDOCK.



#### Fueling at Sea

SN Foreman signals the oiler while fueling at sea.

## Fun in the Sun

**We are the Bering Sea Cutter and we stand the watch on the Last Frontier.**

MUNRO spent the month of January down in sunny San Diego to be evaluated on every operational and war fighting capability we have to offer.

We conducted a lot of great training and executed drills that evaluated everything from precision anchoring, gun shoots, loss of navigation systems, flooding, fire, man overboard recovery, fueling at sea, injured personnel, battle scenarios, and many more. We worked long days but in the end our effort, enthusiasm, and dedication showed through when we earned Battle Excellence Honors in all evaluated areas. The Commanding Officer said it has been a historic TSTA period and that “We continue to strive for excellence and the crew’s pride shows through in all that we do.” The crew’s pride shows through.

In addition to the drills conducted aboard, the crew went to the Basic Shipboard Fire Fighting school, Damage Control Flooding School, Replenishment at Sea school, Fueling at Sea School, and ran scenarios at the Navy ship simulators. Even with a busy schedule we still dedicated time to give back and volunteer with

the USO while enjoying liberty in the beautiful weather of Southern California.



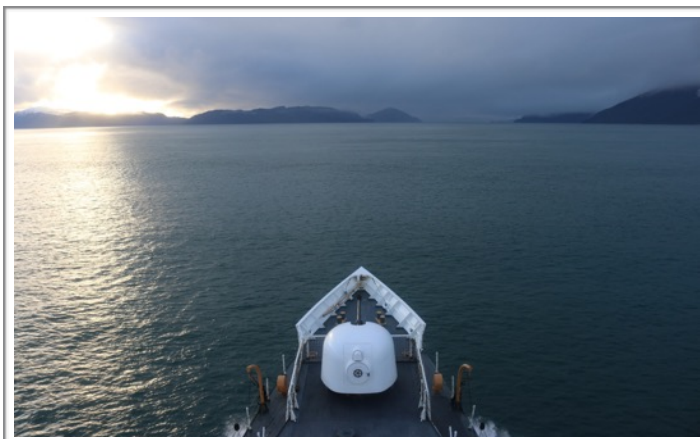
ENS Kekoa, LTJG Copeland, ENS Lovern, ENS Henderson, ENS Saylor, and ENS Zwenger volunteered to help out with the USO’s dinner for local military members.



The San Diego USO donated Chick-Fil-A for the entire crew of MUNRO! ET2 Quiroz, SK2 Kincaid, ET2 Drawdy, and ET3 Diobilda enjoy their sandwiches.



ENS Henderson, ENS Hasbrook, LTJG Copeland, and ENS Lovern serving dinner at the San Diego USO.



MUNRO headed home through the storms in the Gulf after leaving Juneau in Southeast Alaska.





Crew members waiting to go through the Damage Control Flooding Trainer in San Diego.



Crew members work together to patch a hole in the Flooding Trainer.



MK3 Winston directs team members to escape out of a mock ship into a flooded compartment above while acting as a team leader wearing the green helmet.



Two fire teams fight fires at the Basic Firefighting course.



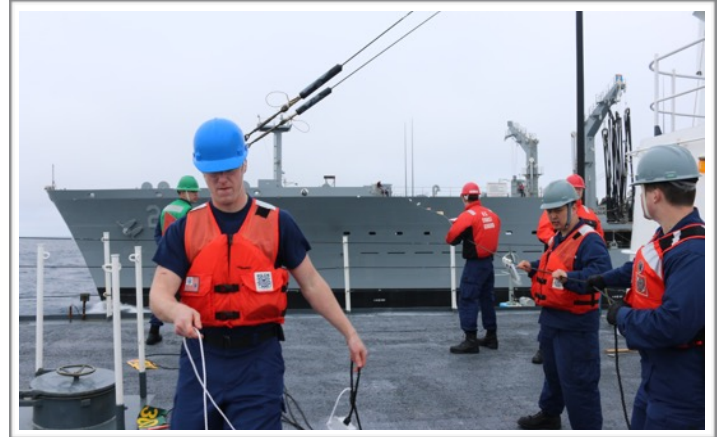
The fire teams practice hose handling and nozzle man relief skills while righting actual fires.



Wide angle water patterns help dissipate heat to cool off the teams fighting a fire.



MUNRO approaches the Oiler, USNS GUADALUPE, for a refueling at sea evolution.



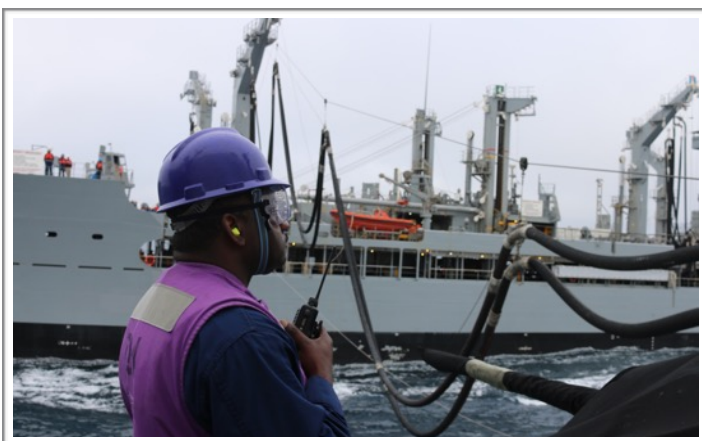
SN Hale helps rig a line to show the distance between the two ships while we fuel. GM3 Lantz, GM1 Cook, ET2 Drawdy help tend the line.



SN Melton coils the line while bringing over the fueling rig as SN Koury helps tend the line.



The deck force hauls around to bring the fueling rig over from the oiler.



MK1 Cleveland directs the transfer of fuel from the oiler.



MUNRO followed tradition and placed a ship's sticker on the fueling rig once fueling was complete.





GM3 Butkowski shoots the 50 caliber machine gun at a floating target.



ET2 Warren and GM3 Tysver shoot the 25mm machine gun.



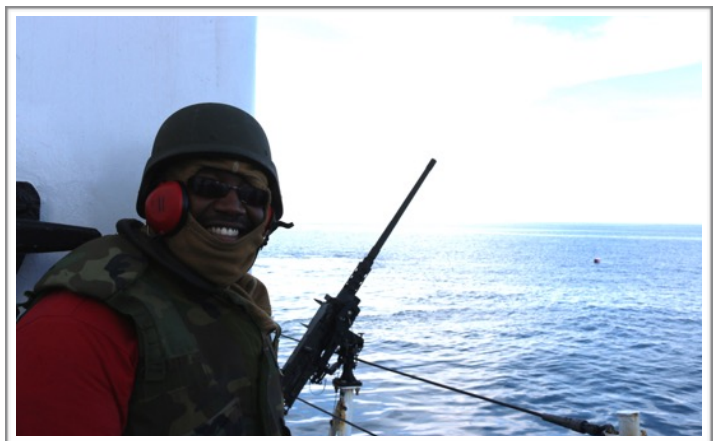
GM3 Lantz stands by to arm a countermeasure mount.



Countermeasure mount mid launch.



The 50 caliber machine gun shooting the floating target.

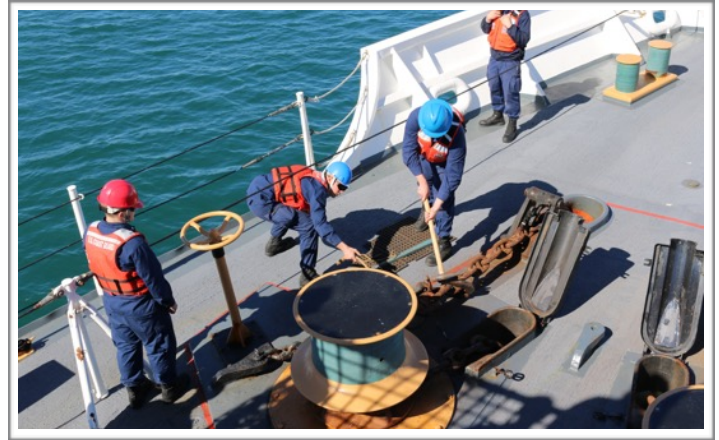


ME2 Johnson after shooting the 50 caliber machine gun at a towed target.





SN Lounsbury, SN Shults, BM3 Mora, and DC3 Overmeyer practice precision anchoring off of San Diego. SN Galat throws over the anchor buoy.



The Pelican Hook is tripped by SN Galat and SN Shults to let go the port anchor as DC3 Overmeyer is on the brake and BM3 Mora oversees the evolution.



GM3 Lantz uses the line throwing gun to pass the tow line to CGC HADDOCK.



Deck force heaves around on the towing line to bring CGC HADDOCK in closer for a shorter tow as BM3 Mora and BM1 Reagan oversee the evolution..



CGC HADDOCK is in stern tow. BM3 Mora and BM1 Reagan monitor the status of the tow.



BM1 Reagan sets up the stern tow.

# CAPTAIN'S CORNER



I am CAPT Sam Jordan, the Commanding Officer of the CGC MUNRO. It has been a wild ride. We faced major storms in the Gulf of Alaska to get down to San Diego and back home. The crew maintained peak performance the entire month of TSTA. We were rewarded with an outstanding review and earned Battle Excellence in every area we were evaluated in. We are a Coast Guard Cutter and bring immense capability to our home in the Bering. We are the Bering Sea Cutter and I am proud to have such an awesome crew!

## HEADING BACK TO THE BERING

The month long period down in San Diego really helped bring the crew together. Our success is a product of hard work and teamwork. Teamwork is the backbone to building trust. Trusting that every shipmate knows their job and are able to perform it at the highest degree. This is especially important being the Bering Sea Cutter. We operate in the harsh Alaskan environment where even the smallest of mistakes can prove to be fatal. We have learned and improved over the past month as a team, and have come closer together as a family. We pulled into Juneau, as seen to the right, to avoid some storms in the Gulf of Alaska on our way back home. A reminder that the sea is unforgiving.



**135**

**135 DRILLS**

Total number of drills completed during TSTA.

**95.8**

**95.8 PERCENT**

Average score received on all the drills.

**90**

**90 DRILLS**

Number of drills ran in evaluation mode.

**56**

**56 DRILLS**

Number of drills ran in training mode.

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