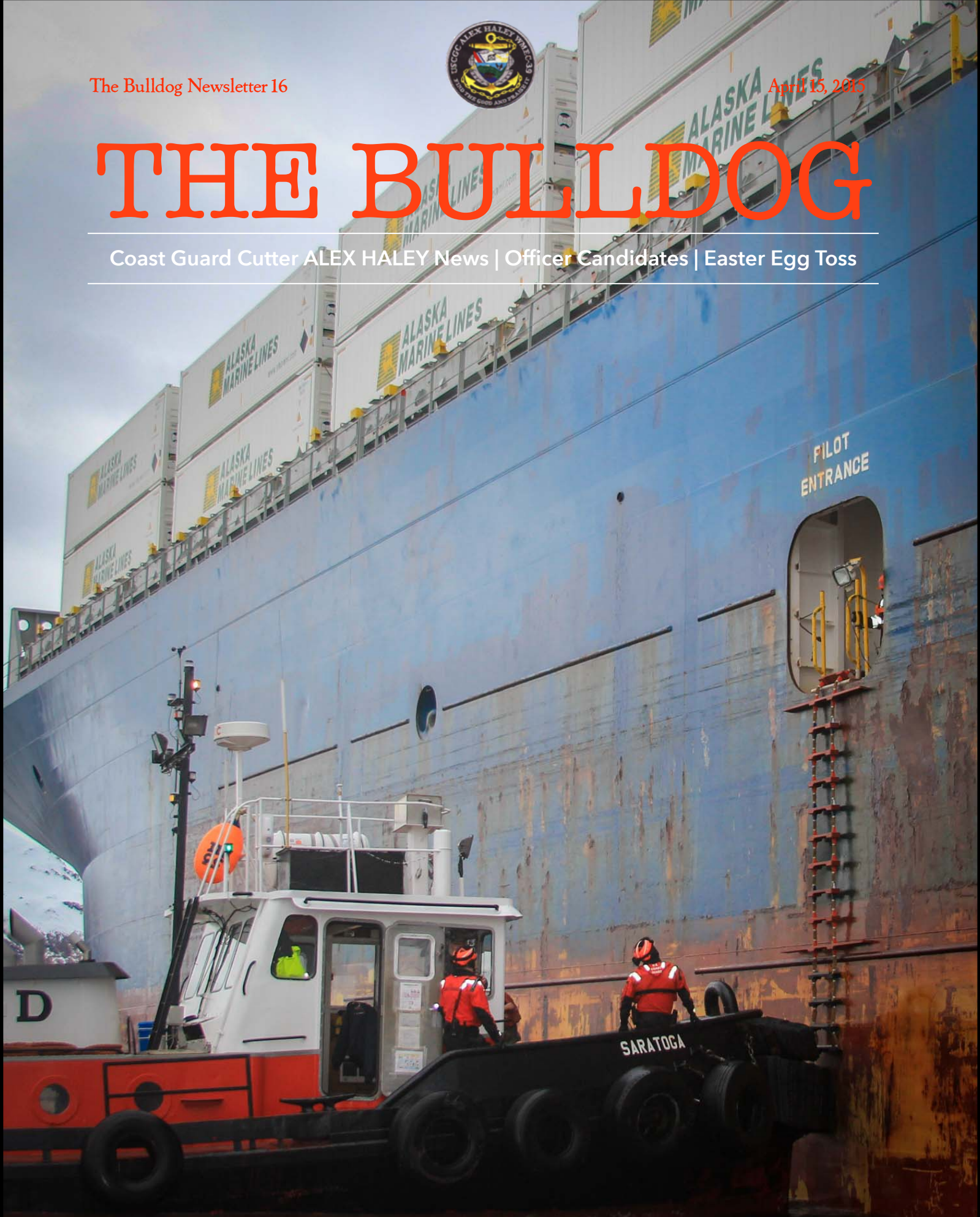




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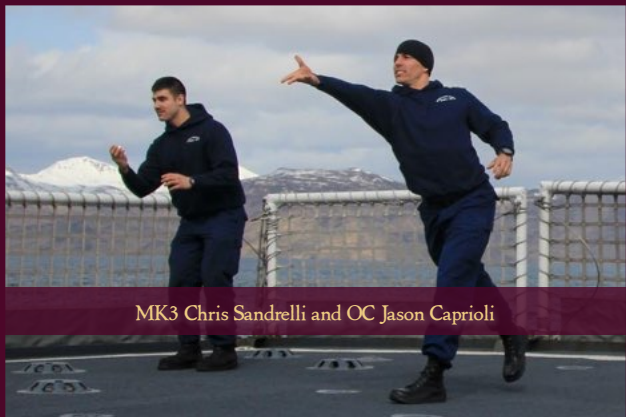
An ALEX HALEY boarding team prepares to board a cargo vessel from a tug near Dutch Harbor.

EASTER!



The crew of ALEX HALEY had a great Easter Sunday this year. Avoiding a major storm ravaging most of the Bering Sea, we sought shelter within Unalaska Island's Beaver Inlet. Devine Services were held and led by our Catholic and Protestant Lay Leaders. Then, after a morning of dying (and eating) eggs, the crew moved out to the flight deck to take part in our first annual egg

toss! We were greeted by abundant sunshine and calm waters, ideal conditions for such a challenge. Our teams began just a few feet from each other, moving a few steps back every two throws. Congratulations to Officer Candidates Jason Caprioli and Mike Bosch for winning first place! Honorary mention goes to MK3 Chris Sandrelli and EM3 Zach Gott.



MK3 Chris Sandrelli and OC Jason Caprioli



ENS Kristin Euchler



OS3 Cameron Howells



SN Eli Neaves



OC Nell Turley



MK3 Chris Sandrelli



EM3 Zach Gott



LTJG Kelsey Freeman



SN Octavio Estrada



BMC Brian Cleversey



OC Jason Caprioli

Friends and families,

We were honored to have some Officer Candidates sail with us for a few days. Their enthusiasm and focus was admirable. We wish them the best of luck as they near their commissioning date. Below is an article written by one of the Officer Candidates.

Fair Winds, CDR Steve White

Beyond the Bering

by Officer Candidate Katy Grace Cravis

USCGC ALEX HALEY serves the country from the last frontier, the Bering Sea. It truly is a one-of-a-kind cutter. The cutter and crew work tirelessly through the seas and swells protecting Alaska's fisheries and serving as a vital search and rescue asset. This April, however, the crew took on additional training duties to offer eleven Officer Candidates the experience of a lifetime.

Officer Candidate School is a rigorous seventeen week program designed to develop Officer Candidates into officers. Two weeks of this training is set aside to sail on USCGC EAGLE, a 295-foot sailing barque acquired in the 1940s. EAGLE provides many Officer Candidates their first, and potentially only, time on the sea. This year, EAGLE was unavailable and Officer Candidates were sent throughout the country to train on different cutters.

The opportunity to get underway with ALEX HALEY provided the Officer Candidates with the chance to practically apply navigation, engineering, and other skills learned in the classroom. Officer Candidates spent time learning the duties of both Deck Watch Officers and Engineering Officers. Officer Candidates also participated in cutter evolutions each day on board, including Damage Control Drills, Small Boat Operations, and Helicopter Operations. Morale events included Saturday night Pizza night and egg decorating and egg toss competitions. The underway experience helped develop both the leadership and teamwork of the Officer Candidates on board.

Sailing in the harsh conditions off Alaska, whether in freezing spray or snow squalls, you will find the crew of ALEX HALEY with a smile on, serving the country from the Bering. Through the storms and missions, this crew is a family, clearly living the motto of "Find the Good and Praise It". We were humbled by the positive attitude of the crew, performing their duties and missions and we learned about the men and women that sacrifice so much by enduring it everyday. We are thankful to know the crew of the ALEX HALEY, and to have served alongside such amazing people. Thank you for the experience of a lifetime.





Our Officer Candidates, from left to right:

OC Chris Gray, OC Nell Turley, OC Ryan Clark, OC Josh McElhaney, OC Mike Bosch, OC Katy Grace Cravis, OC Shawna Sammis, OC Brian Waters, OC Rob Norcott, OC Jason Caprioli and OC Colin Clyne.



OC Ryan Clark



OC Katy Cravis

OC Shawna Sammis



OC Mike Bosch





In other news...



ALEX HALEY boards a cargo vessel.



SK3 Noel Cordero and BM3 Parker Wall



MK3 Rob Nogueira and BM3 Rian Baruether



OS3 Jesse Kristofferson

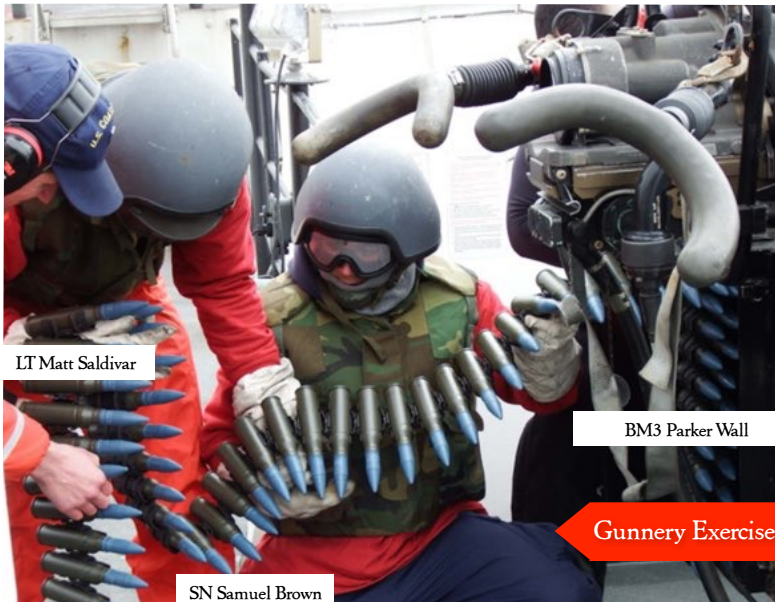
Small Boat Training!



ET2 Joe Zappia



GM1 Brandon Hayward and BM3 Mike Diaz



LT Matt Saldivar

BM3 Parker Wall

SN Samuel Brown

Gunnery Exercise!