

Gulf Patrol 2016 Part 2

The Patrol Comes to
a Close!



**PATROL RECAP
STATISTICS AS THE
PATROL ENDS**



**REAR ADMIRAL ABEL
VISITS ALEX HALEY**



**GUNNERY EXERCISES
AND TRAINING**

THE BULLDOG



**ALEX HALEY at Sunset,
in the last portion of the
Gulf Of Alaska Patrol
this Summer. Photo By
EM3 Connor
McCormack**

EDITOR'S LETTER

Hello, ALEX HALEY families and friends! The patrol of Summer 2015 has come to an end. It seems like we just shoved off for the Arctic and we are already heading back to Kodiak from Juneau as I write this letter.

So much has happened! ALEX HALEY answered a distress call, and thanks to the work of the members who were part of the Search and Rescue case, three fishermen were aided to shore safely.

Along with that, ALEX HALEY covered a lot of territory in the Gulf of Alaska, performing a good amount of boardings and engaging in a lot of training to get us ready for the upcoming tests ahead.

For now, however, I offer a "recap" issue of some of the good times and events of note that took place over the course of this patrol, reminiscing on what we have accomplished over the course of a few months.

To those of you at home, thank you so much for your feedback (and to my crew members for taking photos and helping out); this has been my first patrol as the editor of "The Bulldog", and I thank you all for your patience with our connectivity and my corny jokes.

Thank you to ALEX HALEY for providing the stories!!!



OS3 Jesse T. Kristofferson

Photo By ENS Joel Hill, BG photo by MK3 Myles Moorer

Patrol Ends!



ALEX HALEY traveled from Kodiak, past the Arctic Circle and then back down through the Gulf of Alaska, and returns home after a long, well run patrol.



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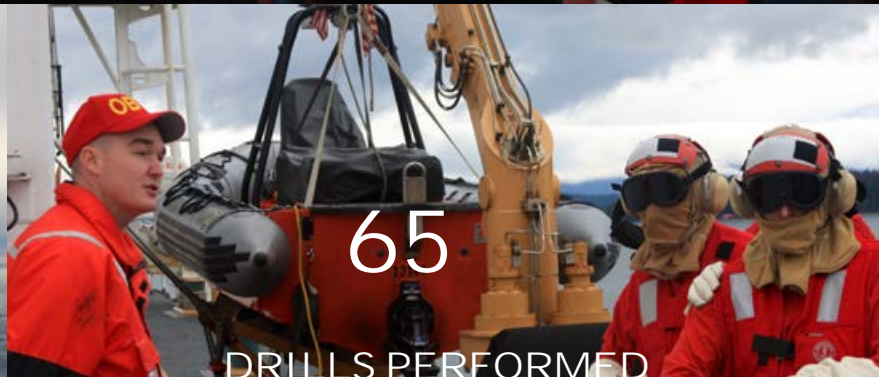
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BOARDINGS



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FLIGHT HOURS



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DRILLS PERFORMED



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SEARCH AND RESCUE CASE

NOME



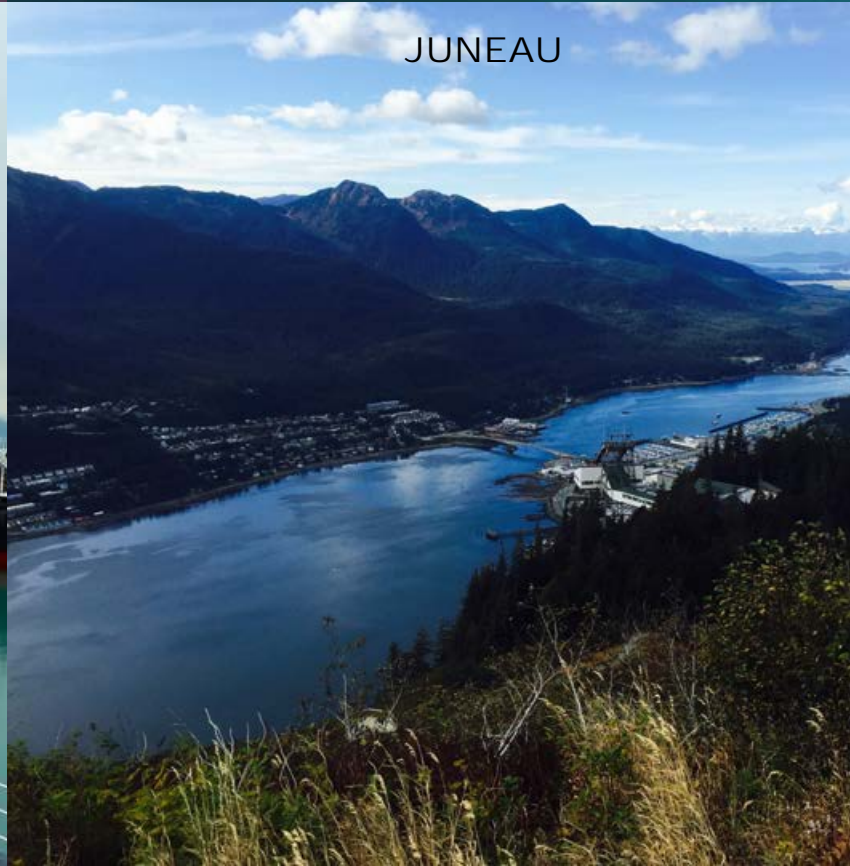
SEWARD



VALDEZ



JUNEAU



REAR ADMIRAL ABEL, D17 COMMANDER, VISITS ALEX HALEY



TOP: RADM Abel addresses ALEX HALEY'S crew.

BOTTOM: RADM Abel recognizes the accomplishments of select crewmembers from different departments of ALEX HALEY who stood out for their great work.



SN Laubmeier



ENS Euchler



LCDR Haas



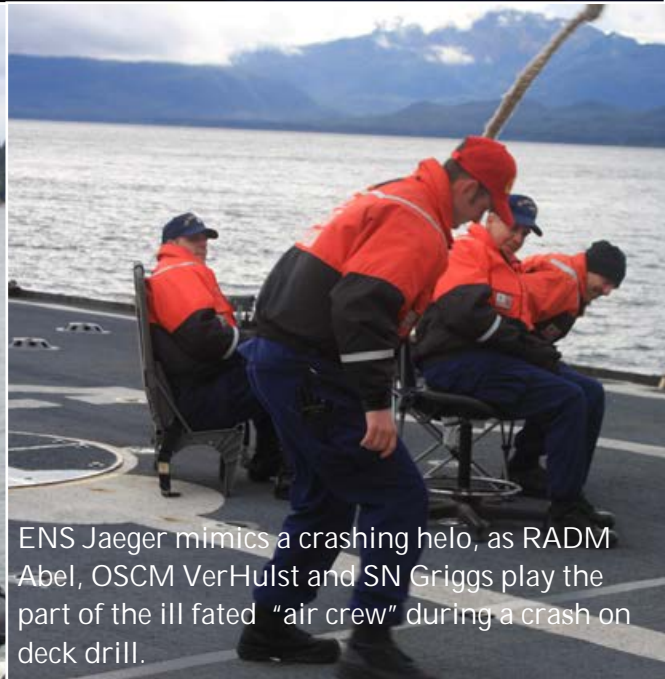
MK3 Sandrelli was recognized not only for his work, but for his epic mustache as well.



RADM Abel awarded ALEX HALEY the ARCTIC SERVICE MEDAL, for its cumulative days north of the Arctic Circle. Pictured: FSC Cleary, SN Garcia Medina, OS3 Black, MK2 Rivera, AG1 Kawczk, LT Saldivar, CDR Denning.



OSCM (Master Chief OS) VerHulst takes a minute to hang out post drill with FN McClintock, FN Rich and MK2 Nyby



ENS Jaeger mimics a crashing helo, as RADM Abel, OSCM VerHulst and SN Griggs play the part of the ill fated "air crew" during a crash on deck drill.



RADM Abel and OSCM VerHulst disembark ALEX HALEY via small boat.

ALEX HALEY RESCUES FISHING VESSEL STERLING

Late one night of this patrol, ALEX HALEY received a distress call from the F/V STERLING; three fishermen were 1200 yards offshore drifting toward cliffs with a loss of power, unable to even drop anchor. ALEX HALEY responded to the distress call via radio and sent a team onto the vessel, who repaired the power outage. Once this was completed, ALEX HALEY led F/V STERLING back into the harbor safely.

Photos By: CDR Seth Denning



GUNNERY EXERCISES



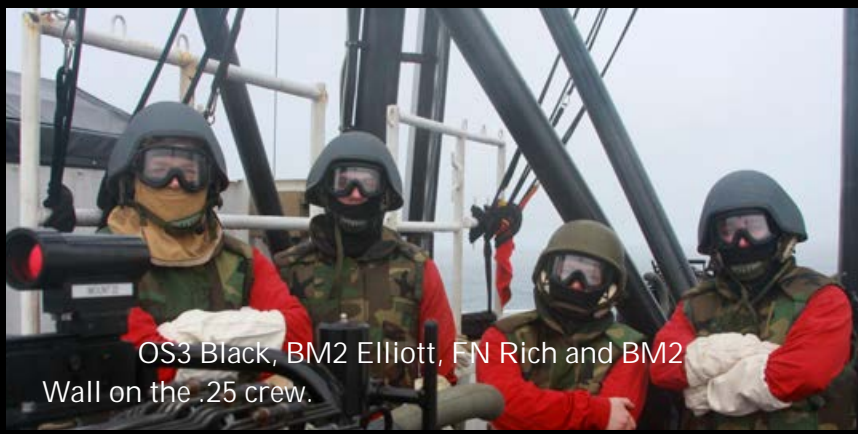
BM2 Diaz firing the 50



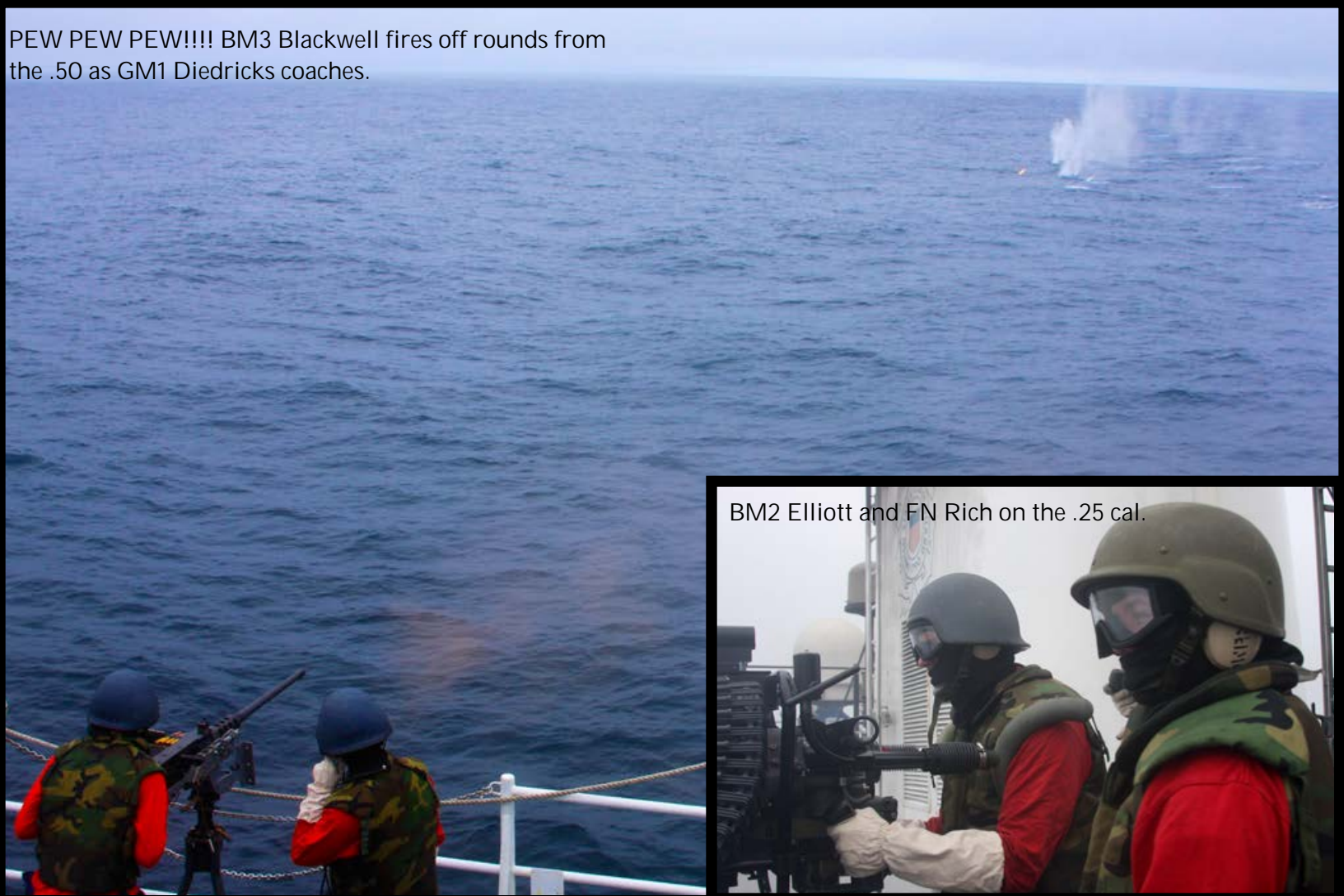
SK2 Geisert and GM3 Godie on the 50 crew



FS3 Kovac, showing that cooks don't just cook.



OS3 Black, BM2 Elliott, FN Rich and BM2 Wall on the .25 crew.



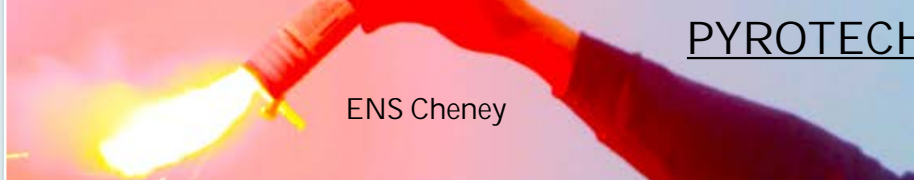
PEW PEW PEW!!!! BM3 Blackwell fires off rounds from the .50 as GM1 Diedricks coaches.



BM2 Elliott and FN Rich on the .25 cal.

PYROTECHNIC TRAINING

ENS Cheney



After the Gunnery Exercises, GM1 Diedricks instructed new crewmembers (or any who felt like firing off some pyro as a refresher) on the ins and outs of various survival flares.

GM1 Diedricks: "Alakazam!"



FN Millman



CDR Denning, having fun at work!



AGH! Duck!

OS1 Vowels



SN Lauvray



FS3 Kovac



Applause and confusion at OS3 Black's magic act.



ABRACADABRA! OS3 Black and FN Rich make their flares disappear.

Robert Vernon
Advances From
FS2 to FS1



Winter makes a September appearance as FS1 Vernon's wife, Tori, secures his second crow. The snow fell during the entire ceremony.



CONGRATULATIONS TO MK1 LIRETTE:

SAILOR OF THE QUARTER!!!



CDR Denning awards MK1 Lirette the title of "Sailor Of The Quarter". MK1 Lirette was voted by his peers for this honor for his community service, arranging of CWO Locklar's farewell, and other accomplishments around the cutter.

FAREWELL TO NAVY SHIPMATES WHO WORKED WITH US THIS PATROL!



Another event of note during the snowy day were farewells to AG1 Kawczk (who has served two patrols with ALEX HALEY and will be retiring soon) and AG3 Lively, the two Navy Aerographer's Mates who helped ALEX HALEY with weather forecasts.



AG1 Kawczk and AG3 Lively taking the water temperature in the Arctic.



EM3 McCormack captures the Aurora Borealis; I can't believe I slept through this.



Photo By EM3 Connor McCormack

BULLDOG CANDIDS!



IT1 Godfrey and ENS Jester perform "Hotel California" at an Open Mic in Seward.

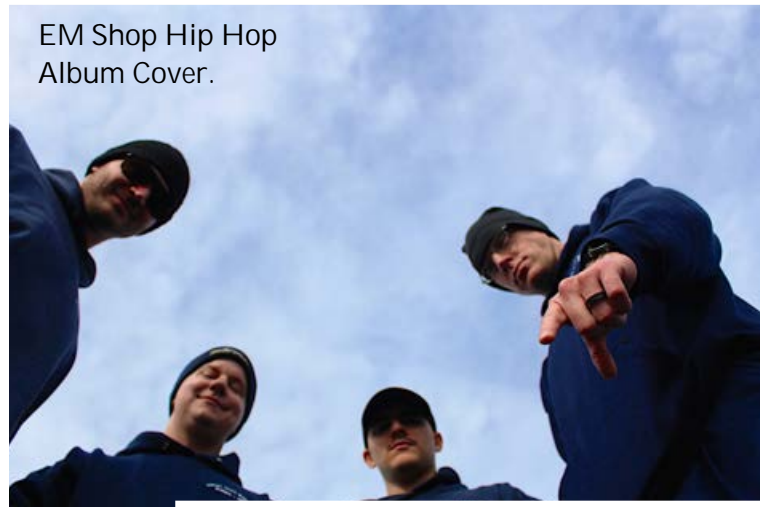


A surprise cupcake party for EM1 Campbell's birthday!



CWO Locklar receives a surprise bombardment of applause and hand shakes, having finished his final watch,

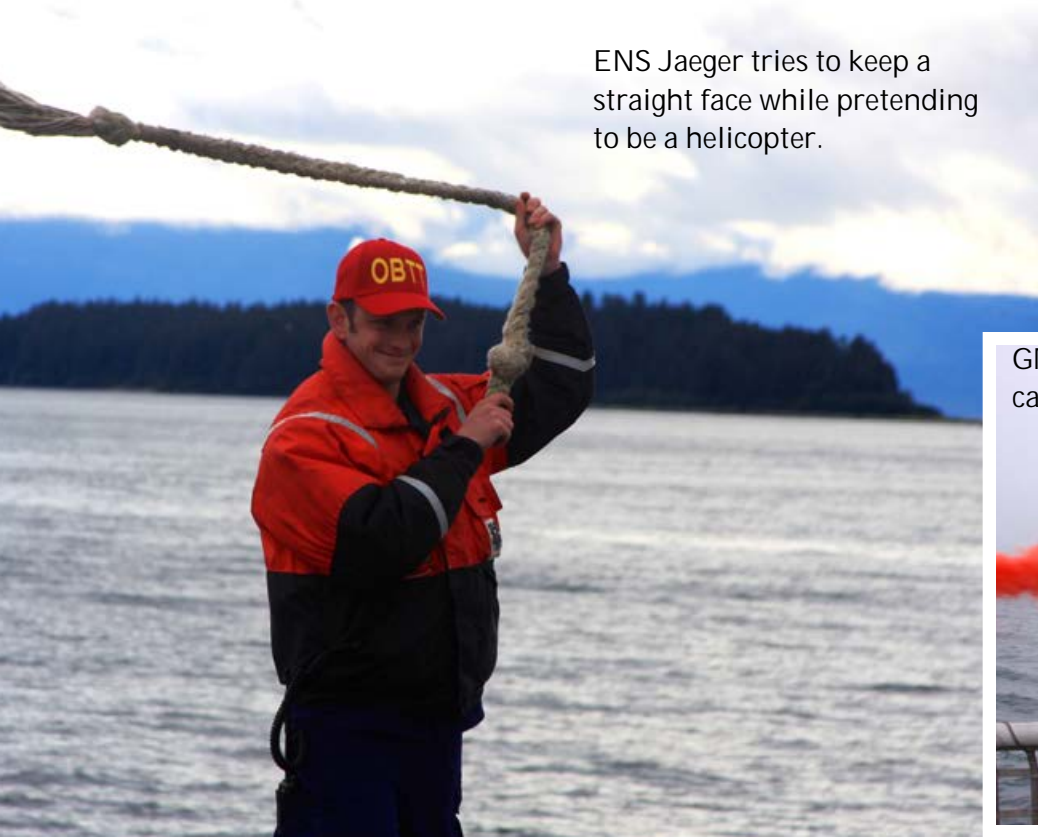
EM Shop Hip Hop Album Cover.



Legend has it ET1 Taylor can breathe fire.

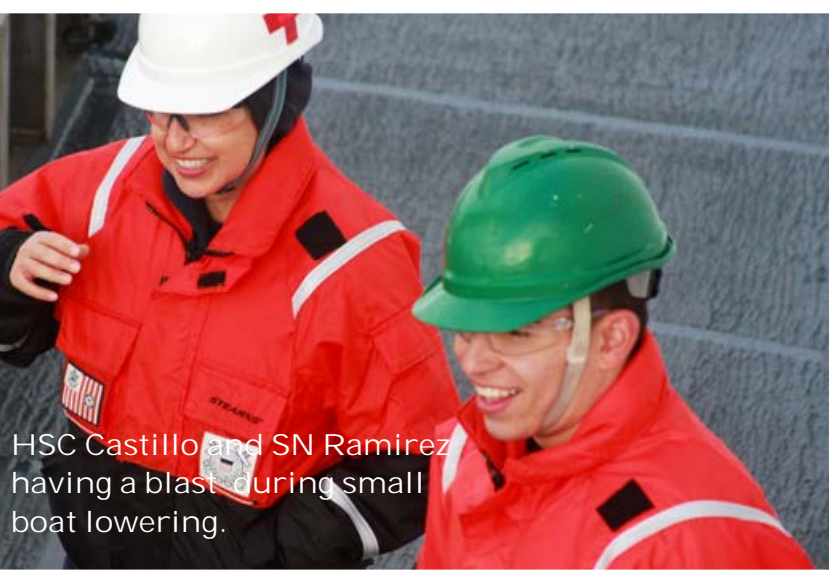


ENS Jaeger tries to keep a straight face while pretending to be a helicopter.

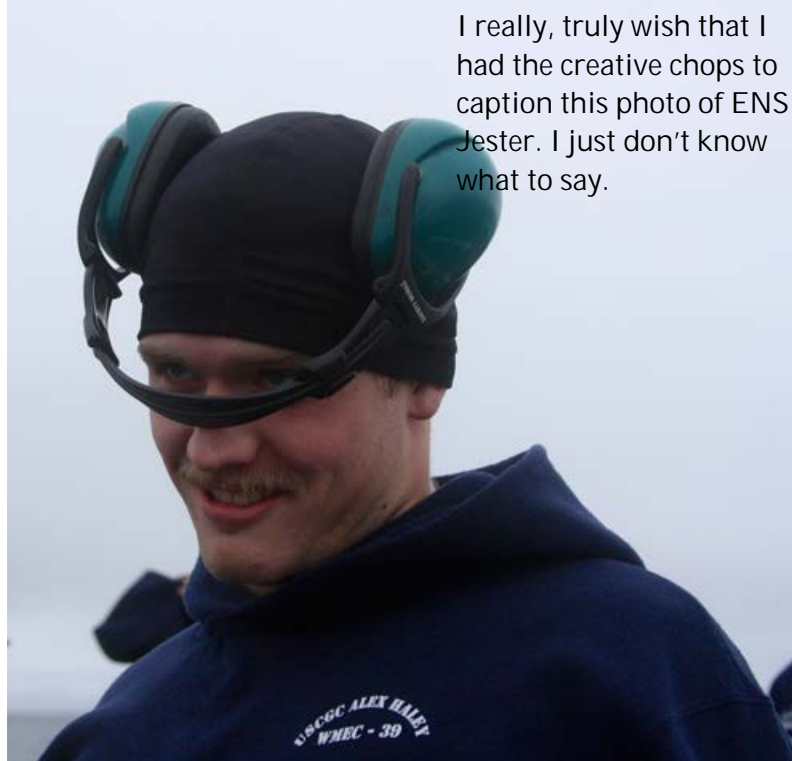


GM3 Godie instructing SK2 Geisert on spell casting.





HSC Castillo and SN Ramirez having a blast during small boat lowering.



I really, truly wish that I had the creative chops to caption this photo of ENS Jester. I just don't know what to say.



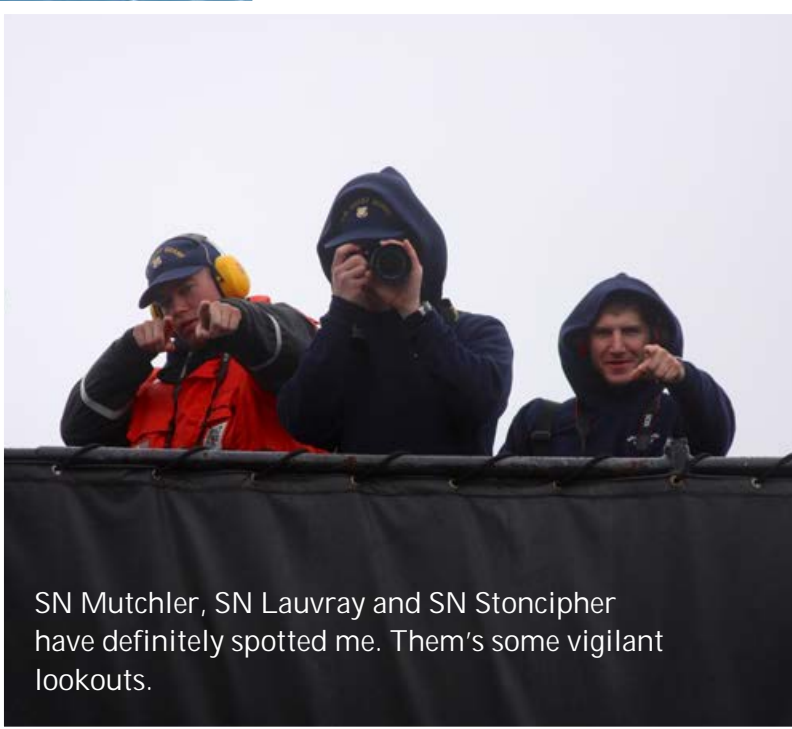
MK3 Nogueira and MK3 Moorer "twinning it".



ENS Hill, a former Gunner's Mate, instructs SN Demaree, a future Gunner's Mate. Very clearly.



MK3 Kline testing out his dry suit.



SN Mutchler, SN Lauvray and SN Stoncipher have definitely spotted me. Them's some vigilant lookouts.

GLACIER HIKE



FN McClintock and SN Garcia Medina look into the glacier.



FN McClintock bottling glacier water.

L to R Below: FN McClintock, AG1 Kawczk, OS3 Black, OS3 Kristofferson, SN Mutchler and SN Garcia Medina on a Glacier Hike in Seward.



SN Mutchler



OS3 Black

ZIPLINING AND AXE THROWING IN JUNEAU

Photos courtesy of SK2 Ashley Geisert and SN Adam Griggs.



L to R: SN Griggs, FN Ensor, SK2 Geisert, ENS Saylor, ET1 Taylor on a zipline/axe throwing adventure in Juneau.



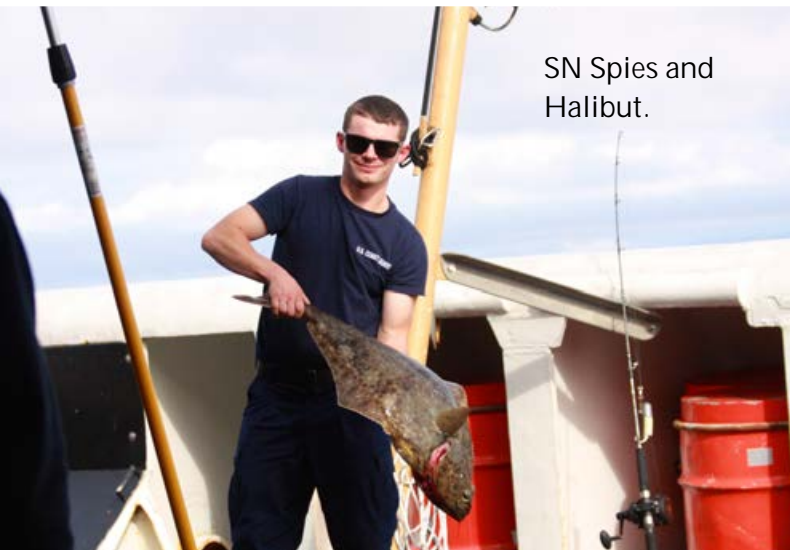
ALEX HALEY ON FISH CALL



CWO Trapp



DC3 Zylawy



SN Spies and Halibut.



SN Garcia Medina with a Halibut the size of his torso.



MK1 Schultz (part of the training team from AFLOAT TRAINING GROUP SAN DIEGO, who graded ALEX HALEY on drills this patrol) with two Halibut.



ET1 Woods with a sizeable Pacific Cod.



MK2 Grunden with a Pollock



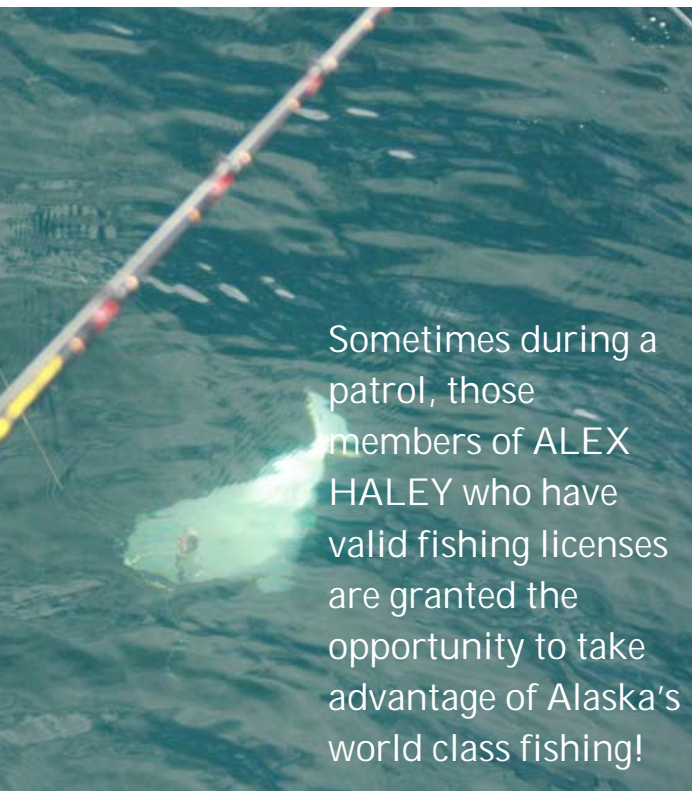
SN Dyess and ME1 Kealiiinohomoku with a "P Cod".



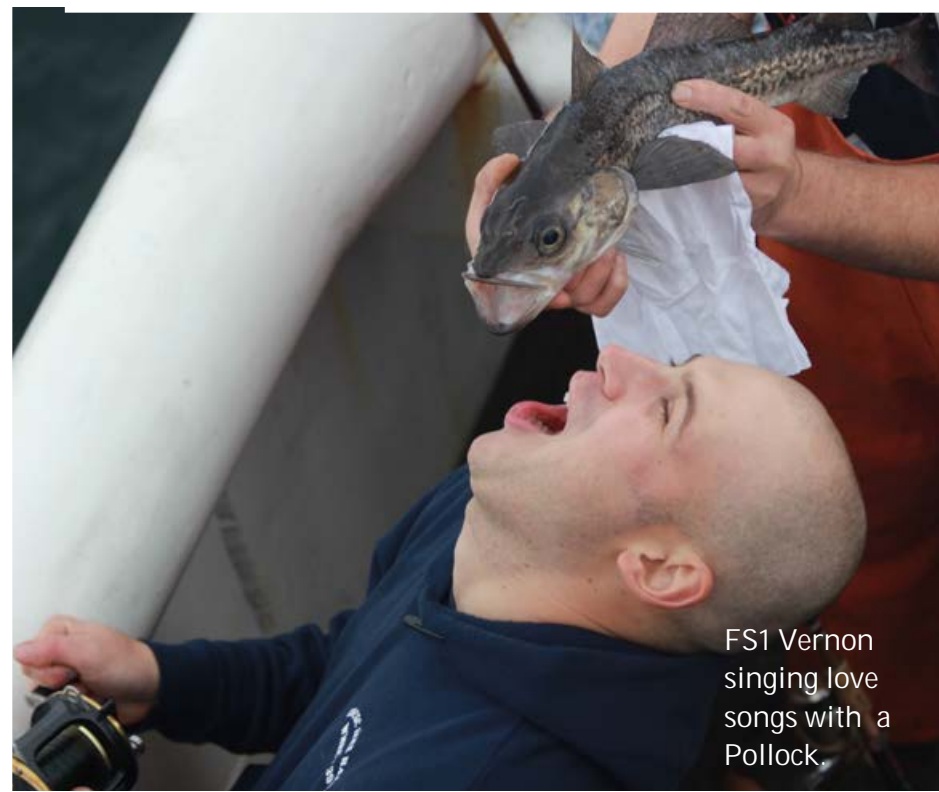
MK2 Rivera with the catch of the patrol (besides the rock ET1 Woods caught).



AG3 Lively with two for one!



Sometimes during a patrol, those members of ALEX HALEY who have valid fishing licenses are granted the opportunity to take advantage of Alaska's world class fishing!



FS1 Vernon singing love songs with a Pollock.

CUTTER SWIMMER TRAINING



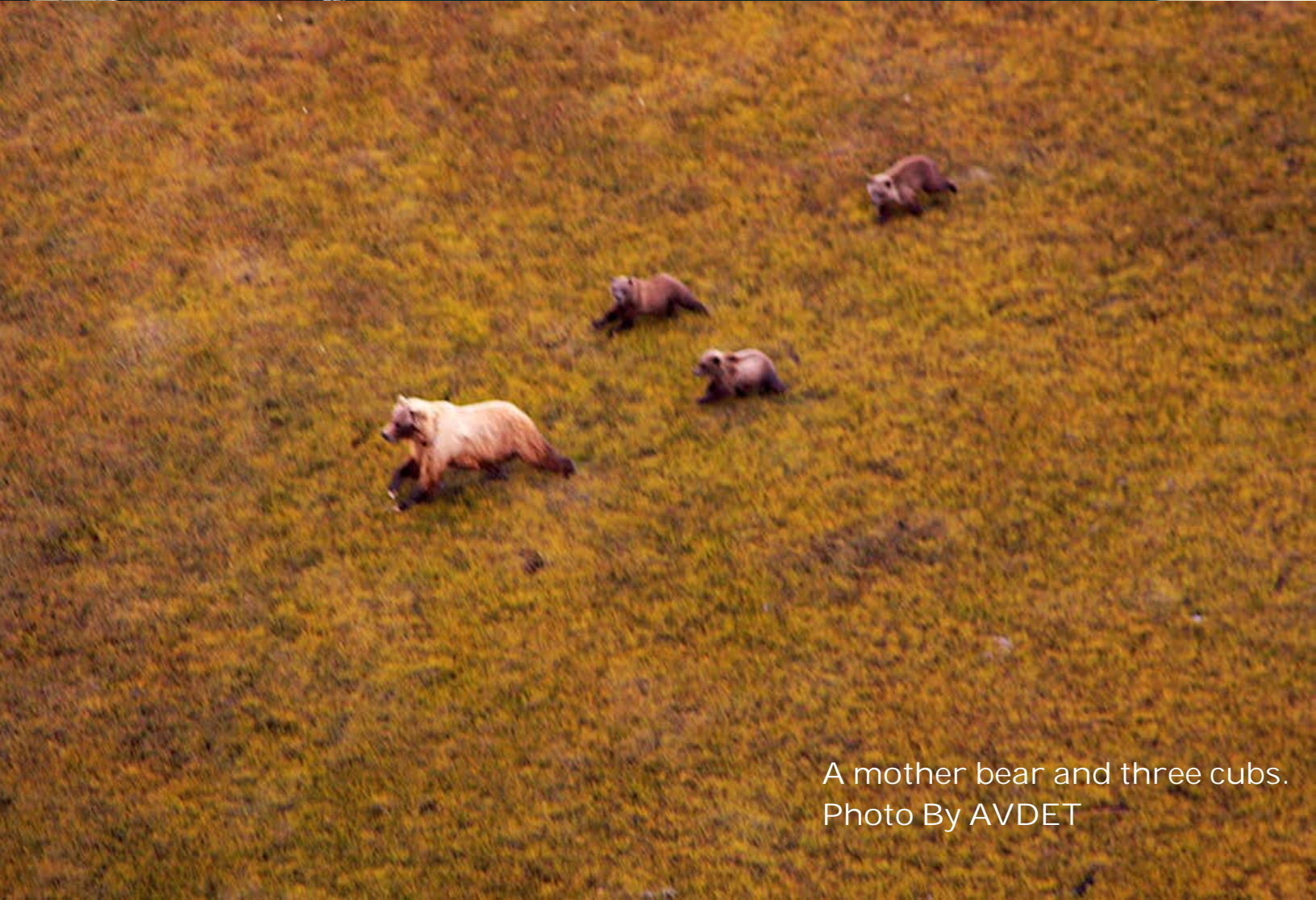
SN Neaves SN Lauvray AND SN Ramirez engage in Cutter Swimmer training while RADM ABEL watches. Photos By CDR Seth Denning





SEE YOU NEXT TIME!

Photo By CDR Seth Denning



A mother bear and three cubs.
Photo By AVDET