

# THE BULLDOG



DOCKSIDE 2016

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Alex Haley undergoes heavy maintenance.  
Photo By OS3 Jesse Kristofferson

# A Farewell Letter From The Editor

Greetings! It has been awhile! We have been dockside in Seattle for maintenance and overhaul; a berthing area was completely refurbished, a new davit and small boat were added, and that is barely scratching the surface of what got done. ALEX HALEY is now ready for its next patrol! On the transit home from Seattle we passed through Canadian Waters in the inside passage, and even assisted a skiff on our transit!

Speaking of maintenance and changes, this will be my final issue as editor of The Bulldog Newsletter; the ALEX HALEY story will continue to be told, with a new editor being given the opportunity to tell it starting with issue 28. I am passing on the torch to a new team of very capable shipmates: our new Assistant Public Affairs Officer EM3 Smith-Reynolds (who will take the Bulldog) and the new Public Affairs Officers ENS Cheney and ENS Schoen (who, among assisting with other projects, will be creating Patrol Videos to share with you).

I want to thank all of the readers for—well, reading, and to the crew for giving me so many incredible stories to cover and share. This has been an awesome year-and-change run for me, and I am truly appreciative to have been given the opportunity to be the editor of this newsletter for my time here at ALEX HALEY. Keep on reading the newsletter! **Also**, good news! The official Facebook page I promised when I first became part of the ALEX HALEY Public Affairs team **issue 19** is now a reality; be sure to “LIKE” us from the link sent to you **for live updates!**

Fair winds and Following Seas, Bulldog Newsletter! I am happy to say you will be left in great hands.



OS3 JESSE T. KRISTOFFERSON (also pictured: EM3 Connor McCormack and MK2 Frank Girucky).



Photo By EM3 Tyler Smith-Reynolds

Deck force painting; SA Jessen, GETCHO HANDS OUTCHO POCKETS!!!



Photo By OS3 Jesse Kristofferson

On the Fourth Of July, SN Mueller and SN Staff enjoy a game of Cornhole. Photo By EM3 Tyler Smith-Reynolds



ALEX HALEY had front row seats to Lake Union's Fourth Of July Fireworks!



THE BRAND NEW DAVIT!



Rockin' dat deck!



Photo By EM3 Tyler Smith-Reynolds

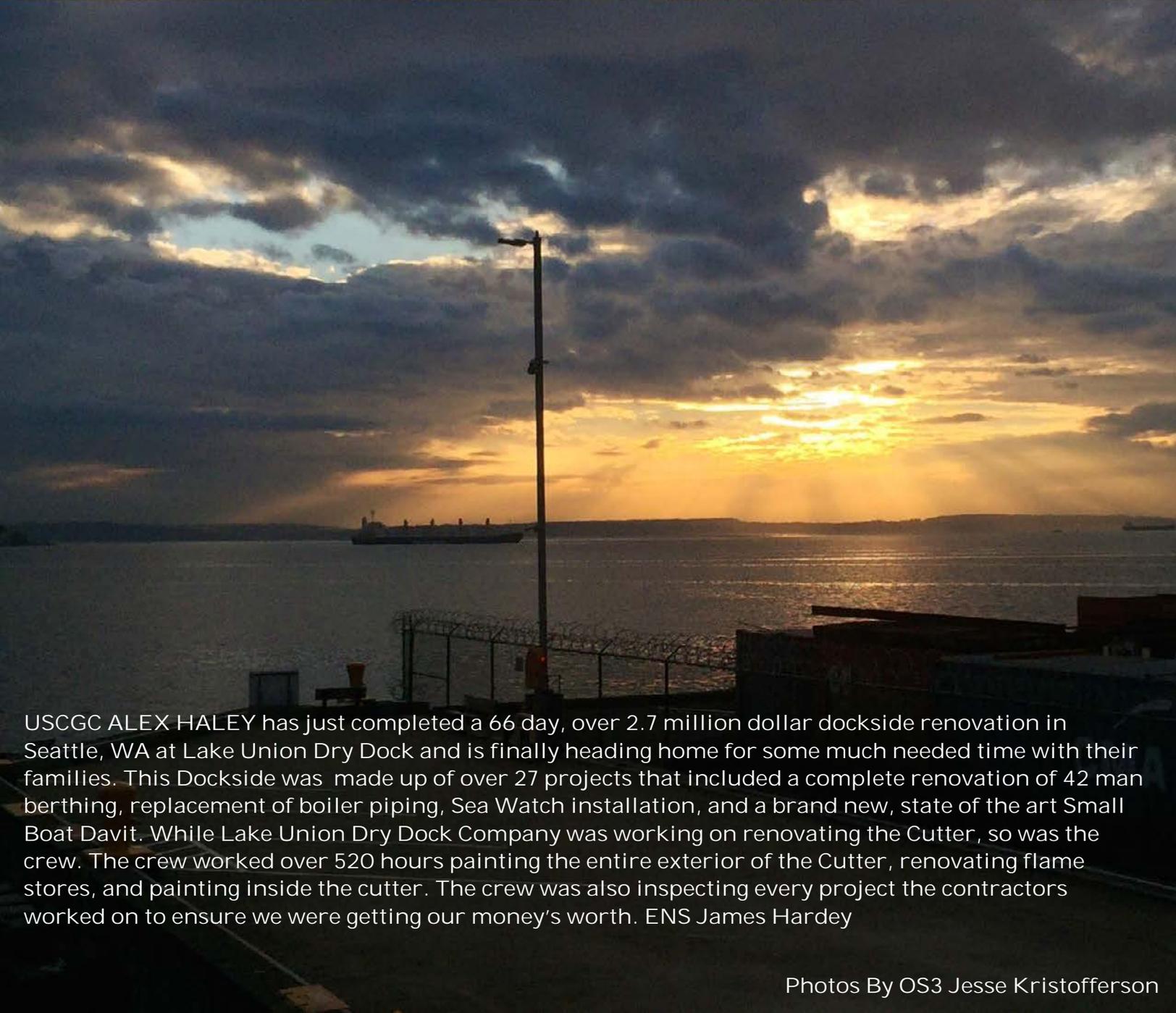
Photo By OS3 Jesse Kristofferson



ALEX HALEY before. Photo  
By EM3 Tyler Smith-Reynolds



ALEX HALEY after. Photo  
By OS3 Jesse Kristofferson



USCGC ALEX HALEY has just completed a 66 day, over 2.7 million dollar dockside renovation in Seattle, WA at Lake Union Dry Dock and is finally heading home for some much needed time with their families. This Dockside was made up of over 27 projects that included a complete renovation of 42 man berthing, replacement of boiler piping, Sea Watch installation, and a brand new, state of the art Small Boat Davit. While Lake Union Dry Dock Company was working on renovating the Cutter, so was the crew. The crew worked over 520 hours painting the entire exterior of the Cutter, renovating flame stores, and painting inside the cutter. The crew was also inspecting every project the contractors worked on to ensure we were getting our money's worth. ENS James Hardey

TRANSIT AND "TIGER CRUISE"!!!



BM3 Garcia McKenney and guest



MK3 Dehan and Cousin Drew McCollum

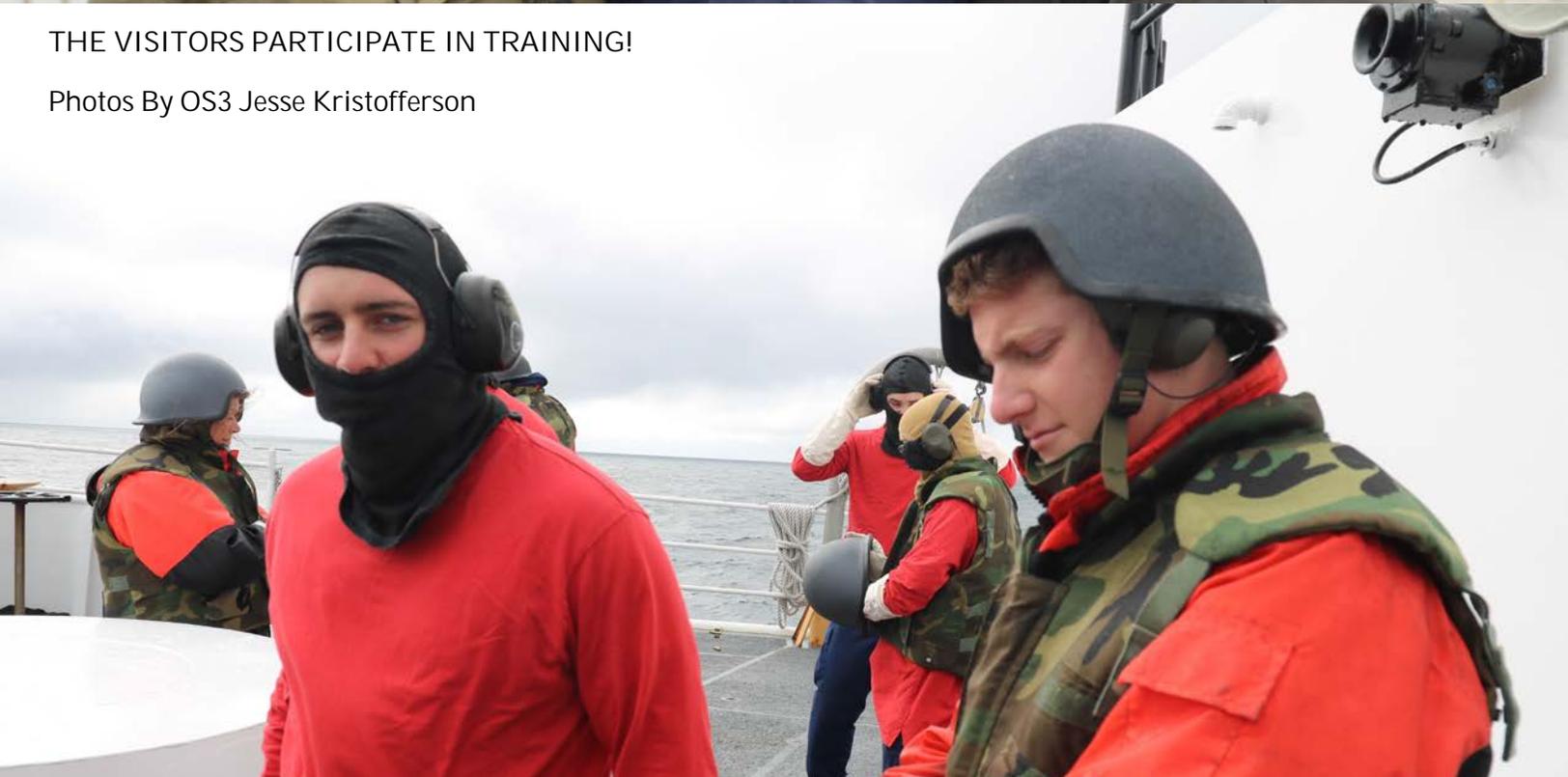
MK3 Baker, Brother Braden and Mother Cathy

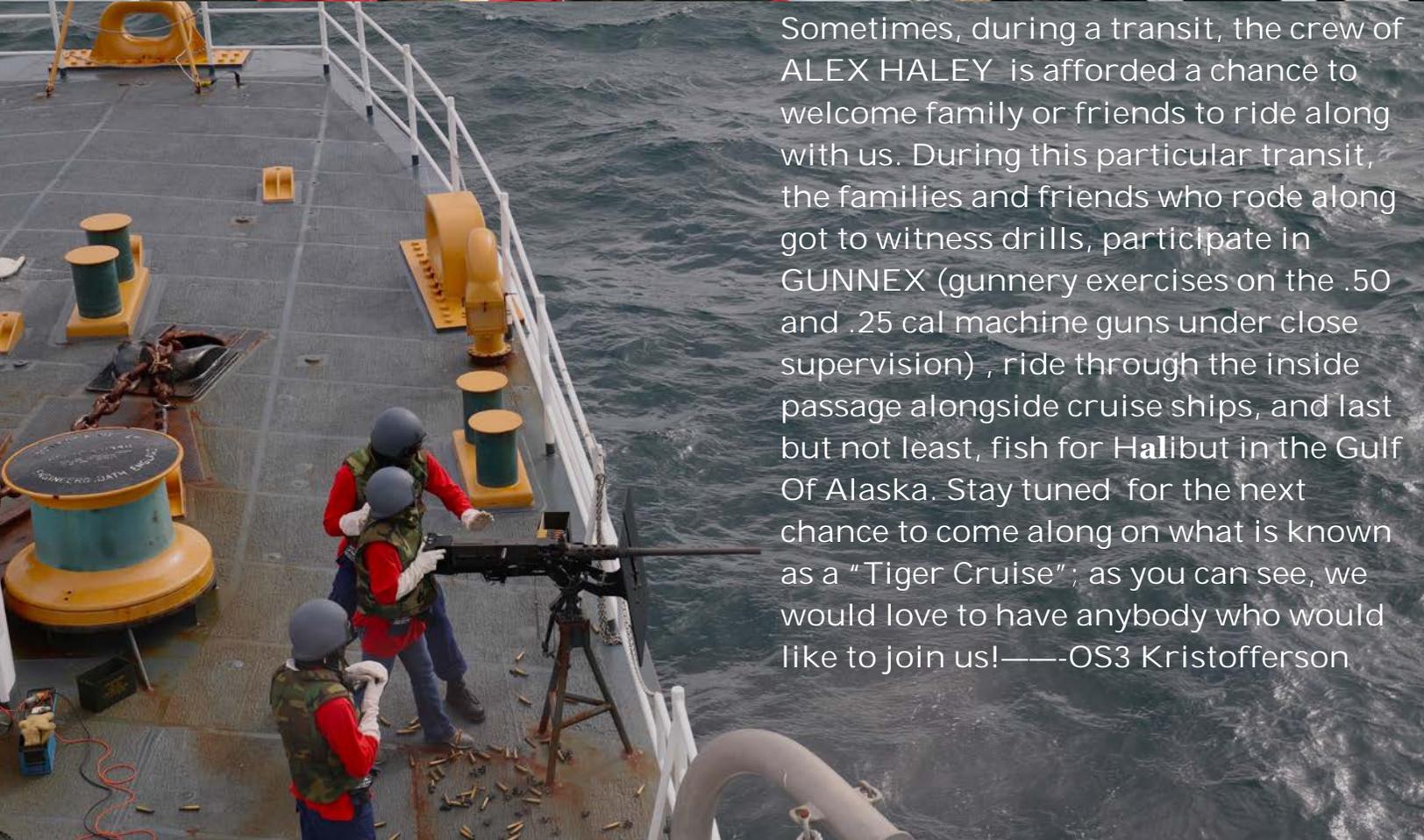
Photos By EM3 Tyler Smith-Reynolds



THE VISITORS PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING!

Photos By OS3 Jesse Kristofferson





Sometimes, during a transit, the crew of ALEX HALEY is afforded a chance to welcome family or friends to ride along with us. During this particular transit, the families and friends who rode along got to witness drills, participate in GUNNEX (gunnery exercises on the .50 and .25 cal machine guns under close supervision) , ride through the inside passage alongside cruise ships, and last but not least, fish for Halibut in the Gulf Of Alaska. Stay tuned for the next chance to come along on what is known as a "Tiger Cruise"; as you can see, we would love to have anybody who would like to join us!——OS3 Kristofferson



DCC Truelove debriefs with DC2 Barkley and MK3 Sandrelli



FA Kellogg poses while DC3 Zylawy instructs.



DC3 Rice uses his last days aboard ALEX HALEY to instruct new Fire Team members.

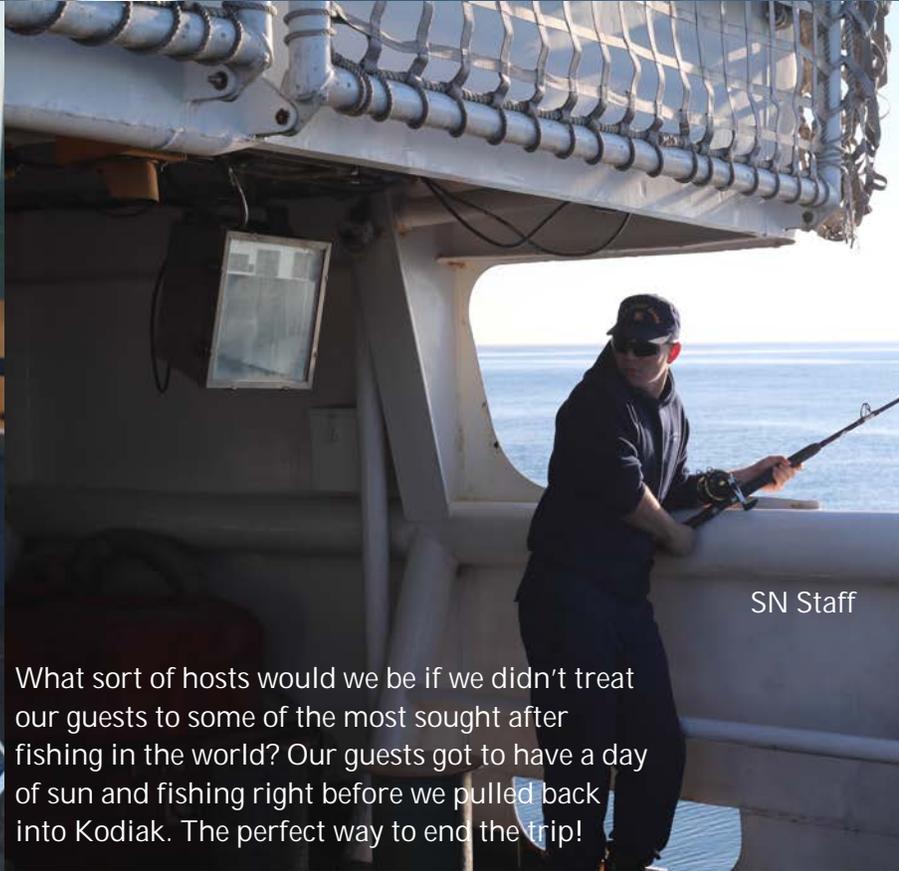


# FISHINNNNN!!!!

Photos By ET3 Craig Burch



SA Mooney



SN Staff

What sort of hosts would we be if we didn't treat our guests to some of the most sought after fishing in the world? Our guests got to have a day of sun and fishing right before we pulled back into Kodiak. The perfect way to end the trip!



Visitors fish with the crew!



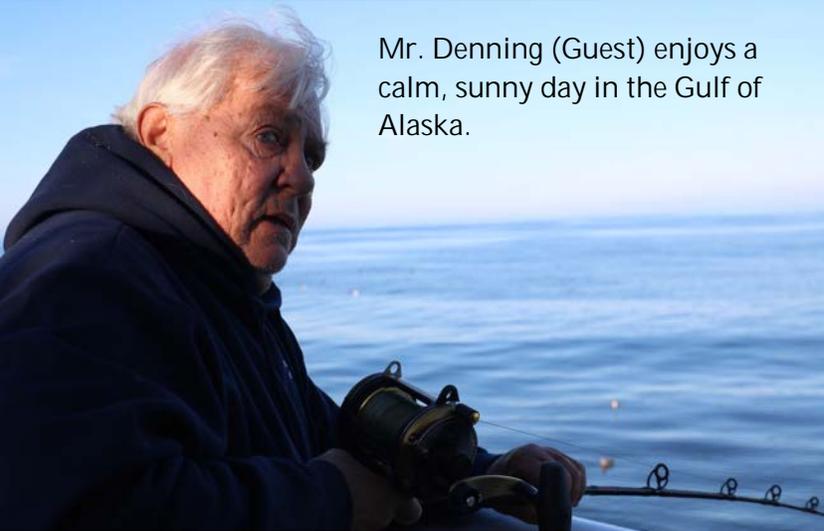
CWO Trapp hangs onto CDR Denning as he gaffs and pulls up a monster Halibut. Photo By ET3 Craig Burch



"Did somebody say FISHIN'!?" ENS Jester



MKC Grunden prepares bait, wearing his name on both shoulders. Best caption ever.



Mr. Denning (Guest) enjoys a calm, sunny day in the Gulf of Alaska.



It looks like CAPT Dayton caught something here!

MK3 Baker, BM3 Garcia  
McKenney and ET3 Burch smiling  
on the flight deck; fishing CAN be  
a seprator's sport.



Father-Son fishing with Mr.  
Denning and CDR Denning.  
What a Tiger Cruise is all about!



ENS Saylor announces to the crew and our  
visitors that "TODAY'S MISHIN' IS  
FISHIN!"

(Pardon my final corny captions, it is my  
last issue).



# TRANSIT CANDIDS

Photos By OS3 Kristofferson



MK3 Hagerty never stops working.



Porpoises play in ALEX HALEY'S wake. My day is complete.

SK3 Reyes, SK2 Geisert and ENS Hardey enjoy the inside passage.





SN García Medina, BM3 Blackwell and BM2 Elliott hang out by the new Small Boat.

The CALMEST transit yet!



A man overboard drill during the transit.  
Photo By OS3 Jesse Kristofferson

ENS Nazario, the new 1LT, smiles with some of her new Deck Force posse; SN Garcia Medina, BM3 Blackwell, BM3 Stacy, SN Burum, SN Lauvray and SN Earl. Photo By OS3 Jesse Kristofferson

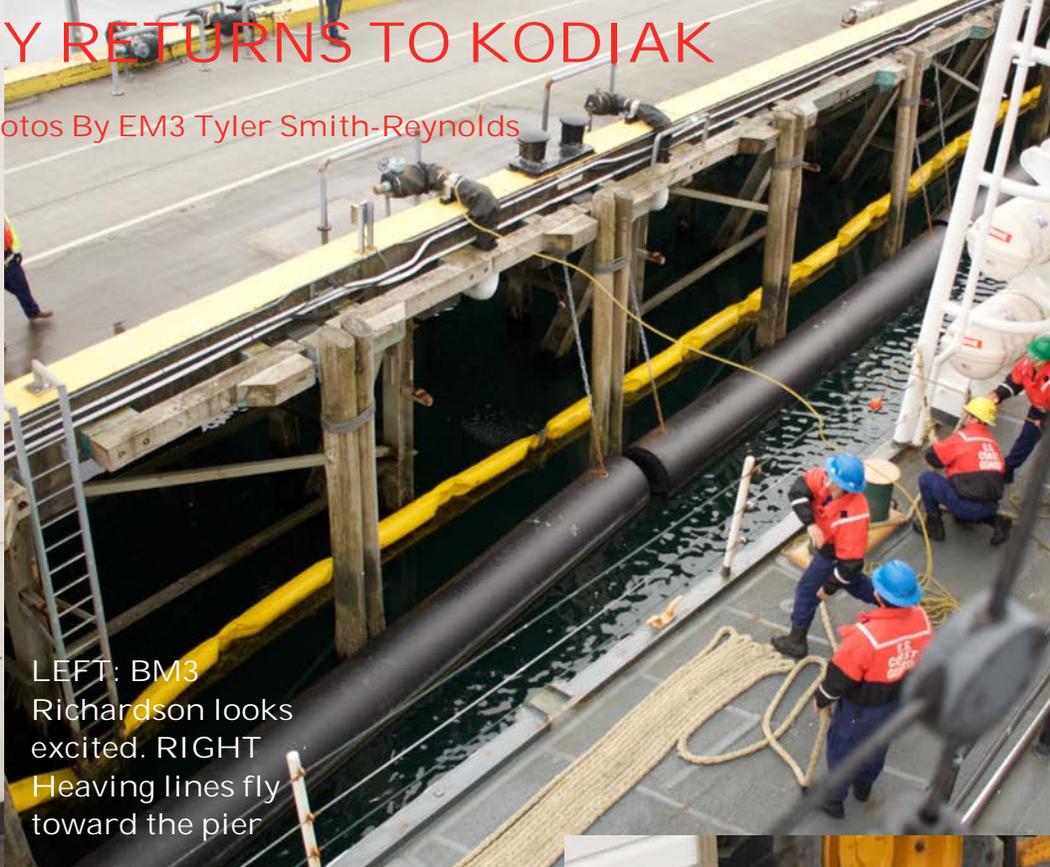


During the transit, there was a young mariner on a skiff who hailed ALEX HALEY for help; ALEX HALEY sent out a Small Boat manned by BM2 Elliott and MK2 Rivera to see what the issue was, and managed to find him a proper tow! Photos By OS3 K



# ALEX HALEY RETURNS TO KODIAK

Photos By EM3 Tyler Smith-Reynolds



LEFT: BM3 Richardson looks excited. RIGHT: Heaving lines fly toward the pier

ALEX HALEY crewmembers MK2 Rivera and BM3 Blackwell reunite with their families.



The eager anticipation of a family member's return to shore!

# THE BULLDOG NEWSLETTER'S NEW EDITOR, EM3 TYLER SMITH-REYNOLDS!

Hello to all family and friends of ALEX HALEY.

I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself as your new APAO (Assistant Public Affairs Officer) and editor of The Bulldog Newsletter. I realize that I have some rather large shoes to fill as I sit here reviewing all of the fantastic work that OS3 Kristofferson has produced through the last few editions of The Bulldog, however I am ecstatic to take on this new task. Additionally, I have some great ideas for some new segments and stories to bring you all as the Bulldog Of The Bering sails onward. But as I rack my brain on how I can modify this newsletter to better serve its audience, I realize there is only one way to find out what its audience might want to read about. I therefore invite you, the audience, to contact me at will in the event that you might have any questions for the crew or for myself or to suggest what you might like to see in any further editions of The Bulldog Newsletter.

I look forward to serving each and every family member and friend of USCGC ALEX HALEY in this newsletter and I thank you all for making it possible.

Very Respectfully,



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ONWARD TO THE NEXT PATROL, AND THE NEXT SAGA IN THE BULLDOG SERIES!

