

United States Coast Guard

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

Fisheries Enforcement

Overview



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HMS Advisory Panel Meeting
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Overview

- **Domestic Patrol Effort, Boardings, & Results**
- **Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity & Results (U.S. EEZ)**
- **Strategic & Operational Emphasis**
 - **Domestic**
 - **International**

Enforcement Effort*

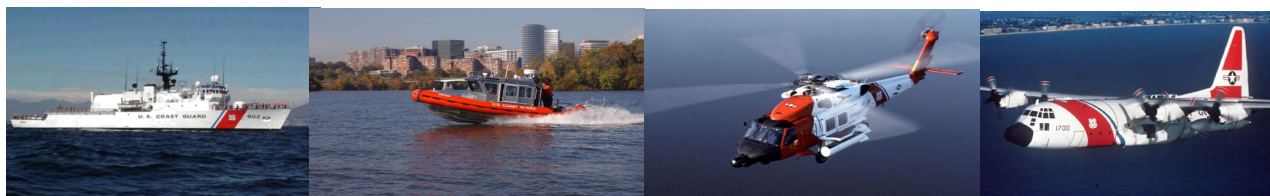
FYTD24 (through 07MAY24)

CG Asset	Patrol Hours
Aircraft	570
Small Boats	1,755
Cutters > 65'	21,691
Total Hours	24,016

Reflects approx. 57% of FY23 burn rate. Declining total hours each year since FY21.

***Domestic Fisheries**

- Atlantic Seaboard
- Gulf of Mexico
- Caribbean
- Great Lakes



Other mission demands and an enlistment shortage has drawn down CG fisheries patrol effort.

Total HMS Boardings

*FY24 through 07MAY24

CG Boarding Activities by District	1 (NE)	5 (Mid-Atlantic)	7 (S Atlantic, GoMEX, Carib)	8 (GoMEX)	All Units
FY22	192	186	5	30	413
FY23	57	95	21	8	181
FYTD24*					
Commercial	2	18	1	1	22
Passenger	0	4	0	1	5
Pleasure	1	30	6	8	45
Total	3	52	7	10	72

USCG Domestic Boardings where Potential HMS Violations were Detected: FY24 through APR 2024

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
5 (Mid-Atlantic)	DEC 23	<i>CGC Mako</i>	Possession of 01 undersized swordfish and 03 undersized tunas. (COMM)
7 (S. Atlantic, GOMEX, Carib)	JAN 24	STA Canaveral	Fishing without a high seas permit; catch seizure. (COMM)

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity along US/MX EEZ

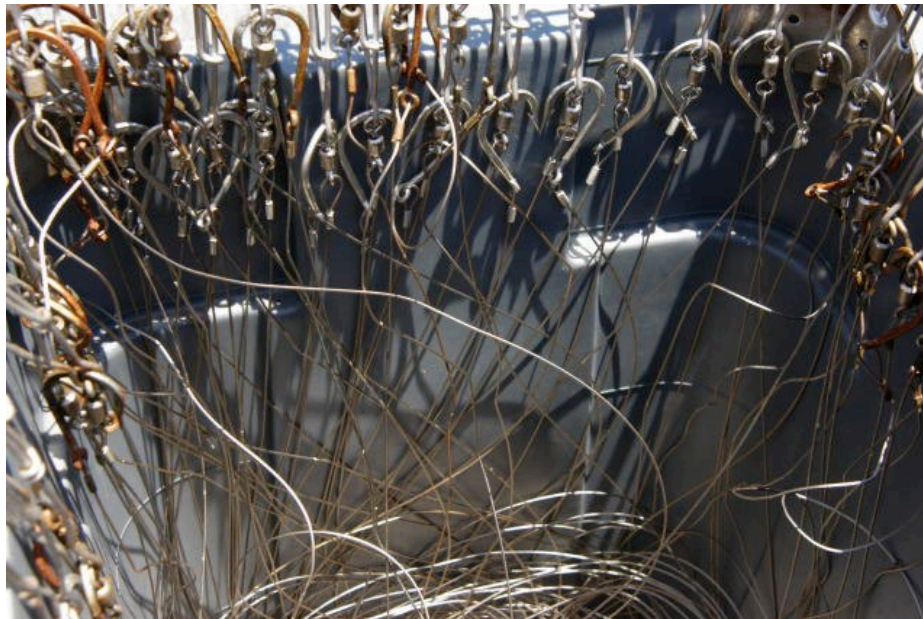
	Detections	Interceptions	Interdictions
FY22	176	128	86
FY23	232	145	51
FYTD24*	183	136	33

- **FYTD HMS catch has been approx. 150lbs of sharks.**
- **Detections do not necessarily indicate an increasing threat.**
- **Interdiction rates continue to remain higher than CG's 20-year average (18%).**

***Through APR**

Strategic & Operational Emphasis- Domestic

- **Continue to board HMS permitted vessels in FY25 as high precedence fisheries.**



Strategic & Operational Emphasis- International

- **Continue to implement:**
 - Maritime SAFE Act Interagency Working Group's Prioritized Regions & Sub Working Group efforts,
 - USCG Counter-IUU Fishing Implementation Plan,
 - USCG 5-Year Atlantic Area Fisheries Campaign Plan, and the
 - MX Fishing Vessel Port Denial.
- Organize high seas & partner nation patrols.
- Serve on ICCAT U.S. Delegation to promote at-sea inspections, act upon suspected IUU fishing sightings, foster electronic monitoring, reduce policy loopholes, & progress labor conditions policy.

Strategic & Operational Emphasis- International

- **Continue to build law enforcement capacity and partnerships with other nations through:**
 - **Information sharing,**
 - **Interagency Road Shows,**
 - **Mobile Training Branch visits, and**
 - **Joint patrols involving U.S. Coast Guard assets.**

Automatic Identification System (AIS) on Fishing Gear

FAQ #18 is still the most current info re: CG's posture of what's legal/not when it comes to use of AIS on fishing gear/buoys/beacons:

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/ais-frequently-asked-questions#18>

Workforce Shortages



- **Down 10% of enlisted workforce (4k short).**
- **Cannot maintain same level of operations with the current staffing shortfall.**
- **Notice and Request for Comments:**
 - **Public comment period closes 24MAY24;**
<http://www.regulations.gov>. Docket No. 2024-0281
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