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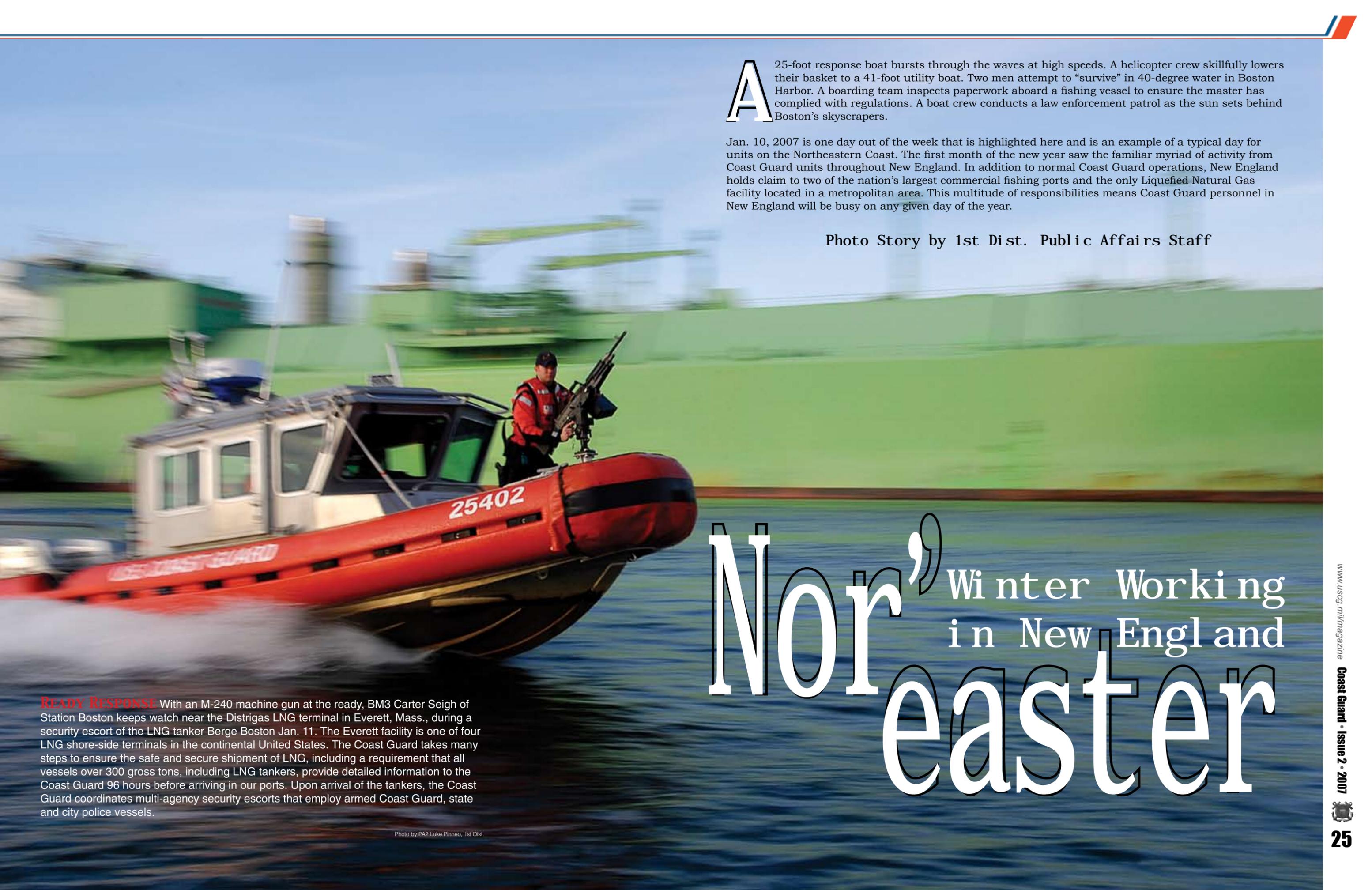
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**A** 25-foot response boat bursts through the waves at high speeds. A helicopter crew skillfully lowers their basket to a 41-foot utility boat. Two men attempt to “survive” in 40-degree water in Boston Harbor. A boarding team inspects paperwork aboard a fishing vessel to ensure the master has complied with regulations. A boat crew conducts a law enforcement patrol as the sun sets behind Boston’s skyscrapers.

Jan. 10, 2007 is one day out of the week that is highlighted here and is an example of a typical day for units on the Northeastern Coast. The first month of the new year saw the familiar myriad of activity from Coast Guard units throughout New England. In addition to normal Coast Guard operations, New England holds claim to two of the nation’s largest commercial fishing ports and the only Liquefied Natural Gas facility located in a metropolitan area. This multitude of responsibilities means Coast Guard personnel in New England will be busy on any given day of the year.

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**READY RESPONSE** With an M-240 machine gun at the ready, BM3 Carter Seigh of Station Boston keeps watch near the Distrigas LNG terminal in Everett, Mass., during a security escort of the LNG tanker Berge Boston Jan. 11. The Everett facility is one of four LNG shore-side terminals in the continental United States. The Coast Guard takes many steps to ensure the safe and secure shipment of LNG, including a requirement that all vessels over 300 gross tons, including LNG tankers, provide detailed information to the Coast Guard 96 hours before arriving in our ports. Upon arrival of the tankers, the Coast Guard coordinates multi-agency security escorts that employ armed Coast Guard, state and city police vessels.

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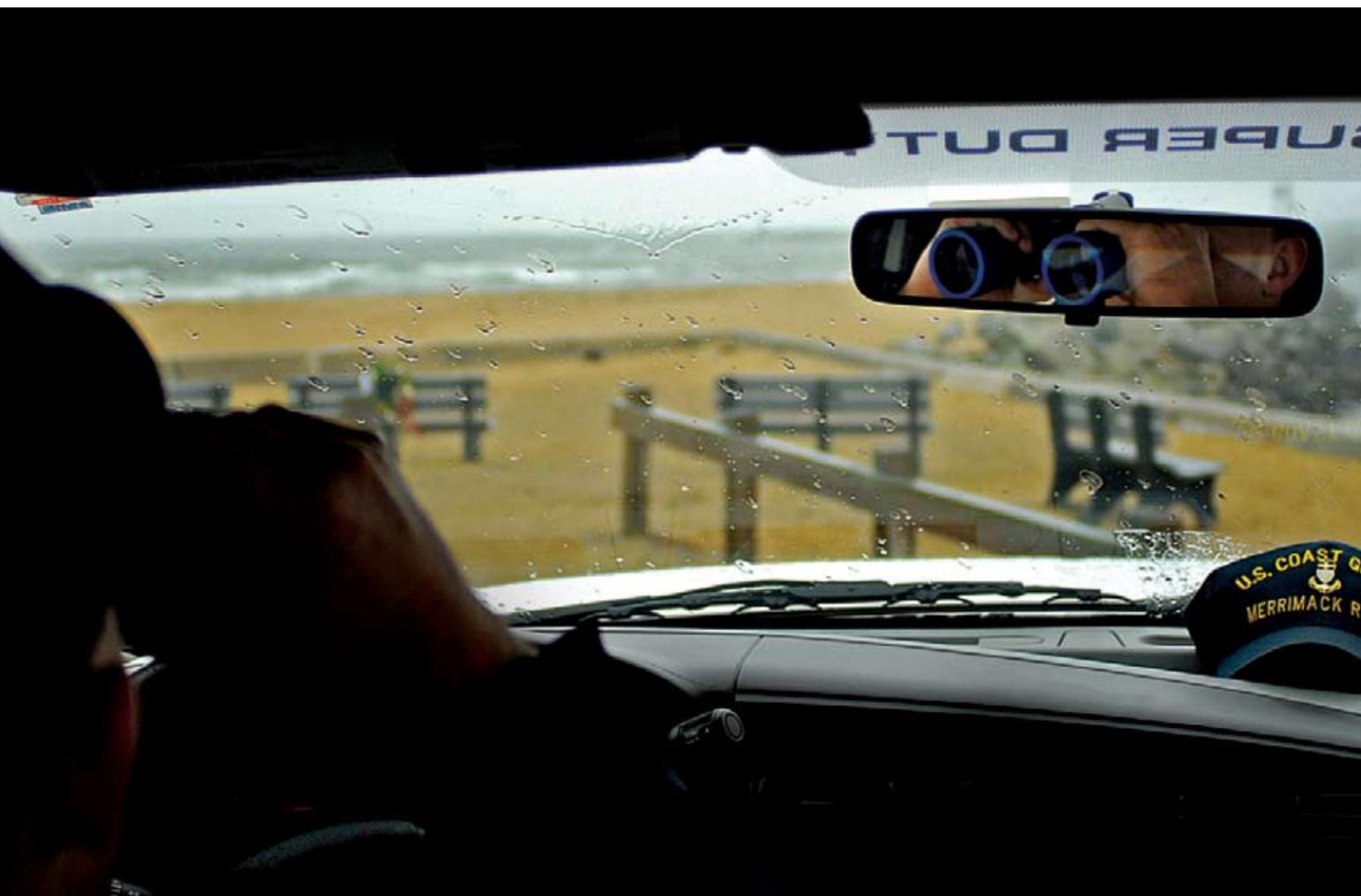
► **THIS IS A DRILL** SN Juan Reyes uses a drill to open the battery compartment of a buoy to inspect and replace the batteries Jan. 11. Reyes, the leading seaman, has served aboard the Juniper since November 2004 and is qualified as a buoy rigger and crane operator. A civilian boater reported the buoy was not illuminated so the Juniper heaved the buoy aboard where it was inspected and serviced by the deck crew.



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▼ **SUPER DUTY** To ensure safety of the maritime community, BM2 Adam Murray looks out to inspect wave conditions at the Merrimack River entrance Jan. 8. The Merrimack River is a unique and dangerous waterway in that the shallow, narrow river entrance quickly can become a hazardous transit throughout the year with substantial surf and breaking wave conditions that have taken many lives throughout the years. The crew of Station Merrimack River spends hours each year training in the surf conditions.

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▲ **EYES IN THE BOAT** While training in breaking seas at the mouth of the Merrimack River, BMC Brent Zado carefully watches the stern of the 47-foot motor lifeboat he is commanding Jan. 8. Zado, an experienced Surfman, took command as the officer in charge of Station Merrimack River this summer. Coast Guard Surfmen are the service's most highly trained boat handlers. These talented men and women are part of a long tradition of lifesavers, dating back almost 200 years, responsible for some of the service's greatest rescues.

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◀ **LINE OF HOPE** SN Steven Hatch, Coast Guard Station Southwest Harbor, Maine, throws a heaving line to a Coast Guard 25-foot response boat Jan. 10. The two vessels were conducting towing training in Southwest Harbor. The training was conducted as part of the crews' ongoing strive to stay proficient in their duties no matter the weather or time of day.

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◀ **OVERBOARD OSCAR** SN Rachel Collier, assigned to Station Castle Hill, Newport, R.I., scans the water during a man overboard drill as she shouts out the coordinates of the rescue dummy to the coxswain Jan. 9. 'Oscar,' the rescue dummy, is chucked into the water by the drill coordinator, and the crew then springs into action and pulls the dummy aboard the boat within three minutes in order to pass the drill.

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▼ **MAKING A SPLASH** A 25-foot response boat from Coast Guard Station Southwest Harbor, Maine, conducts maneuverability training in Southwest Harbor Jan. 10.

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▲ **COLD PLAY** An exhilarating dip in the 45-degree water of Boston Harbor provides MK3 Dan Brooks, left, and GM3 Michael Mulrooney, Maritime safety and security team 91110, Boston, opportunities for cold-water survival training Jan. 10. The length of time a person can stay alive in cold water depends on the temperature of the water, the physical condition of the survivor and the action taken by the survivor.

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▲ **WATER WATCHER** Prior to a training exercise with Station Provincetown, R.I., AET2 Ed Leibold surveys the water while awaiting the arrival of a 41-foot utility boat Jan. 10. The exercise consists of rescue basket and rescue swimmer hoists from an HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter, out of Air Station Cape Cod, Mass., to a utility boat.

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