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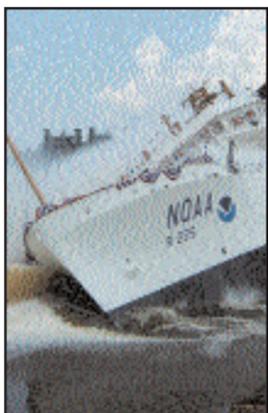
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**Brushing
up
on
oral
hygiene**

Ron Fontaine/U.S. Navy photo

HOSPITALMAN Yolanda Rollerson lets D.J. Blair, 2, practice brushing the teeth of Bidji Roo the Kangaroo in Naval Health Care New England Newport, Dental's oral hygiene program at the President John F. Kennedy Child Development Center last Wednesday. February is National Children's Dental Health Month and Navy dental specialists will be visiting area schools. Story Page 10.



NOAA vessel assigned here

The NOAA fisheries survey vessel Henry B. Bigelow will be homeported at Pier 2 for up to three years.

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Cutter builds artificial reef

The Newport-homeported Coast Guard cutter Juniper helps build an artificial reef off New Jersey last weekend.

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Cupid at NEX for valentines

Roses are red, violets are blue, and the Navy Exchange is advertising Valentine's Day gifts for you.

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SK3 Joshua Halligan/USCG cutter Juniper

Crewmen on the Coast Guard cutter Juniper, homeported at Naval Station Newport, guide one of 10 concrete sinkers over the side off New Jersey last weekend to build an artificial reef.

Juniper helps build reef

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The Newport homeported Coast Guard cutter Juniper helped build an artificial reef off the coast of New Jersey last weekend.

The Coast Guard, in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), deployed worn buoy sinkers or anchors to the Axel Carlson Reef site located about six miles from Shark River Inlet and four

miles from the Manasquan Inlet. The area of the reef is four square miles and sits at a depth ranging from 66 to 80 feet.

Juniper, a 225-foot buoy tender, deployed 10 concrete buoy sinkers weighing about 16,000 pounds.

The sinkers, recently taken out of service by the Coast Guard, will provide a hard substrate for fill, shellfish and crustacean, fishing grounds for

anglers and underwater structures for scuba divers.

Buoy tenders make ideal deployment vessels for artificial reef material placement because they are able to place materials with an accuracy of plus or minus three yards from the target area.

The Juniper is one of three black-hulled buoy tenders at Pier 2, Naval Station Newport. The others are the cutter Ida Lewis and the cutter Willow.



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