

THE BREAKWALL

USCGC HALIBUT (WPB-87340)

Newsletter

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USCGC HALIBUT in the golden light of sunset passing by Point Vicente Lighthouse Palos Verdes, CA

Photo Ray j. Pages

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Greetings!

The HALIBUT welcomed back the History Channel's film crew for more shooting this month. Additionally, the newsletter includes a historic look at Marina del Rey and the Coast Guard Cutter "POINT BRIDGE", The first USCG Cutter to be homeported in Marina del Rey.

I'd like to also send out a proud congratulations to SN Alberto Castilleja and FN Sean Reiser (see pictures below) for receiving The Coast Guard's Commendation Medal for their heroic actions of saving a life, while off duty (see last month's newsletter for press release and details).

Due to popular demand, I'm happy to include the order form for Official USCGC HALIBUT T-Shirts and Hats. (page 8) We just received a new shipment and have plenty of XXL, XL, and M sizes.

Thank you for your continued support and Happy New Year!

Best Regards,
LTJG Paul Miller



U.S. Coast Guard Commendation Medals



LCDR James Sutton (Sector LA/LB Enforcement Chief and LT Shawn Lansing (Sector LA/LB Assistant Enforcement Chief presented the awards.



HALIBUT Morale



CGC HALIBUT'S Morale Fund contributes directly to the Morale, Wellness, and Recreation (MWR) of the crew. Unit ball caps and T-Shirt sales contribute directly to this fund. If anyone is interested in supporting the morale program with either a private donation or through hat/t-shirt sales, please contact:

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CGC HALIBUT welcomed the History Channel back for more shooting of their series "The Universe." Filming took place aboard the cutter, primarily in the area of Point Vicente, CA.

PATROL



MEET THE CREW

Fireman Apprentice William “Bill” Irby



Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia

Previous Units: CG Training Center Cape May, NJ

Career Aspirations: Undecided

Hobbies: Sports

Favorite Food: Hamburgers, Pizza, Steak

Favorite Part of Job: The learning experience.

Interesting Fact: FN Irby received a black belt in Karate at the tender age of 17.

Boatswain’s Mate Third Class Caleb Gray



Hometown: Pensacola, Florida

Previous Units: CG Training Center Cape May, NJ

CG Training Center Yorktown, VA

Career Aspirations: Continue to learn and advance in the Boatswain’s Mate rate.

Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, workout, sports.

Favorite Food: Steak, Lasagna

Favorite Part of Job: Driving the cutter and small boat.

Interesting Fact: While snorkeling off of Pensacola Beach, FL Petty Officer Gray was bitten by an Angel Shark.

Seaman Brandon Blackwell



Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada

Previous Units: CG Training Center Cape May, NJ

Career Aspirations: Freelance journalist living abroad.

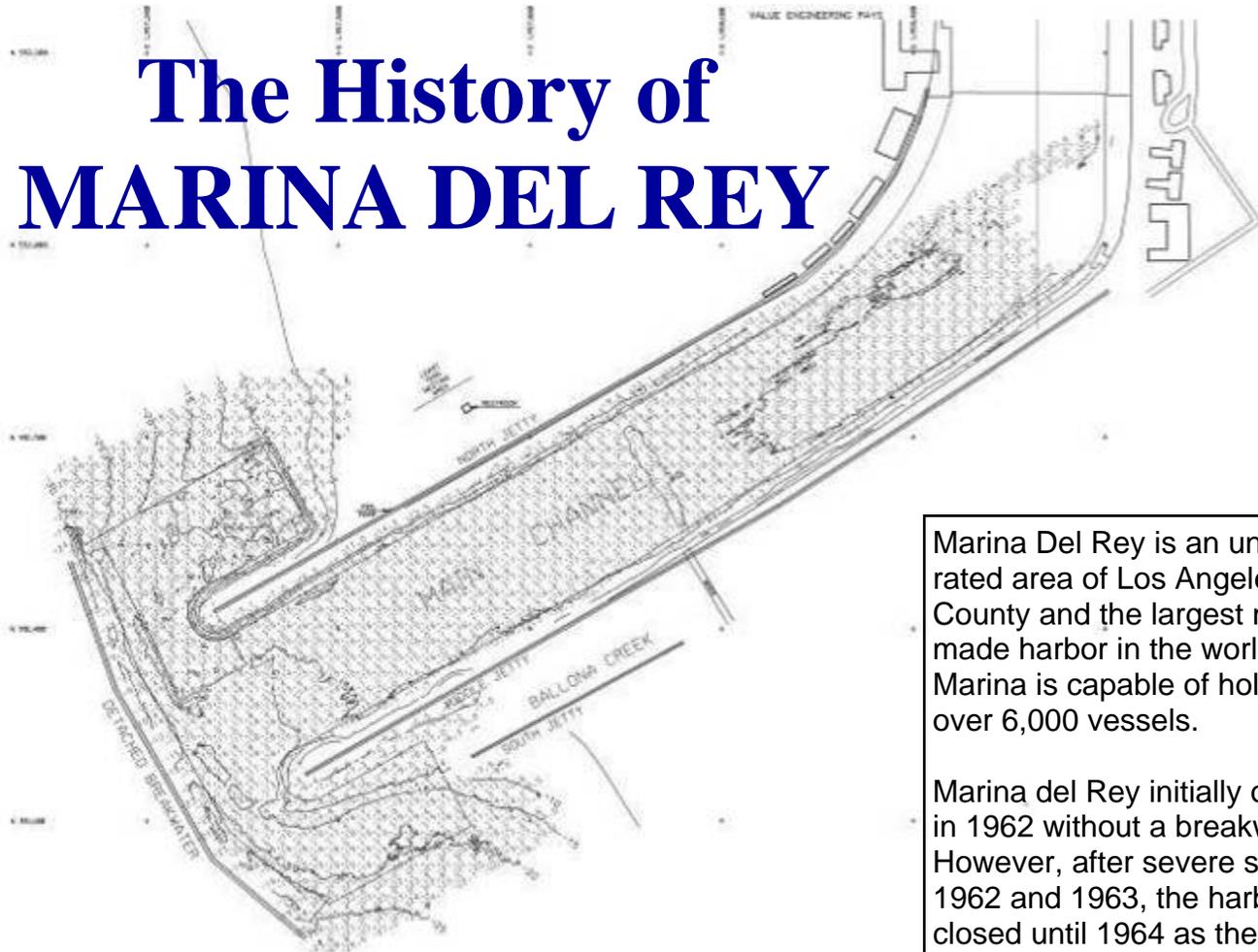
Hobbies: Creative writing, spending free time with his wife.

Favorite Food: Mrs. Blackwell’s scomas

Favorite Part of Job: Community Service

Interesting Fact: Brandon worked in television production prior to joining the Coast Guard.

The History of MARINA DEL REY



Marina Del Rey is an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County and the largest man made harbor in the world. This Marina is capable of holding over 6,000 vessels.

Marina del Rey initially opened in 1962 without a breakwall. However, after severe storms in 1962 and 1963, the harbor was closed until 1964 as the Army Corps of Engineers built the famous breakwall we know today. The third season of CBS's "Gilligan's Island" features the MINNOW sailing out of Marina del Rey Harbor with the detached breakwater in the background.

Since being dredged in 1964 by the US Army Corps of Engineers, a Coast Guard Patrol boat has been stationed inside the marina's breakwall. Prior to the HALIBUT's commissioning in 2001, the Coast Guard Cutter POINT BRIDGE was homeported in Marina Del Rey, CA.

Sources: Wikipedia, US Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors.



Above
Marina del Rey 1962 without the breakwall
Left **MDR today.**

POINT BRIDGE



**82' WPB POINT CLASS
SPECIFICATIONS:**

Length: 82' 10"
 Beam: 17' 7"
 Draft: 6'
 Displacement: 66 tons
 Power Plant: 2 Caterpillar
 D3412 Diesel
 Max Speed: 22kts
 Range: 1580nm @ 8kts



USCGC POINT BRIDGE

Was commissioned in 1962 and had been homeported in Marina Del Rey since the harbor's inception in 1964. At left, we can see the cutter at it's Marina del Rey mooring back in the 1960's.

Photo's courtesy of LCDR John Dettleff, POINT BRIDGE CO from 1998-2000



FS2's Recipe of the Month

Cooking the Coast Guard Way

Overtime Fried Oysters:

- 2 cups Olive Oil
- 2 Dozen Large Oysters, shucked, bottom shells reserved, washed and dried 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup flour, seasoned with black pepper and nutmeg
- 4 egg whites, slightly whipped
- 1 cup fresh bread crumbs

Place oysters in milk. Remove, shake dry and dredge in seasoned flour. Remove and dredge in egg whites. Remove, shake and dredge in bread crumbs. Place six oysters at a time in hot oil and fry until golden, 1-2 minutes. Remove and replace in warmed shells. Serve immediately.

Game-Time Beef Tenderloin Sates:

- 1/2c Soy Sauce
- 1/2c Honey
- 6 cloves
- 3 Pieces of ginger peeled (size of 4 quarters) 2/3c vegetable oil 3lbs beef tenderloin cut into 5" long strips 2tblsp sesame oil
- 3 scallions
- 1tblsp sesame seeds
- 40 skewers soaked in water for 30min.

Blend first four ingredients in a food processor. Slowly add oil in steady stream to emulsify. Marinate beef in half of sauce, reserve other half for dipping.

Prep Grill.

Thread beef strips onto each skewer and grill 2 to 3 minutes on each side. Add sesame oil to reserved sauce and serve with sates. Garnish cooked skewers with scallion and sesame seeds.

Cooking tip: place tenderloin in freezer for 20 to 30 minutes to make slicing strips easier.

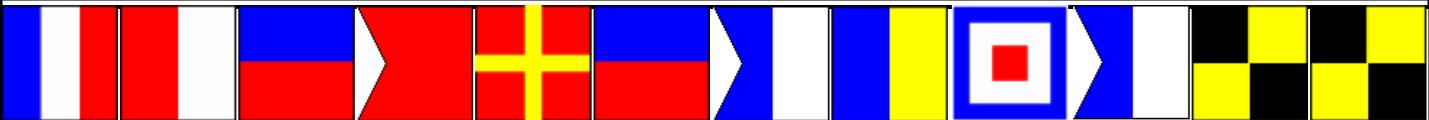


HALIBUT on You Tube

To see The HALIBUT's latest YOU TUBE Submission, please Go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eea7Stv2rvo>

Or click on the You Tube logo above



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Official USCGC HALIBUT Crew T-Shirts

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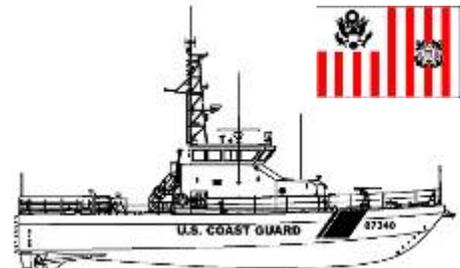
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