



# USCGC BERTHOLF

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USCGC BERTHOLF (WMSL 750) underway during Builders Trials, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2008  
(Photo courtesy of Northrop Grumman)

**February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - Greetings from U.S. Coast Guard Cutter BERTHOLF (WMSL-750), the first of the Legend Class Cutters!**



The crew of BERTHOLF transferred down to Pascagoula in four phases from January 27<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>. Phases one, three, and four flew to Mississippi on commercial aircraft. The second phase of crewmembers transferred down onboard a C-130J, the Coast Guard's newest missionized maritime patrol asset.

Until the Coast Guard accepts delivery of BERTHOLF, the crew will be living at a local hotel and working in temporary facilities located at Northrop Grumman's shipyard. Crewmembers will be busy getting acquainted with the spaces onboard BERTHOLF by tracing ship systems and walking the decks daily. Additionally,

members will be attending familiarization classes and practicing damage control techniques in a hands-on trainer.

BERTHOLF recently completed two sets of builder's trials. The first set of trials were conducted in late November to test the propulsion equipment onboard and went exceptionally well. The cutter reached a top speed of 30.5 knots when



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operating in Combined Diesel and Gas Turbine propulsion mode. From all reports, BERTHOLF is the smoothest ride that the crewmembers have ever sailed on and is as steady at 10 knots as it is steaming at 25 knots.



BERTHOLF being escorted by a 41' patrol boat.  
(Photo courtesy of PA3 Anderson)

The second set of trials were conducted this past weekend to test the weapons and communication systems. BERTHOLF conducted gunshoots with both the 57mm and CIWS; the 57mm gunshoot was the first time the weapon had ever been fired from a U.S. vessel. The second set of trials also allowed for 25 members of the crew to get underway and familiarize themselves with the various systems onboard.

As busy as crewmembers have been, they've also taken the time to get to know the area. BERTHOLF crewmembers have attended some of the local Mardi Gras parades; as well as participating in a Super Bowl party. The BERTHOLF crew send their Valentine's Day wishes and love to their families and friends and are looking forward to seeing everyone upon their return to Alameda.

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*"Legends Begin Here"*

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