

# United States Coast Guard

## Atlantic Highly Migratory Species FYTD20 Fisheries Enforcement Overview



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# Overview

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- **Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity and Interdiction Results**
- **Strategic & Operational Emphasis**
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# Enforcement Effort\*

## FYTD20 (through AUG)

Reflects approx. 12% less hrs compared to FY19 through AUG.

CG Asset	Patrol Hours
Aircraft	1339.8
Small Boats	3109.8
Cutters > 65'	54617.6
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>55957.4</b>

### \*Domestic Fisheries

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



# Total HMS Boardings FYTD20 through AUG 2020\*

CG Boarding Activities by District	1 (NE)	5 (Mid- Atlantic)	7 (SE and Carib)	8 (Gulf of Mexico)	All Units
<b>FY18</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>358</b>
<b>FY19</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>358</b>
<b>FYTD20*</b>					
<b>Commercial</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Passenger</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Pleasure</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>303</b>
<b>FYTD20*</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>468</b>
<b>Total</b>					

## USCG Domestic Boardings where Potential HMS Violations were Detected: MAY 2020- JUL 2020

<b>CG District</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>CG Unit</b>	<b>Potential Violation</b>
7 (SE)	MAY 20	STA Islamorada	Possession of undersized sailfish; not in whole form. (REC)
7 (SE)	MAY 20	CGC MORAY	Fishing in Bahamian waters without permit; Catch: 5 Yellowfin tuna. (REC)
8 (GOMEX)	MAY 20	STA Galveston	Lack of HMS permit; Yellowfin Tuna fillets. (REC)
8 (GOMEX)	MAY 20	CGC TIGER SHARK	Retention of shark fins. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUN 20	STA Shinnecock	Possession of 03 Bluefin Tuna without HMS permit. (COMM)

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1 (NE)	JUN 20	STA Shinnecock	Illegal retention of 01 Bluefin Tuna. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUN 20	STA Shinnecock	Possession of 03 Bluefin Tuna without an HMS permit. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUN 20	STA Shinnecock	Fileting Bluefin Tuna at-sea. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUN 20	STA Shinnecock	Retaining an overage of 05 Bluefin Tuna. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUL 20	STA Shinnecock	Fileting Bluefin Tuna at-sea. (REC)

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1 (NE)	JUL 20	SEC Long Island Sound	Fileting Yellowfin Tuna at-sea. (REC)
1 (NE)	JUL 20	CGC TYBEE	Fileting Bluefin Tuna at-sea; fishing without a federal fisheries permit. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUL 20	STA Shinnecock	Removing Bluefin Tuna tail prior to landing. (REC)
8 (GOMEX)	JUL 20	STA Grand Isle	Illegal blacktip shark fins. (COMM)
1 (NE)	JUL 20	STA New London	Fileting Bigeye Tuna at-sea (REC)

# Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity along US/MX EEZ: FY18- JUL20\*

	Detections	Interceptions	Interdictions
FY18	179	139	60
FY19	177	144	74
FYTD20**	298	206	123

**Interdiction numbers and rates are at an all-time high.**

**\*\*Through JUL**

# Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (APR - JUL 2020)

<b>Incursion Date</b>	<b>Gear Type</b>	<b>Number of HMS Species</b>
<b>APR 2020</b>	<b>Longline</b>	<b>1 shark</b>
<b>MAY 2020</b>	<b>Longline</b>	<b>23 sharks</b>
<b>MAY 2020</b>	<b>Longline</b>	<b>120 sharks</b>
<b>MAY 2020</b>	<b>Not reported</b>	<b>1 shark</b>
<b>MAY 2020</b>	<b>Longline</b>	<b>1 shark</b>
<b>MAY 2020</b>	<b>Longline</b>	<b>1 shark</b>
<b>JUN 2020</b>	<b>Longline</b>	<b>2 sharks</b>
<b>JUL 2020</b>	<b>Longline</b>	<b>200kg shark</b>

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<b>Incursion Date</b>	<b>Gear Type</b>	<b>Number of HMS Species</b>
<b>JUL 2020</b>	<b>Longline</b>	<b>4 sharks</b>
<b>JUL 2020</b>	<b>Longline</b>	<b>5 sharks</b>
<b>JUL 2020</b>	<b>Longline</b>	<b>Sharks</b>
<b>JUL 2020</b>	<b>Longline</b>	<b>8 sharks</b>
<b>JUL 2020</b>	<b>Longline</b>	<b>10 sharks</b>

# Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Sightings of potential IUU Fishing on High Seas (APR- JUL 2020)

<b>Location</b>	<b>Vessel</b>	<b>Suspected of</b>	<b>Action</b>
High Seas off Mid-Atlantic	OCEAN STAR No 2	Harvesting without registration; fishing without nationality	Request to add to ICCAT IUU vessel list
High Seas off Mid-Atlantic	MAXIMUS	Operating as carrier vessel without ICCAT authorization	Request to flag state for action/info

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<b>Location</b>	<b>Vessel</b>	<b>Suspected of</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>High Seas off SE Atlantic</b>	<b>MARIO 11</b>	<b>Shark finning</b>	<b>Flag state and US partnering to relay info to ICCAT to alert potential port and market States and for potential IUU listing</b>

# Strategic & Operational Emphasis- Domestic

- **Continue to board HMS permitted vessels in FY21 as high precedence fisheries.**



# **Strategic & Operational Emphasis- International**

- **Developing a Counter-IUU Fishing Strategic Outlook.**
- **Work through the SAFE Act Interagency Working Group on IUU Fishing.**
- **Continue to work as part of the ICCAT U.S. Delegation to promote At-Sea Inspector Exchanges, cooperative intel exchanges, transshipment restrictions, & suspected illegal fishing activity sightings.**
- **COVID-19 impacted joint patrol with Canada.**
- **Continue to build law enforcement capacity in Africa. CGC BEAR partnered with Cabo Verde for a FY20 patrol.**

# Questions?

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