

Get to Know the U.S. Coast Guard Puzzles, Quizzes, and More

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To all who have served and supported those who have served, thank you.

Calendar of Coast Guard History

There have been many, many historic events for our country that the Coast Guard has been involved in. Following are pages to be printed and used to make a calendar of U.S. Coast Guard events. To allow room to fill in the facts on the calendar, three pages are used for the month. Below you will see thirty-one facts. Each occurred on a different day in October, in various years. With a little research, you can write the fact in the proper place to complete your calendar.

1. CGC *Chincoteague* received a message that a German freighter was taking on water and the crew wanted to abandon ship. After reaching the freighter, the 33 crewmen aboard were removed to the cutter unharmed.
2. CGC *Sherman* returned to its homeport of San Diego after a long deployment in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. Before the end of this deployment, CGC *Sherman* assisted in seizing approximately 120 pounds of cocaine that had a wholesale value of nearly \$2 million.
3. CGC *Southwind* left Baltimore, Maryland, returning the next year and becoming the second cutter in Coast Guard history to circumnavigate the world.
4. An explosion occurred at a munitions yard in Morgan, New Jersey. Coast Guardsmen responded, preventing further disaster when they moved a train loaded with TNT to safety after repairing the track. Two Coast Guardsmen were killed in this operation.
5. Beginning of Operation Frontier Shield, an extremely large counter-narcotics operation.
6. The crew of a Life-Saving Station performed an amazing rescue, saving nine people from a schooner wrecked in a hurricane. Due to conditions, the only way to rescue them was to tie two people together, have them follow a secured line out to those clinging to the wreckage, and bring them back, one at a time. All were rescued in that way.
7. Captain Douglas Ottinger, USRM, was chosen by the Secretary of the Treasury to oversee the construction of the first Life-Saving station and the equipment to be used there.
8. Shortly after a Northwest Airlines DC-7 went down near Sitka Sound, Alaska, the Coast Guard sighted five life rafts with the 102 occupants on board. Later, the CGC *Sorrel* took them to Sitka, Alaska. All who were on board the plane survived.
9. Coast Guard units responded when a tanker exploded near San Francisco Bay.
10. BNS *Somudra Joy*, formerly the Coast Guard cutter *Jarvis*, left port at Alameda, heading to Bangladesh.

Letter to the Commanding
Officers of the Revenue Cutters

Alexander Hamilton

June 4, 1791

They will always keep in mind that their countrymen are freemen, and, as such, are impatient of everything that bears the least mark of a domineering spirit.

They will, therefore, refrain, with the most guarded circumspection, from whatever has the semblance of haughtiness, rudeness, or insult. If obstacles occur, they will remember that they are under the particular protection of the laws and that they can meet with nothing disagreeable in the execution of their duty which

Answer Key

Outranked

Enlisted

3 Seaman

7 Senior Chief Petty Officer

1 Seaman Recruit

6 Chief Petty Officer

5 Petty Officer 1st Class

2 Seaman Apprentice

8 Command Master Chief

4 Petty Officer 2nd Class

Officers

2 Lieutenant Junior Grade

6 Rear Admiral Upper Half

7 Vice Admiral

1 Ensign

5 Captain

3 Lieutenant Commander

8 Admiral

4 Commander

States and Stations

1. d

2. j

3. a

4. g

5. c

6. h

7. e

8. b

9. f

10. i

First In Line

1. a

2. c

3. a

4. b

5. b

6. c

7. a

8. c

9. a

10. b