



Bobby's Beacon

“Navigation is easy. If it wasn’t, they wouldn’t be able to teach it to sailors.”

-James Lawrence

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Quick Facts

CGC ROBERT YERED is back! The crew of the ROBERT YERED departed Dry Dock on April 8th and quickly got back into action, conducting one Sector Miami patrol, a Ready for Operations inspection, and a District 7 patrol! This quarter, the crew has:

- Conducted 52 Vessel Boardings
- Responded to 3 SAR cases, assisting 3 lives
- Steamed over 5,500 Nautical Miles
- Compiled over 650 Underway Hours
- Expended over 600 rounds of ammunition
- Captured over 2,500 images

The CGC ROBERT YERED currently leads Sector Miami FRCs with 78 RBS boardings for the fiscal year and has remained “Ready, Relevant and Responsive!”

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Sector Miami Patrol

In four weeks underway for Sector Miami, the YERED conducted 52 boardings, responded to 3 SAR cases, conducted a GUNNEX and did a whole lot of training!

District 7 Patrol

CGC ROBERT YERED steamed down to Haiti and patrolled off the coast for two weeks deterring mass migration and capturing imagery!

Advancements, Arrivals, & Departures

Although we sadly said goodbye to many great sailors and friends, we got to say hello to many new members as well!

Captain's Cabin

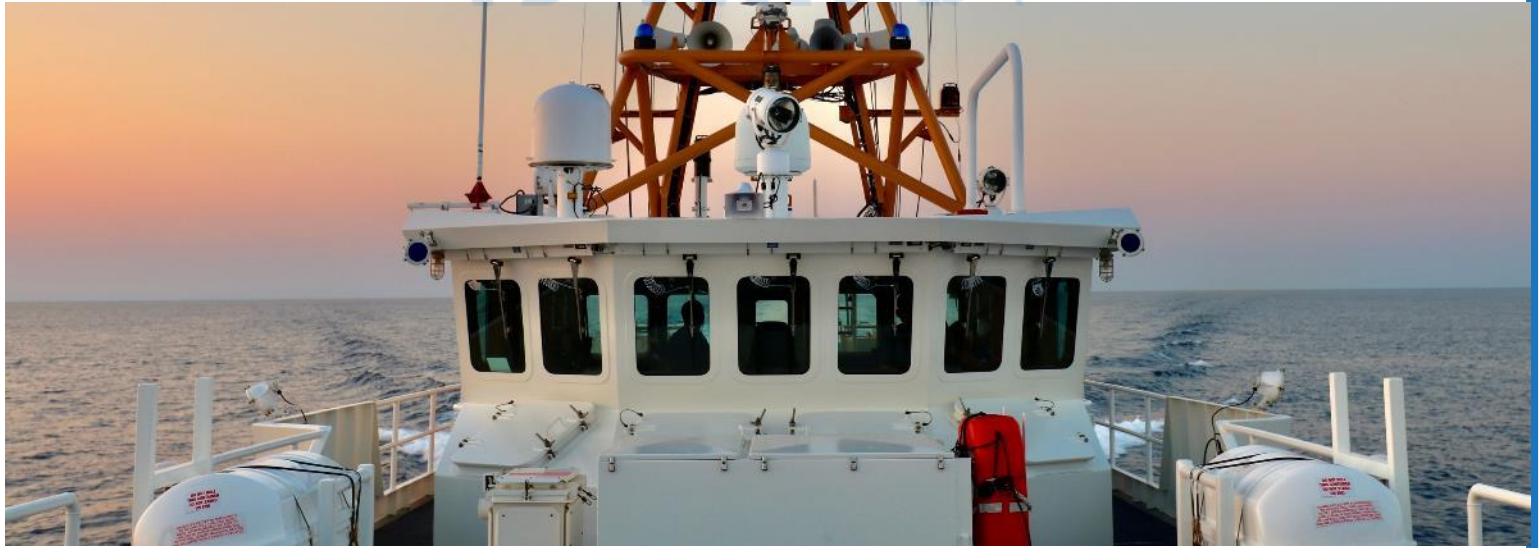


Greetings Family, Friends, and Shipmates of
USCGC ROBERT YERED

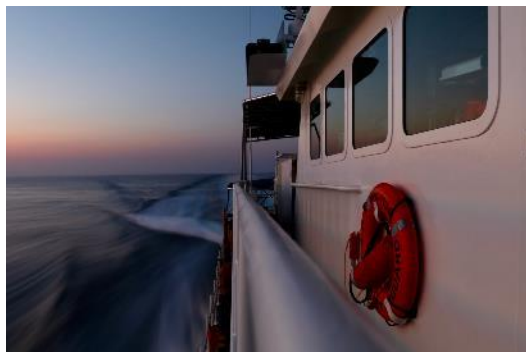
As I close out an amazing two-year tour here onboard the Mighty ROBERT YERED and think back over the amazing events highlighted in past iterations of “Bobby’s Beacon,” I can only feel pride, joy, and a sincere feeling of accomplishment. The men and women I have had the pleasure of serving with have shown determination, commitment, and hard work beyond what I have ever thought was possible. “Bobby’s Beacon” is not and has never been just a newsletter...it’s a visual representation of the memories we share of going to sea, the challenges we embraced, and the camaraderie developed amongst strangers. I couldn’t have asked the Coast Guard to assign me to a better crew than what I have here on the ROBERT YERED. I thank each and every crewmember, family member, and supporter who has stood by us. To the best crew in the fleet...Fair winds and following seas...YERED OUT! (Mic Drop!!)

LT Joshua A. Tucker
Commanding Officer

The Mighty YERED is Back!



On April 8th we departed drydock, leaving behind us three months of hard work to get the ship back together and better than ever!





Challenging times call for creative solutions!

After we departed Dry Dock, we were met in Miami by the **Coronavirus Pandemic**. Out of regard for the safety of the crew and to fall within Sector Miami policy, our very own **SN Jasmine Smith** hand stitched masks for the crew!



Sector Miami Patrol

20 April 2020 through 17 May 2020



Less than two weeks after arriving back in Miami from our three months in Tampa, we got underway for a Sector Miami patrol!

With extremely rough seas offshore, we decided to anchor in the Miami harbor to let the crew rest (stop puking), conduct boardings and capture some amazing pictures from the air!



*Until we were recalled for a SAR case!
Back to puking!*

Search and Rescue



We initially were called to search for a **person in the water** off of Jacksonville, FL, but later were diverted to assist a sailing vessel adrift. The sailing vessel's captain fell overboard the night before, so while other assets searched for the man overboard, we worked closely with the **USCGC HERON** to put the sailing vessel into tow to bring it to safety!



GUNNEX



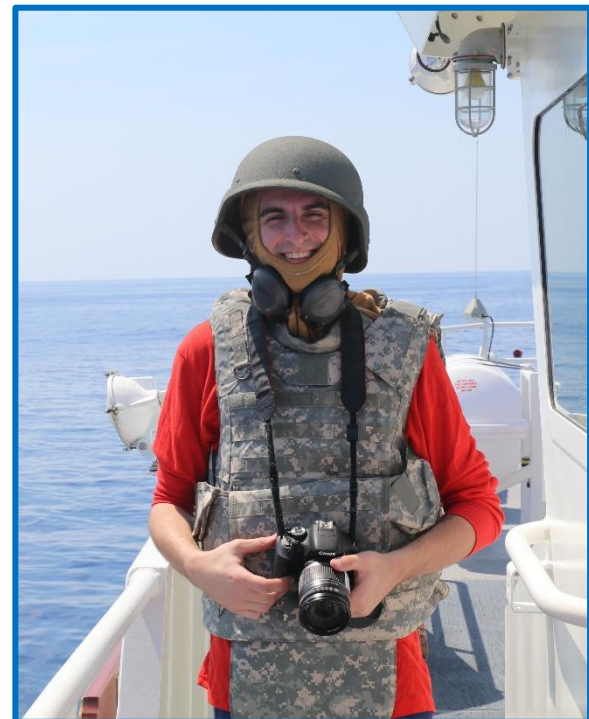
Although rarely used, the crew of the ROBERT YERED has to routinely conduct GUNNEXs to ensure we remain always ready when it comes to our onboard weapon systems. The cutter has one MK38 Mod 2 25mm gun on the bow, and four .50 Cal machine guns!





Big Man for a Big Gun!

The 25mm can be operated remotely from the pilot house or locally. MK3 Rodriguez demonstrated it locally while GM2 Satterfield showed SN Osorio how to fire remotely!



ET2 Galan!
The man behind the bulletproof vest and lens!

Between the 25mm and the .50 Cal, the crew expended over 600 rounds, and hit the target once! Maybe once every 6 months isn't enough...

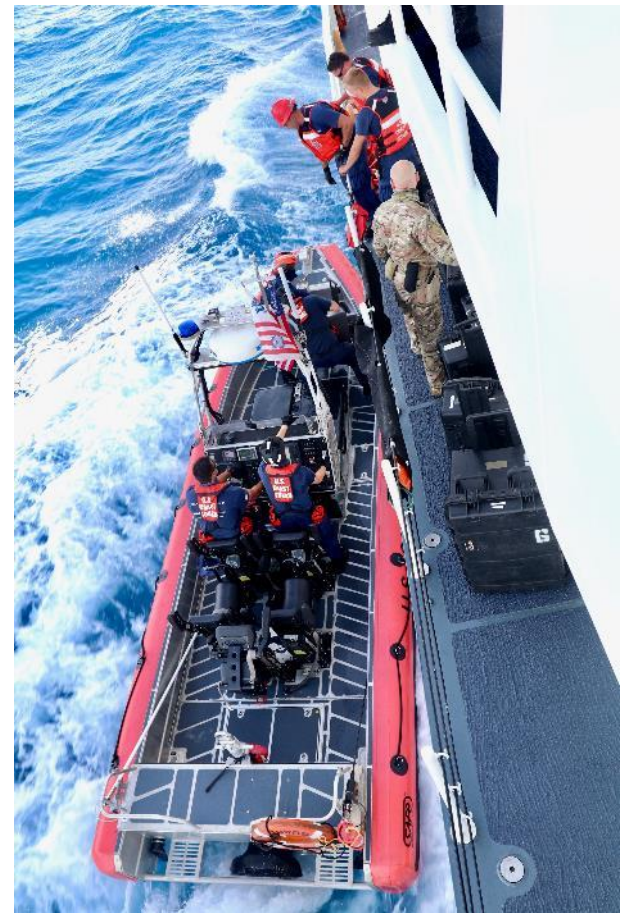


TACLET Transfer with the USS LASSEN



The crew of the **ROBERT YERED** had the opportunity to transfer Team 401 from Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Team (**TACLET**) South to the **USS LASSEN**. By carrying a Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment onboard, the navy warship is able to carry out law enforcement activities without being considered an act of war. Team 401 was deployed on the warship for 90 days!





Shooting the Gap!

During the transfer, a sailboat sailed between our cutter and the warship to get a closer look at the action. Sailing vessels do have right of way over power driven vessels, but wow.



Only one pelican case was dropped into the water; it was full of protein powder and Velcro so luckily it was recovered!

Small Boat Operations



*During the quarter, the crew of the **ROBERT YERED** conducted **52 Recreational Boating Safety Inspections!** This doubles the number of boardings from the previous two quarters combined and leads Sector Miami FRCs at **78!***

Besides being in the small boat for operations, the ROBERT YERED crew also conducted valuable training while underway, working towards **Boat Crew Qualifications** for five members and **Coxswain** for another!



SN Smith and FN Crawford practice approaches and shoot pyro!





Swimmer Training

In addition to working on their boat crew qualifications, both SN Smith and FN Crawford trained to qualify as Surface Swimmers for the cutter!



District Seven Patrol

8 June 2020 through 21 June 2020



In June, the **ROBERT YERED** steamed down south to provide a valuable presence and deter migration in a time of uncertainty within the country of Haiti. The YERED captured over 1,500 images of northern Haiti and deterred six potential migrant ventures in support of the operation.



Cutterman Ceremony



What's a YERED patrol without a little fun? We had the honor of presenting MK1 Scott Lane with his Cutterman's pin. The Cutterman's pin is earned after five years of sea service. It is not only a symbol of the sacrifice he's made for his country, but also the sacrifice his family has endured with him underway. Congratulations MK1!



CGC DILIGENCE

While down south, the CGC ROBERT YERED had the opportunity to work with the CGC DILIGENCE transferring parts and equipment. Both cutters were vital in carrying out the operations supporting District Seven.



Imagery Collection



ENS Taminger finally got to put all of his fancy, personal photography equipment to good use! In the two weeks patrolling off Haiti, he collected, analyzed and disseminated **over 1,500 images**. With the 600mm lens, most images were taken from over 2,000 yards out, enabling the cutter and small boat to keep clear of the shallow reefs extending off the island!





(from left to right): LT Tucker, ENS Taminger, MK1 Lane, BMC Burgoyne, LTJG Green, MKC Rodgers, MK2 Osbourne

“Fish” (FN Crawford) caught his “dream fish” underway! We encourage him to dream a little bigger next time...



IN THE FACEEEE!



*Welcome aboard! Two of our TDY members and our new Fireman got pepper sprayed while underway. To carry pepper spray you **have to be sprayed yourself**, so all three received a fun-filled full-face exposure! This was their last sign-off needed to be qualified as **Alien Migrant Interdiction Operation (AMIO) Security Watchstanders!***



Guests for our District 7 Patrol



ENS Turner and CS3 Lee came aboard with us from the CGC NORVELL currently in Drydock. CS3 Lee helped in the galley and earned her AMIO, Boatdeck Captain, and Boatdeck Seamen qualifications while ENS Turner earned her Underway OOD qualification! Thank you both so much for all of your help!



LT Karega is a lawyer and Direct Commission Officer (DCO). Since her DCO class was cancelled due to COVID-19, she came onboard to learn about the Coast Guard, and customs and courtesies in our service. As a result, we were on our best behavior. We don't know who thought that was a good idea onboard the YERED!



ET3 Davis came TDY with us, but will be a permanent member of the crew soon!



BM3 Cooney from MSST Miami came TDY with us as our qualified EMT, although he did much more than just that! He spent 100+ hours instructing the crew on law enforcement and medical practices, and was a Boarding Team member for all of our small boat evolutions. He was also the most interesting person to talk to. Thank you BM3 for all you did for us!



Sailor of the Quarter

Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2020



Andrew R. Satterfield *Gunner's Mate Second Class*

"Mini Guns" was selected as our **Sailor of the Quarter** for the **CGC ROBERT YERED** for the Second Quarter of FY2020. Guns' keen management of the cutter's weapon systems enabled prompt correction of Surface Force Logistic Center's (SFLC) Engineering Advisory for replacement hardware that failed to properly secure the gun mounts. He not only found the problem, but established a solution which was pushed out to the **entire FRC fleet!** He also organized and oversaw **15 pistol qualifications, six rifle qualifications, and six shotgun qualifications** amid a dynamic dry dock. Lastly, he volunteered **over 100 hours** in the period as the Assistant Coach for the Colonial Christian School Softball Team.

Well-done shipmate! Congratulations and Bravo-Zulu for a job well done.



Arrivals & Departures



FN Jose Torres Julian came to us from Sector Miami and is the newest member to our **Engineering Department!**



SN Michelle Terrazas just graduated bootcamp and is coming aboard as a member of **Deck Department!**



BM2 Alex Cortes is joining us from Station Pensacola and is our newest addition to the **Operations Department!**

We are so happy to have you all aboard as members of our team!



SN Samantha Osorio sadly departed this quarter for **Culinary Specialist (CS)** A School in Petaluma, CA. On our last transit in she threw her boots overboard, aiming for “Mike” the Sea Buoy. Although it may look like she was close, she completely missed it. Great Job Sam! Thank you for all you did for this ship and her crew, you will be missed!

Fair Winds & Following Seas



BMI George Spriggs sadly left us to head on to **Station San Juan** in Puerto Rico. This is probably one of the only pictures ever taken where you can see his face; he normally hides from the camera. Thank you for everything you've done for this ship, BM1. We're so happy you are headed back to your second home. You will be missed!

ET2 Kyle Galan departed the **ROBERT YERED** for **ESD Buffalo** in New York. We were incredibly proud to present him with an Achievement medal for all he has accomplished in his time here. Thank you for all of your hard work, and congratulations ET2. Enjoy being home!



CS2 Jasmine Rivera Rivera is transferring to **Maine** with her husband who is currently in **Portsmouth, Virginia**. We were proud to present her with the **Commandant's Letter of Commendation** for all her accomplishments, and had the honor of advancing her to **Petty Officer Second Class** before she left! Best of luck **Jasmine**. We will miss you!



MK3 Hector Rodriguez is off to a **Maintenance Augmentation Team (MAT)** in **Los Angeles Long Beach, California**! We presented him with a **Commandant's Letter of Commendation** for all of his hard work here. Thank you **Hector** for everything. Best of luck in all of your future endeavors!



A Heritage of Gallantry

Quarter Three of Fiscal Year 2020 has been an energetic and successful one! Finally back to operations! Coming out of Dry Dock, the last three months were full of adventure with one Miami patrol, followed by a Ready for Operations Inspection, followed by an out-of-AOR District Seven patrol down to Haiti, all in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. Even with all of the challenges presented by last minute modifications to our schedule and the ever-changing pandemic, our crew adapted and overcame like always! With many members departing, we just wanted to say thank you for making this crew the team it is today. All of your hard work and dedication has ensured the USCGC ROBERT YERED remains the best FRC in the fleet! You will all be missed!



Almost forgot about him didn't you? We certainly did! Last and definitely least (kidding), we said goodbye to **LTJG Matthew Vieira**. Matt is off to **Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan** to begin his career in the **Prevention field**. Matt has been an invaluable member of this crew for the past three years, and we had the honor of presenting him with an **Achievement Medal** for all he has accomplished in his time onboard. Thank you Matt. You will be missed dearly, but we are so happy for you and excited for your future! **Hopefully that mustache keeps you warm there!**

Lastly, we just wanted to recognize **Captain Tucker** as this is his **last newsletter** with his Change of Command in August. We look forward to **one more patrol** with you, Sir!

Please don't forget to follow our **Facebook Page** at **U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Robert Yered** to stay up-to-date on our activities throughout the year!

