

Coast Guard Cutter Dauntless Returns Home After 58-Day Patrol

NEW ORLEANS – The crew of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Dauntless returned to their homeport in Pensacola, Florida, on June 13 after completing a 58-day law enforcement mission, the Coast Guard 8th District said in a release.

The crew interdicted a Mexican fishing vessel illegally fishing in the United States' Exclusive Economic Zone and seized more than 300 pounds of illegally caught red snapper and grouper as well over 3,000 feet of illegal longline.

While patrolling north of Haiti, the crew responded to a migration event, where they successfully interdicted and redirected a vessel transiting known human trafficking routes with over 30 migrants onboard. The vessel was escorted back to the Haitian shore in accordance with COVID-19 protocols.

The cutter crew also supported efforts off the coast of Puerto Rico, where they led a multi-asset mission and interdicted a vessel with six Dominican migrants onboard. The crew coordinated the response between two Coast Guard cutter crews and two Coast Guard aircraft crews to prevent the illegal landing of Dominican migrants on the U.S. shores.