

LA-based Cutter Returns Home after 32-day Deployment, Drug Offload



A crew member from the Coast Guard Forrester Rednour holds seized contraband during a drug offload in San Diego, Sept. 24, 2021. The drugs, worth an estimated \$96 million, were seized in the Eastern Pacific Ocean off the coast of Mexico. *U.S COAST GUARD / Petty Officer 1st Class Adam Stanton*

SAN PEDRO, Calif. – The Coast Guard Cutter Forrester Rednour returned home Sept. 26 following a 32-day patrol, the Coast Guard 11th District said Sept. 27.

The crew disrupted illegal narcotics smuggling, seizing more than 5,000 pounds of cocaine that was offloaded in San Diego Friday, Sept. 24. The drugs, worth an estimated \$96 million, were seized in international waters of the Eastern Pacific Ocean off the coast of Mexico.

“The crew excelled during this patrol; their hard work and skill was apparent and allowed the cutter to weather a hurricane, conduct international engagements, and stop a vessel carrying approximately two metric tons of cocaine, all while in a 154-foot ship, 1,800 nautical miles and two time zones from home,” said Lt. Drew Ferraro, commanding officer of the Rednour.

During the Rednour’s deployment, the crew participated in a passing exercise with the Monte Albán, an Armada de México vessel, off the coast of Mexico.

“This deployment tested crew endurance and provided the same level of logistics challenges normally faced by much larger ships, but the Rednour crew navigated each obstacle with their usual dedication, professionalism, and teamwork,” Ferraro

said. "Thank you to our outstanding logistics and finance team, and the shore-side coordinators that made this patrol successful. Lastly, thank you to the families and loved ones back home who supported us during this patrol and held down the home front during our absence."

The Forrest Rednour is a 154-foot fast response cutter, commissioned in 2018 and homeported in San Pedro, California.