

USCGC Cutter Alert transfers from Astoria, Oregon, arrives at new home port in Cape Canaveral, Florida



Caption: The crew of Coast Guard Cutter Alert departs Astoria, Oregon, on the Columbia River May 10, 2024. Alert is a 210-foot Medium Endurance Cutter. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Travis Magee)

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. – U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Alert (WMEC 630) and its crew arrived at their new home port of Cape Canaveral, June 10, 2024. Alert began the eastward journey in May after concluding 30 years of service while homeported in Astoria, Oregon, along the Pacific Northwest's Columbia River.

Over the course of the 30-day, 6,000 nautical mile transit, Alert crossed the equator, transited the Panama Canal, and responded to search and rescue cases. Marking a new era, Alert rendered honors to the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter David Duren (FRC 1156), a fast response cutter transiting northbound to Astoria in order to relieve Alert's watch in the Pacific Northwest.

Alert is now assigned to U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area, headquartered in Portsmouth, Virginia, and is taking the place of U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Confidence (WMEC 619) in Cape Canaveral after the Confidence was placed in commission, special status in early May. Confidence's former crew will now crew Alert.

The replacement of Confidence and re-homeporting of Alert

represent the Coast Guard's continued efforts to adapt to growing service demands and workforce shortages, helping ensure the Coast Guard's ability to prioritize lifesaving missions, national security, and protection of the Maritime Transportation System with no degradation to these critical services.

"This is not the first time Alert has shifted home port, said Cmdr. Lee Crusius, commanding officer of Alert. "Prior to her time in Astoria, Alert was homeported on the East Coast in Cape May, New Jersey. In many senses, Alert is returning to her home where she will continue to perform the vital missions demanded of the Coast Guard cutter fleet by our partner nations and the American people."

Alert, commissioned in 1969, was the final 210-foot, Reliance-class medium endurance cutter built. Alert performs a variety of missions including search and rescue, law enforcement, maritime defense, and protection of the marine environment.

More information about the U.S. Coast Guard's AY24 Force Alignment Initiative can be found [here](#).