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Security Cooperation

The President of the Co-operative
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- Women's Month
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The Queens Platinum Jubilee Medal



Lieutenant JG Melissa Jones was awarded by Prince William of Cambridge with the Queens Platinum Jubilee Medal . She is currently the Aide de Camp to the Governor General of Belize.

Her establish post is an Operations Staff officer to the Commandant

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From the Commandant

Rear Admiral Elton Bennett rcds



The central theme for this issue of the Watchstander is Security Cooperation. It captures engagement with five of our main partners: Canada, Guyana, Mexico, Taiwan, United Kingdom and the United States. The security cooperation that has been established and maintained over time with the militaries of these, our closest allies, have positively impacted the Belize Coast Guard and by extension our national security through contributing and partnering in leadership development and training, operations, expertise exchanges, infrastructure development and acquisition of equipment.

The cover page best exemplifies the scope of our security cooperation whereby Lieutenant JG Otto Garcia, a graduate of the Guyanese Military Academy met with the President of Cooperative Republic of Guyana Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali during his visit to Belize in February of this year. Our engagement with the Guyanese Defence Force is relatively new albeit we have already commissioned five officers that have studied at the Guyanese military academy. We are excited about the prospects of expanding the scope of that engagement in the very near future to include exchange of personnel.

Belize was honoured to host the Commander of US Southern Command General Laura Richardson in February of this year as we co hosted the Central American Security Conference. I was honoured to have had the opportunity to engage with the General on topics of leadership development and my vision for the Belize Coast Guard. We remain committed to the collaborative effort in combatting transnational and organized crime that plagues the region.

Our special relationship with the Mexican Navy is featured in this issue of the Watchstander in a more operational context. I had the opportunity to provide the Mexican Naval attaché,

and the Army/Airforce Attaché with an orientation of our northern area of operation where we share adjacent seas. This was a very useful session that brought a better appreciation of time and space in an area where threats that are transnational in nature exploits the vast maritime domain.

I was also privileged to host the Canadian Military Attaché Colonel Alain Veilleux, a very key partner for the Belize Coast Guard. Our discussions were broad and spanned the spectrum of capacity development, an area where we benefit significantly through the Canadian military support to attend programs at various schools of excellence in Jamaica.

I'm also excited to report that we are exploring new dimensions with our British partners. The Ocean Country Partnership is a strategic platform for us to maximise on the opportunities that exist with conservation and protection of our marine environment. The Belize Coast Guard is well placed to benefit, and contribute to these initiatives.

The Belizean footprint in Taiwan continues to increase with students that are preparing to advance our nation into future. And this remains true for the Belize Coast Guard as well. In March of this year we were the recipients of two key scholarship opportunities for leadership development: Naval Command and Staff College being attended by Lieutenant Commander Alma Pinelo, and the Naval Academy attended by Rasheed Broaster. I'm also excited to report that we are currently in the drafting stages of a memorandum of understanding between the Belize Coast Guard and the Taiwanese Navy to expand and formalize our defence engagement opportunities.

Beyond the theme of Security Cooperation this issue of the Watchstander highlights operations in the central sector of operations where we have had significant success. Interestingly, all of these operations are joint in nature. This is a true and accurate representation of the scope of activities within which we engage. A one-page graphic depicts this well on page fourteen.

The Watchstander would not be completed without capturing our wellness programs which in this issue features activities in women's month. Worthy of mention is the leadership symposium that was held under the theme "we rise by lifting each other, women in arms standing firm and strong!" I had the privilege of attending this symposium and participating in very exciting topics for women in the service. Our sports programs are very important for our organizational wellbeing, and I'm happy to see that we are able to participate in these activities in the communities that we serve.

Once again it is my pleasure to present the first quarter of

Defence Engagement: Guyana

Leadership Development



The cover page of this issue of the Watchstander newsletter best captures the theme 'Regional Perspectives.' The photo was extracted from the official Facebook page of the President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana who during his working visit to the CARICOM-SICA conference in San Pedro Amberggris Caye took the opportunity to talk with Lieutenant Junior Grade Otto Garcia and his crew. During that conversation Lieutenant JG Garcia shared his experience with President Dr Mohamed Irfaan Ali of studying at the Guyana Military Academy. Lieutenant JG Otto Garcia is quoted as saying "The training in Guyana is for an officer to be able to administer a platoon of men, and that helped me tremendously both militarily and educationally."

Our defence engagement with Guyana dates back to 2017 when we commenced leadership training to support the development of our infantry marine capabilities. Guyana offered that infantry leadership development that we were seeking. The two year Standard Officer Course in Guyana offers a compact military program supported by an academic curriculum that is designed to produce a well rounded and robust

officer that is ready and capable to lead in challenging and high risk operations. As an option, the officers can enrol in an academic program offered by the University of Guyana graduating with an Associate in Military Science.

Whilst the Belize Coast Guard defence engagement with the Guyana Defence Force is recent, the two countries share commonality in history, traditions, and politics. We are both key non island CARICOM countries that offers a strategic bridge to mainland Central America, and South America respectively. This was best exemplified in the CARICOM-SICA summit in March 2022 that discussed economic opportunities, threat to the environment, food security and regional security. But the Belize-Guyanese parallel also features a more challenging political dilemma. Both Countries are in defence before the International Court of Justice over territorial dispute with its neighbour, Guatemala and Venezuela. The common and underlying similarity with Belize and Guyana in this regard is our willingness to participate and subject ourselves to the international political system in pursuit of a peaceful resolution to our territorial disputes. Furthermore, our militaries remain committed and subjected to our civilian leadership, our constitution and the people that we serve.

The Belize Coast Guard and the Guyanese Defence Force have both expressed interest in expanding defence engagement beyond officer training, to consider services and support cross training.

Commander US Southern Command

General Laura Richardson visit

Reflecting on the visit by the Commander of the United States Southern Command, General Laura Richardson, the Watchstander takes a closer look at a relationship that has influenced the Belize Coast Guard from concept, into a very credible and capable military force for the protection of Belize sea spaces. US Southcom has been that strategic partner that has enabled our development particularly in leadership education and training. From initial officer training at Officer Candidate School to senior level leadership at the United States Naval Staff College, the opportunities made possible

through the United States Southern Command has manifested into a solid leadership team in the Belize Coast Guard.

General Laura Richardson's visit demonstrated commitment to the leadership development. During a discussion session with members of the Belize Defence Force and the Belize Coast Guard she focused on two areas for leadership development. The first is inline with women in peace and security, a policy which the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security has



Commander US Southern Command

General Laura Richardson visit

adopted for guidance, and aiming towards achieving gender equality within the forces. At the discussion table were two prominent women in the Belize Coast Guard, The Fleet Commander Lieutenant Commander Alma Pinelo, and Operations Staff Officer Lieutenant Junior Grade Melissa Jones. Both women engaged well with General Richardson, sharing experiences and advice on working in a male dominated service.

The second area of discussion was leadership development for senior enlisted personnel. Coast Guard Command Master Chief Petty Officer Ariel Garrido offered key consideration and input in further strengthening the Chief Core. One area of discussion was attendance at the US Coast Guard Chief Academy, a course considered by the Belize Coast Guard as vital to leadership development. Noteworthy to mention, is that as an immediate action, the Belize Coast Guard was granted a space at the upcoming Chief Academy in March.

The summarise General Laura's visit to Belize the Watchstander draws on three lines of effort. First, support for capacity development of our forces; second military – political security cooperation between the United States and Belize, and finally, regional security which will be discussed on pg5 at the Central American Security Conference.



General Laura Richardson and Director JIOC LCDR Freddie Ku



LCDR Alma Pinelo at the discussion table with Gen Laura Richardson



home to approximately 118 internationally threatened species (32 endangered, 9 critically endangered, and 77 vulnerable), as well as 62 near threatened species. Experiencing Belize's wide range of biodiversity is unlike anything else on the planet.

Protected areas is the most important conservation tool utilized in Belize in its efforts to achieve national targets outlined in the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, as well as those outlined in the Convention on Biological Diversity. Belize is assisting in achieving the world's desired future of living in harmony with nature while securing the well-being of future generations.

Belize is built on natural assets which plays an important role in meeting our socio-economic needs such as food security, energy, medicines, clean air and water, which promote good health as well as foster economic growth and stability through opportunities such as tourism and recreational activities which contribute to more than 40% of GDP in 2017.

Today, Belize's biodiversity is preserved through the establishment and management of the National Protected Areas System (NPAS), which presently encompasses 35.8% of the nation's landmass and 19.8% marine environment. The NPAS is a systemic method for increasing the effectiveness of biodiversity management. The primary purpose of the NPAS is to ensure that biodiversity conservation becomes an essential and integral aspect of national growth.

Currently, Belize retains 60% of its natural forest cover, with 35.8% found within NPAS. Belize is also

Mexico Naval and Army Attaché visits Station San Pedro



Mexican Naval Attaché to Belize Rear Admiral Roberto Bravo Granados visited Station San Pedro and was given an operational brief by the Station Commander Ensign Earlene Lambey. Station San Pedro is the Coast Guard's main operational base in the northern sector of operations where we share adjacent waters with Mexico. Common interest such as drug trafficking, contraband and search and rescue operations dominates cross border cooperation with our Mexican Partners. The Attaché was briefed on joint operations along the maritime border which the Belize Coast Guard and the Mexican Navy has perfected over time.

Rear Admiral Bravo also expressed his interest in reviving the Border Commander's meeting which includes all the branches of the militaries in Belize and Mexico. Forums such as these

facilitates smooth operations at the tactical level by formalizing framework for operational units.

Discussions also concentrated on the details of transit vessels between the bay of Chetumal and Ambergris Caye particularly where illicit activities are concerned. The appreciation of enforcement capabilities on both sides of the border is crucial in operational success. Operational design that is forged from political direction is manifested and best exemplified in this area of operation.

Rear Admiral Bravo was also accompanied by Colonel Pedro Mandujano Balbuena, the Mexican Army and Air Attaché to Belize.

Canadian Military Attaché visits Coast Guard Headquarters



Canadian Military Attaché to Belize, Colonel Alain Veilleux had an office call with the Commandant during his visit to Belize in February. Canada is a key partner for Belize and when it comes to defence and security, our engagement mirrors the different sectors along the diplomatic spectrum.

As Canada's Military Attaché to Belize, Colonel Veilleux is charged with military diplomacy and

defence engagement that focuses on special forces training in Belize, staff and technical training at regional schools such as the Maritime School of Excellence in Jamaica.

During his visit to Belize Colonel Veilleux reaffirmed Canada's commitment to Belize in training and capacity development. Discussions were also held in areas of ship rider agreement between the Belize Coast Guard and the Canadian Navy.

Ocean Country Partnership with the United Kingdom



Our engagement with the United Kingdom is exploring an exciting area. The Ocean Country Partnership is a UK government led programme delivered under the Blue Planet Fund, and the Belize Coast Guard is excited to participate and contribute to this partnership programme. Within a broad context the program is designed to tackle climate change, restore ocean health and reduce poverty in developing countries globally. The Belize Coast Guard within its mandate of marine resource protection intends to focus on fisheries enforcement particularly in the exclusive economic zone, and the sea spaces most vulnerable to illegal cross border fishing.

Illegal Unreported and Unregulated fishing has been a challenge for the Belize Coast Guard and the Fisheries Department particularly due to limitation of surveillance and adequate platform to patrol the EEZ and territorial seas. The Belize Coast Guard is currently in consultation with the Marine Management Organization of the UK to explore technological options for closing the gaps that currently exists in our enforcement.

Leadership Development with Taiwan Navy



Our Fleet Commander Lieutenant Commander Alma Pinelo is off to attend the Navy Command and General Staff College in Taiwan. This is a crucial career move for Lieutenant Commander Alma Pinelo to further develop her leadership skills. The Navy Command and General Staff College prepares senior officers to develop essential leadership and strategic skills whilst preparing for increased responsibilities. Lieutenant Commander Alma Pinelo will become the first Belize Coast Guard Officer to attend the Navy Command and General Staff College in Taiwan.



Officer Cadet Rasheed Broaster is off to attend a five year officer course at the Taiwan Naval Academy. This is an initial officer training, and Officer Cadet Broaster is expected to excell in his military career with a solid foundation offered by the Taiwan Naval Academy. Officer Cadet Broaster will join two other Belize Coast Guard Cadets currently in Taiwan.

The Belize Coast Guard is excited about these new undertaking with the Taiwan Embassy in Belize. Currently through military diplomacy, the Belize Coast Guard is expecting to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Taiwanese Navy that will open new opportunities for training in technical fields, site visits, exchange of information and acquisition of military equipment. These initiatives are made possible through the good staff at the Embassy of Taiwan in Belize.

Central America Security Conference

Opening by Minister of State in the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security

Honourable Oscar Mira



Belize hosted the Central American Security Conference in February of this year. It has been over a decade since this high level forum has been convened in Belize and we certainly seized the initiative and capitalized on opportunities to engage in defence diplomacy. Minister of State in the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security opened the forum with the following remarks:

As I reflect on the theme for this year's Central American Security Conference "Collaborative response to regional

security" and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief challenges it reminds us that no man is an island. We all live in an interdependent and interconnected world. We have common challenges and threats that we face daily. As individual nations we live in an increasingly dangerous world that is at time unpredictable. Let us examine three of the complex issues that we as a region are facing today, and which we must be prepared to tackle

Illegal migration, Covid 19. It has disrupted everything we thought was normal. It has made us change we do things. The BDF and the CG has had to step up the challenge from manning Covid centres, to manning the borders to ensure that border jumpers doesn't come into Belize, to many other jobs that we have not done in the pass. We are fortunate to have had the support of our friendly nations. We work closely with our central American neighbours; we work closely with Colombia to track illicit drugs.

If we continue to work closely together, we will be successful.



Central Sector of Operations

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SV Jolie Brise II Canadian
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Rescued: Lighthouse Reef



13.1.22

30kg Marijuana

Seized: Halfmoon Caye



Operation SEAHAWK



6.1.22

M4 Carbine seized

Tobacco Caye



14.3.22

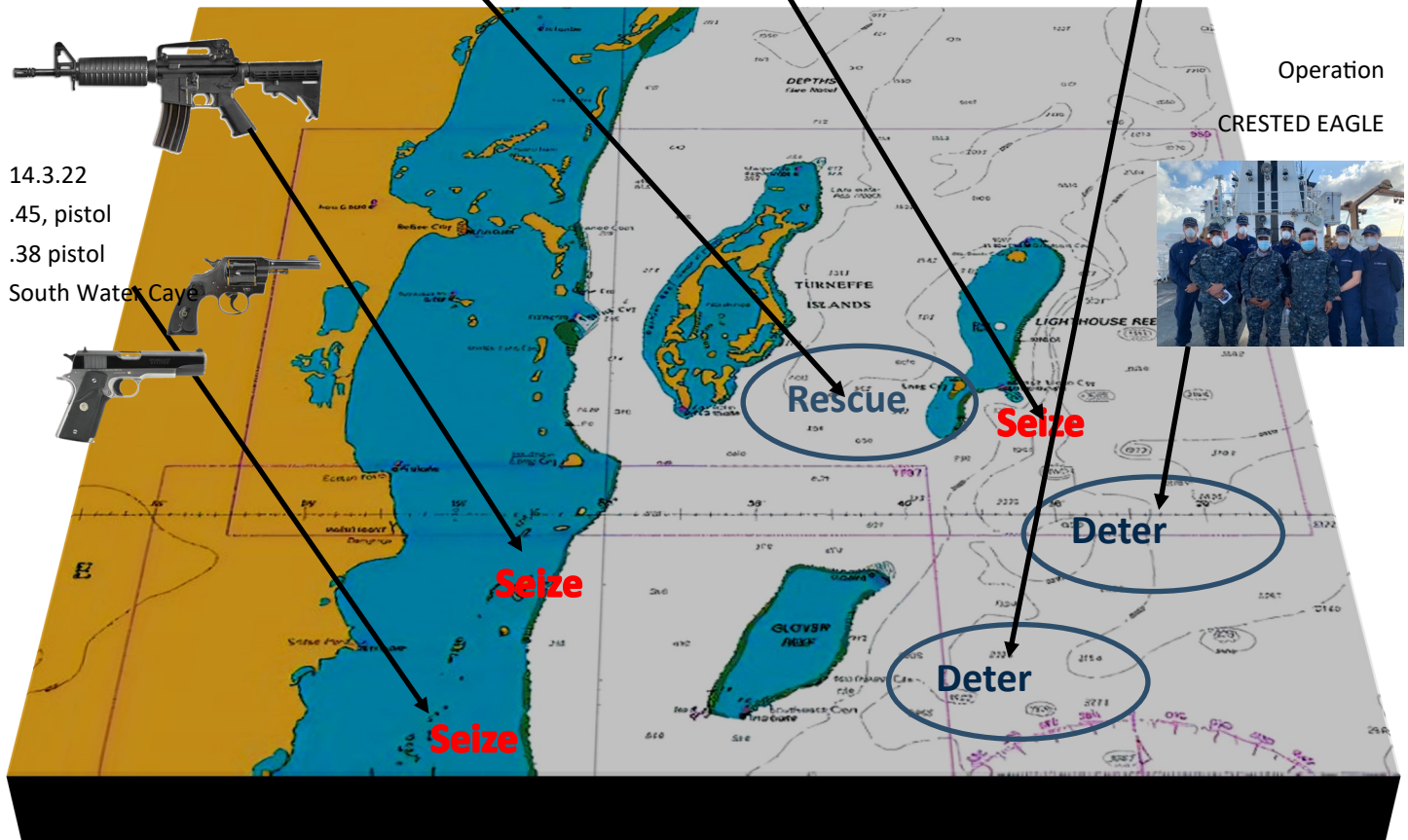
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South Water Caye



Operation
CRESTED EAGLE



30KG of Marijuana Seized

Halfmoon Caye Lighthouse Reef



Operation Crested Eagle:

Joint Operations with the US Coast Guard

LT JG Melissa Jones

The Belize Coast Guard continues to engage in joint law enforcement operations with the United State Coast Guard. These bilateral engagements are geared toward supporting and combating Transnational Organized Crime, Counter Drug Operation, Maritime Resource Protection and Search and Rescue. On 23rd and 24th February 2022 the Belize Coast Guard and USCGC DAUNTLESS conducted law enforcement operations within our Exclusive Economic Zone. and joint communication exercise to set conditions for future operations. It is very important while conducting this type of operation that communication between partner nations is relevant, a joint collaborative effort showing

commitment to each other is a plus for any successful operation. Operations of these magnitudes speak to the ongoing working relationships and partnership between the Belize Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard where both organizations share similar interest. Both nations conducted vessel interdiction intercept, boarding procedures, and coordinating operation procedures understanding both operational mandates, where mission success were achieved. Belize Coast Guard extend appreciation and gratitude to the sailors of the DAUNTLESS for their Courage, Commitment, and devotion to duty, Thanks for the continuous support.



Leadership Symposium

Highlighting Women's Month

Lieutenant JG Shawdi Reyes

Women's Month is celebrated internationally because of the many struggles that a woman has had to endure not too long ago and which we continue to face. In the 1920's which is about a hundred years ago women still did not have the rights that one merely has at this moment. The right to vote, the right to own a business, the right to go to college, the right to be seen equal to a man or even the right to speak. These rights were considered only taboos for the women in society then. In 1908 International Women's day was first celebrated. This was a major accomplishment as women roles began to change. To date in Belize, a woman can choose the career that she mostly likes. For Instance, the security forces Belize Defence Force, Belize Police Department, and the Belize Coast Guard does not limit the career of a woman. A woman can become an engineer, a pilot, a coxswain, a driver, a diver, or all of the above and still be a Commanding Officer. Hence, the reason the Belize Coast Guard celebrated its 2nd Annual Women's Leadership symposium. This symposium is not only to

remind the other security forces that were in attendance that women hold important roles within the security forces but also that there is much more to be done. The Women, Peace and Security agenda was the beginning of progress to empower women as equal partners in development of prosperous and stable Belize especially in achieving national security goals. These goals revolve around main objectives such as to lay groundwork to enable the Government of Belize to increase women's participation in efforts to promote security, maintain peace and prevent conflict. With this being established, it also gave way for Joint Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Programme (JSVPR), to be discussed within the forum. This response programme aims to provide response services to survivors to support victim recovery, and assist members of the security forces to be fully mission capable. Special Guest Speakers in attendance were Governor General Her Excellency Dame Froyla Tzalam whom gave the keynote address, Director of Public Prosecutions Cheryl-Lynn Vidal, Miss Rhea Rogers, Staff Officer for the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security, Naval Officer in the UK Capt Fiona Percival, US Marine Corps Officer LT Nichella Nal and Communication and Government Affairs Officer at Belize Sugar Industries, Mr William Neal. Special Guest speakers emphasized the importance of women in Security Forces, their perspectives were highly regarded and understood as it enlightened the women of the security forces to be more productive through continuous measures of empowerment, Gender Equality and Equity.



Recognitions & Awards

Lieutenant Jasmine Elliot



The Commandant's Achievement Award goes to Lieutenant Jasmine Bellini for best grades, professionalism and overall performance. Graduating today from the Caribbean Institute of Professional Military Education, with a Post Graduate Diploma after completing the Junior Command and Staff Leadership Program in Jamaica

Lieutenant Commander John Diego



Lieutenant Commander John Diego was recognized by the Public Service of Belize for 35 years of service to the people of Belize.

“ Along this Monumental Walkway, commitment and excellence are highlighted among our Public Service workforce”

Recognitions & Awards



US Embassy Belize

Woman of the Year 2020

Lieutenant Commander Alma Pinelo

Extracted from US Embassy release:

Today, the U.S. Embassy honored as its 2022 Woman of the Year Belize Coast Guard Lieutenant Commander Alma Pinelo – a champion for women’s equality in Belize’s Armed Forces. Since LCDR Pinelo is currently in Taiwan for training, the award was accepted on her behalf by her mother Jennie Staines. Chief Petty Officer Kerstin Dickerson, the Chief Operations Coordinator from the U.S. Embassy Security Cooperation Office presented the award on the U.S. Embassy’s behalf.

Throughout her career, LCDR Pinelo has sought to empower women as equal partners in Belize’s security forces. LCDR Pinelo helped launch Belize’s first Women, Peace and

Security Agenda to increase Belizean women’s roles in national security and to eliminate sexism, prejudice, and discrimination. LCDR Pinelo also plays a key role in the ongoing development of a Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response Program in the security forces.

Lieutenant Commander Alma Pinelo is currently away on studies at the Senior Naval Command and Staff College at Taiwan.





Sailor of the Month



Seaman Sedassy

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Seaman Sedassy recently received his promotion from Seaman Apprentice to Seaman, with his hard work, determination, and dedication to the organization as well as his experience and knowledge. Sedassy holds a master license; open water qualification as well as CPR certification.

He is a well-rounded and dedicated individual. Presently, he is a member of Sector South and acts as a coxswain. SN Sedassy is an asset to the Coast Guard but most importantly to Sector South as where he was born and raised, he is familiar with the southern AOR. He is also in great physical condition as his basic fitness test this year was 09 minutes and 48 seconds. In July of this year, Sedassy assisted in ferrying persons from the Ministry of Health from Punta Gorda to Graham Creek, a remote village in the south, to issue vaccines. I nominate SN Sedassy for Sailor of the Month because of his commitment, loyalty, and dedication he portrays while executing his duty. He is someone you can rely on to get the tasking done even out of normal working hours.



Seaman Jose Cho

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Since his enlistment, Seaman Jose Cho has constantly shown nothing but dedication and determination to the organization. He is a well-rounded and dedicated individual. Presently, he is a member of the Service Support Group employed as a Stores Data Clerk. SN Cho J is an asset to the Coast Guard but most importantly to the Service Support Group as Stores Data Clerk. With this, I hereby nominate SN Cho J as Sailor of the Month for his commitment, loyalty, and dedication to duty he portrays while in the performance of duty.



PO3 K Ramirez

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PO3 Ramirez was born in Guinea Grass village where he pursued his primary education. He pursued his secondary education at Orange Walk Technical High School. He currently holds an Associate in Tourism Management. He joined the Belize Coast Guard on 01st September 2013. He worked hard and as a result, he successfully completed his PO3 Course on 01st June 2019.

PO3 Ramirez K has successfully completed his Patrol Craft Coxswain Course in Kingston, Jamaica. He has been operating vessels since. Being an NCO, he has been deployed as second in command, coxswain, and at times as commander of Half Moon Caye. On the 13th January 2022, under his command, Half-moon patrol found 36 packs of suspected Marijuana which amounted to a total of 30.95kg. It was valued at \$81,000 dollars.

SPORTS is back on the Calendar

BELMOPAN CLASSIC

CHAMPION



Giovanni Lovell

The Belmopan Classic is one of the hardest races on Belize cycling calendar. it's a 100 miles and the weather on this day is always predictable, I've been riding this race for 6 years and today I finally got a win.

I've got two second places against my former teammate Joel Venegas And Joslyn Chavaria on team Digicel. Now on G-flow cycling team I got my victory. Must say thanks to my team manager and staff. Team members. The Belize Coast Guard family and friends and of course to the greatest one above for making a Dream come true.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Giovanni Lovell

It's been a very great experience to represent Belize and it was my first time doing a cross Country running race. Wasn't what I expected it to be, as for the terrain was very challenging. The soil was very loose rather than the pave road I've trained on. There were a lot of senior and experienced runners, who didn't came there to give a rookie as myself their spot. Its just a matter or re-strategize, train on the right terrain and stay motivated.

Ensign Mauro Cucul



Seaman Avis Guydis taking care of the Queens Baton





La Ruta Maya



Seaman
Wilberto Daniels

It is said to be more than just a race!, Most definitely It is for me. My name is Wilberto Daniels Jr. Better know as Balon and a proud born Belizean. Born and raised in the beautiful stand creek district, Belize, Belize CA. Moved to the Belize district in the year 2012 at d age of 14 where I found my new home in the rural village of Burrell Boom and right around the month of

march where I witnessed my very first La Ruta Maya Belize River Challenge.

From that point on I found a passion to the sport of paddling and up to this day and year 2022 am still so passionate about paddling. With no further due I quickly began my career in paddling along with my two younger brother kenrick and Michael Daniels. Where I was introduced to one of Belize legendary paddler Christopher Guydis who at the time had a canoe club for every and anyone who were interested in paddling. Mr.Guydis quickly brought up my team to standard and because he was such a good teacher/coach we were able to participate in la ruta maya 2013 as team sports where we place First in the intramural category and 8th overall in the race. At the time we were the youngest

paddlers in that years race, 14, 15 , and 16 year old with me being the eldest could tell you that the team became one of the favorites from that year forth.

I joined the Belize Coast Guard in 2019 because I also needed a more stabled career in life and to serve my country. As well, and because I was so passionate for water hence the reason I joined the specific force. After joining the force wondering if my paddling career will come to an end, but was then approached by Lt commander. Armando Cobb who was getting together a team for ruta maya. I was beyond trilled. Having a job and one that appreciates the sport of paddling. For that I am very grateful and thankful to God who watches over me and keep my soul happy with the opportunities he gave me in life.

I then paddle my first year 2020 under the management of Lt commander. Cobb who I also believe love his job and the sport as much as I do. He sharply put the team together with no hesitation and made one of the most competitive team in the la ruta maya where we were the under dogs of the race. Team members consist of my brother kenrick Daniels, Daniel Gregorio and my self. The team showed how formative it was under the right management and support. 2022 we then placed second again and this time with even more support having to see the commandant of The Belize Coast Guard along side with the team with full support it's an honor. I am grateful for these people who see the passion and the potential in me and I look forward to every opportunity given to me to Excel and to make my family, my peoples and my country proud.



VISION

To create an apex institution highly professional, motivated, trained and resourced capable of enforcing maritime laws and projecting sea power to the limits of our sea spaces and support maritime operations locally and regionally.

STRATEGIC MISSION

To protect Belize Maritime Spaces from threats, both foreign and domestic, by providing maritime security, safety and protection of our people, industries and natural resources through military, law enforcement and humanitarian operations.

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