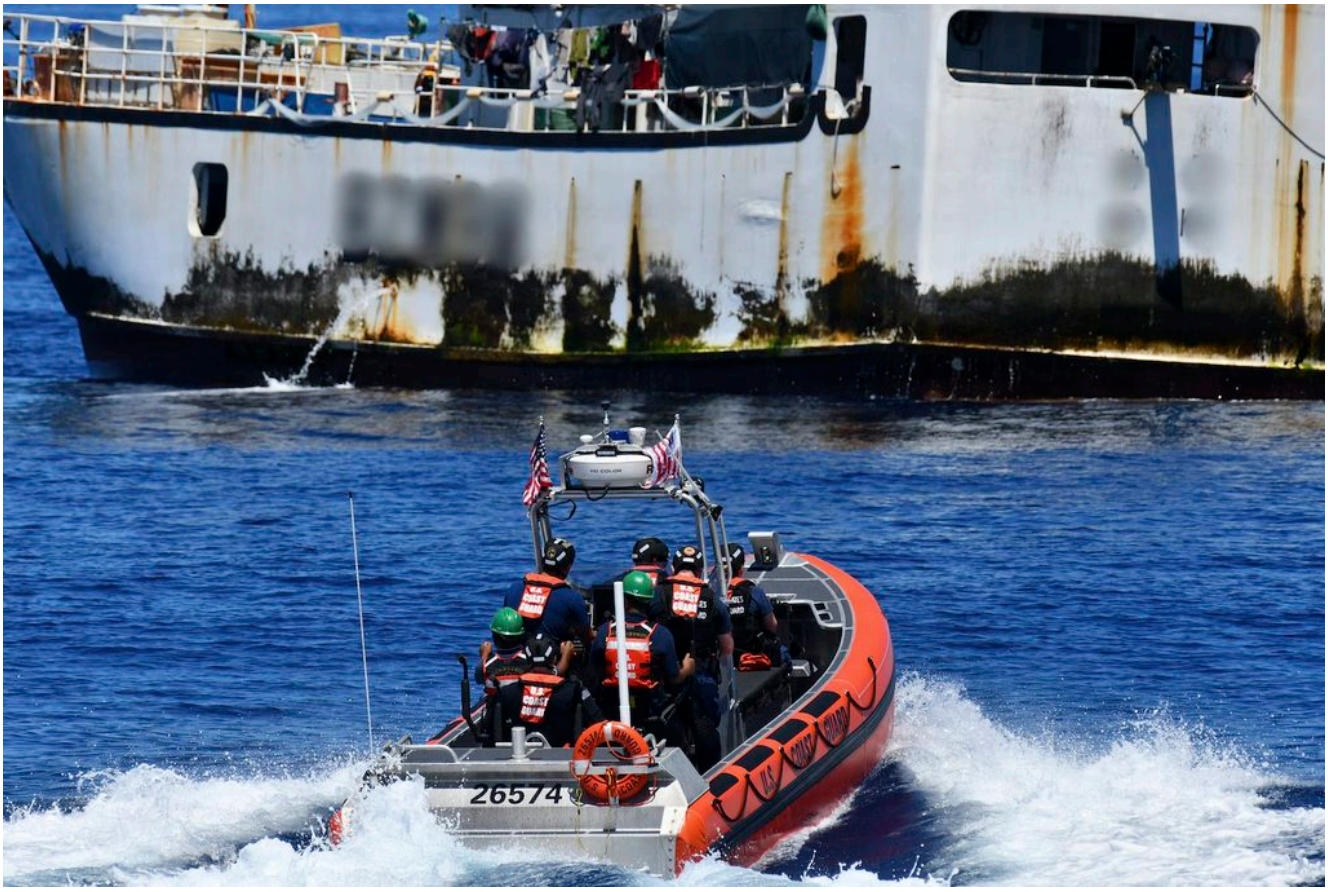
Coast Guard conducts maritime law enforcement operations with the Marshall Islands



MAJURO, Republic of the Marshall Islands – The crew of U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Vincent Danz (WPC 1162) concluded bilateral maritime law enforcement operations with the Republic of the Marshall Islands in RMI's exclusive economic zone in early November.

The Vincent Danz crew, along with RMI Sea Patrol officers aboard the cutter, conducted 18 bilateral maritime fisheries boardings. During these operations, RMI officers enforced national laws, directed vessel targeting, identified legal infractions and determined the consequences for violations.

The bilateral partnerships between the U.S. and Pacific island nations such as RMI, ensure deterrence of illegal unreported,

and unregulated fishing (IUUF) and other emerging maritime security threats in the region. By actively deterring illegal resource exploitation and illicit activities, this collaborative mission safeguards the Pacific's vital marine ecosystems for future generations.

"Our RMI partners adroitly placed CGC Vincent Danz with RMI's embedded law enforcement personnel in position to drastically increase RMI's maritime domain awareness with their southern fishing fleets," said Cmdr. Brenden Kelley. "Fostering this relationship is a vital part of ensuring the maritime stability and security – not only here in RMI, but across the Pacific."

While in RMI, Coast Guard crewmembers also participated in local school infrastructure improvement projects, played sports with Marshallese students and participated in a community trunk-or-treat event.

The Vincent Danz crew was in RMI in support of Operation Rematau. Operation Rematau, meaning "People of the Deep Sea" in Micronesian, guides U.S. Coast Guard efforts in the Freely Associated States of the Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Marshall Islands. Managed by U.S. Coast Guard District Oceania and executed by U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam, Operation Rematau tackles 10 of the service's 11 missions, from search and rescue to living marine resources protection, in a 2.6 million square nautical mile area.

The Vincent Danz is a 154-foot Fast Response Cutter (FRC) with a 24-person crew homeported in Guam. The vessel is the 62nd cutter of its class, named after Vincent G. Danz, a New York Police Department officer who lost his life responding to the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

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