Coast Guard Cutter Dauntless Returns from 58-Day Patrol

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PENSACOLA, Fla. — The crew of Coast Guard Cutter Dauntless returned to their homeport in Pensacola, Florida, June 12 after a 58-day patrol in the Gulf of Mexico, the Coast Guard 8th District said in a release of the same date.

During its two-month patrol, the cutter supported several 8th Coast Guard District mission areas, including search and rescue, enforcement of domestic living marine resource regulations and illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing activity near the U.S. and Mexico maritime border.

The crew deterred three Mexican vessels caught illegally fishing in U.S. waters and recovered three miles of long line fishing gear, preventing the illegal harvesting of red snapper and other regulated Gulf of Mexico fish species.

They also conducted five safety boardings of U.S. flagged commercial fishing vessels to ensure the proper safety equipment was onboard and crewmembers were properly trained in safe seamanship practices.

The crew's
employment in south Texas waters supported Operation Patriot
Curtain, which
addressed threats to border security and U.S. sovereignty near
the maritime
boundary line.

During the
patrol, the crew collaborated with the Mexican Naval Warship
Arm Independencia
to share operational best practices. This beneficial exchange
allowed the
Dauntless crew to demonstrate effective interoperability with
a key
international maritime partner while conducting a shared
mission of combating
transnational threats.

The crew
stopped in Galveston, Texas, the ship's homeport from 1995 to
2018, and hosted
over 400 tours for the Galveston community. The ship was
honored by the city
council with a proclamation declaring May 15th, "Sin Miedo"
Day in
honor of Dauntless's motto, "Sin Miedo," meaning, "Without
Fear."