

# Coast Guard Cutter Spencer Returns Home After \$19 Million Drug Bust in Eastern Pacific



Coast Guard Cutter Spencer patrols the Atlantic Ocean with a MH-65 helicopter aboard. U.S. Coast Guard

BOSTON – The crew of Coast Guard Cutter Spencer returned to Boston on Oct. 27 after conducting an 80-day counter-drug patrol in the eastern Pacific Ocean, the Coast Guard's 1st District said in a release.

Spencer's crew seized about 700 kilograms of cocaine, valued at \$19 million, after interdicting a smuggling vessel.

The crew's patrol spanned more than 14,000 nautical miles and focused on enforcing international counter-trafficking laws, supporting U.S. partnerships with Central and South American countries and helping to preserve national security.

The crew also responded to multiple search-and-rescue cases, including a distress call from an aircraft experiencing engine failure.

"Spencer's crew is happy to be home and is looking forward to spending time with family and friends in their homeport of Boston ... during the holidays," said Cmdr. Thomas Rodzewicz, the cutter's commanding officer.

Spencer is a 270-foot medium-endurance cutter with a crew of 100.