



President Trump's Coast Guard is Turning the Tide

Under the Biden administration, the U.S. Coast Guard had its hands tied behind its back. Recruitment goals were not met, and our Coast Guardsmen were hamstrung and overwhelmed while cartels smuggled humans and illicit drugs through our maritime borders.

No more. President Trump and Secretary Noem issued orders to the US Coast Guard to surge assets to key areas, and the results speak for themselves. Billions' worth of illicit drugs have been seized, human smuggling has ground to a halt, and recruitment is skyrocketing.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S COASTAL SURGE BRINGS IMMEDIATE RESULTS

- **Surging Assets to the Maritime Border:**
 - [Responding to President Trump's and Secretary Noem's directives](#), the Coast Guard deployed a surge of cutters, aircraft, boats, and specialized forces to key areas surrounding the U.S. maritime border.
 - These assets, neglected by the Biden administration, are now being used to their full effect. Interdictions and drug seizures are up dramatically.
- **Contributing to the Most Secure Border in History:**
 - Since being empowered by President Trump, the USCG has [seized 11% more](#) cocaine so far in FY25 than it did for all of FY24.
 - Since January 21, 2025, the USCG has seized more than 148,000 lbs. of cocaine and marijuana, totaling well over \$1.5 billion.
 - In [one operation](#) this year, the USCG seized over \$50 million in illicit drugs.
 - Since January 20th, the USCG has seized over 135,000 lbs. of cocaine, totaling over \$1 billion.
 - Under President Trump, over 870 aliens have been interdicted while attempting to enter the country illegally.
- **HISTORIC HIGHS FOR RECRUITMENT**
- The Biden administration oversaw a full-scale military recruitment crisis.
 - For three straight years under Biden, the Coast Guard missed its recruiting targets. [The shortfall cost the force dearly](#): 10 cutters were taken out of service and 29 stations were temporarily shuttered.
- Under President Trump, the tide has turned. Coast Guard recruiting is accelerating, and the Service projects it will finish this year at 110% of the annual goal. Already in fiscal year 2025, the Coast Guard has recruited more than 4,700 new members - 1,200 more than the same time last year.
 - Yet Congress must provide the resources it needs, including Polar Security Cutters that we need to expand and maintain Arctic operations and replacements for the Coast Guard's five-decade-old fleet of offshore cutters. z