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Electric Boat to lay off nearly 500 employees

By Jennifer McDermott,
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Groton — Electric Boat plans to lay off up to 500 employees in the coming months, in part due to the Navy's decision to scrap rather than repair the submarine *USS Miami*, according to the union that represents the workers. EB also was expecting to repair the *USS Springfield*. That submarine will stay at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, but workers from the Portsmouth Navy Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, will travel to Groton to do the job. Editor's note: This corrects an earlier version of this paragraph. The Groton shipyard notified the state Department of Labor last week that 94 employees would be laid off Oct. 18 because of "a decline in contracted work." Last month EB management told 55 carpenters that they will be laid off Sept. 27. Robert H. Nardone, EB's vice president of human resources, said the company has to align the employment levels with the workload "to ensure the future of Electric Boat." "The projected workload is not expected to sustain current employment for the foreseeable future," Nardone said in a statement. "This notification is due in part to recent decisions, particularly regarding the *USS Miami* and *USS Springfield*, which have reduced the volume of work that Electric Boat can anticipate in the area of overhaul and repair."

Russia accuses Greenpeace crew of 'piracy' in Arctic

BBC News Europe

Russian prosecutors have accused 30 Greenpeace activists of piracy and say they will prosecute all of them for trying to board an Arctic oil platform. Russia's Investigative Committee, modeled on the FBI, will question the activists.



Russian Coast Guard patrol boat 035 firing warning shots

Six Britons are among them. Their ship, the *Arctic Sunrise*, is being towed to the port of Murmansk. Committee spokesman Vladimir Markin said "all those who assaulted the platform, regardless of nationality, will be prosecuted".



Prirazlomnaya platform in the Pechora Sea, not far from the island of Novaya Zemlya

The protestors were detained on Thursday along with their ship after two Greenpeace activists tried to climb onto a Gazprom offshore platform, in a protest against oil drilling in the Arctic.



Greenpeace "M/Y Arctic Sunrise" tethered to Russian Coast Guard vessel 058 in Kulonga Bay near Severomorsk. Crewmembers of Arctic Sunrise are under arrest for piracy.

The ship was raided by armed Russian military repelled down from helicopters. The ship was seized in the Pechora Sea, near the rig. Greenpeace said the Russian authorities "are holding 30 of our activists".

USCGC Margaret Norvell WPC-1105 Supports OPBAT Operations in The Bahamas and TCI

By US Embassy Bahamas
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USCGC *Margaret Norvell*, a newly commissioned 154-foot patrol boat based out of Miami, Florida, was

deployed to the Southern Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands from September 12-25, 2013 in support of counter-narcotics Operation Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands (OPBAT).



With embarked ship riders from both the Royal Bahamas Defence Force and Turks and Caicos Islands Police Force, USCGC Margaret Norvell patrolled high threat areas near each country's territorial seas.

The collective presence and joint efforts of U.S., Bahamas and Turks and Caicos law enforcement authorities under OPBAT effectively disrupted illegal trafficking operations directly resulting in the location and seizure of more than 20,000 marijuana plants, 1.5 pounds of liquid cocaine, and 4,007 pounds of marijuana valued at \$3.9 million. Following USCGC Margaret Norvell's highly successful patrol, she conducted a port visit from September 21-24 in Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands, for purposes of crew rest and professional outreach with an important Coast Guard partner.

USS Thach FFG-43 decommissioned



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Inactivation was Nov 1, with Last Day in Commission on Nov 15.

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