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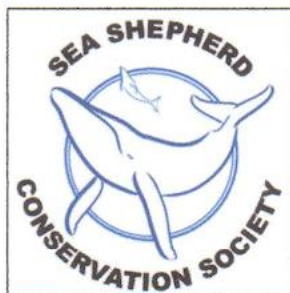
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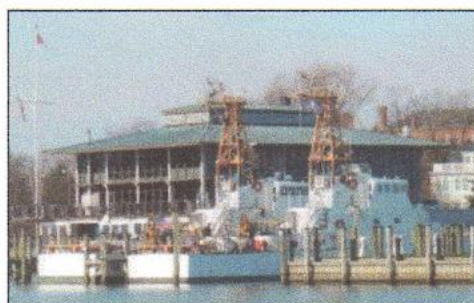
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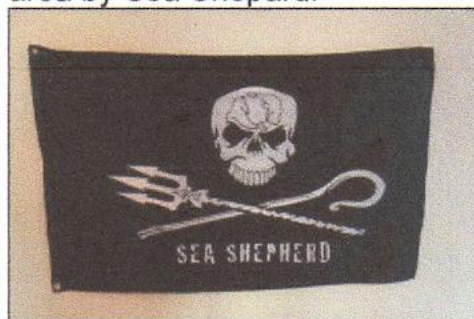
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## Sea Shepard purchases two former Island Class cutters

Excerpts from *Eye on Annapolis* and Chuck Hill's CG Blog



The former Coast Guard patrol boats *USCGC Block Island* and *USCGC Pea Island* were sold by the GSA to Sea Shepard. Total cost was about \$400,000. Both former patrol boats are docked in Annapolis MD and reports indicate they may be used in protecting the Chesapeake Bay area by Sea Shepard.



The former cutters are flying the Sea Shepard flag shown above.

Question is, where do they get the authority to "patrol" for ecology violations on the Chesapeake Bay? Past patrols against whaling in the Pacific has led to violent confrontations, damage to whaling vessels and court decisions prohibiting Sea Shepard from approaching Japanese whaling ships. Sea Shepard is based in Washington

State. The FBI considers Sea Shepard "echo terrorists".

## RFS VIKTOR LEONOV CCB-175 off Florida coast spying on US subs



Spending time visiting Cuba, the Russian spy ship *RFS Viktor Leonov CCB-175* has been seen anchored 22 miles off Jacksonville Fl where it can monitor U S ballistic Missile submarines stationed in Kings Bay, GA. A US defense department official said it is not illegal and is in international waters. It reportedly left Cuba on Jan. 22, and its movements since then have not been made public. The Kings Bay base is homeport for the Navy's Submarine Group 10, with six nuclear-armed missile submarines and two conventionally armed missile submarine

## Vice Admiral issues a directive for live fire from all deployed ships

Vice Adm. Thomas S. Rowden issued a memo about live fire from deployed ships. Part of the requirement is below.

1. ALL COMNAVSURFOR SHIPS WILL ENSURE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF COMBAT READINESS. YOUR MAIN BATTERY, ALL CREW SERVED WEAPONS, SHIP/AREA DEFENSE SYSTEMS, AND ATPF WATCH STANDER QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFICIENCY WILL BE CAPABLE OF ENGAGING THE ENEMY AND DEFENDING YOURSELF AS WELL AS THE HIGH VALUE UNIT AT ALL TIMES. THE NAVY PROVIDES SUBSTANTIAL NCEA TO ENSURE WEAPON SYSTEM OPERABILITY, CREW PROFICIENCY, AND COMMAND AND CONTROL

PROWESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCES A THRU G. SO SHOOT, ASK FOR MORE, AND CONTINUE TO SHOOT IAW REFERENCES A THRU D IN ORDER TO MEET VALID TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. YOU, YOUR CREWS, AND ALL YOUR WEAPON SYSTEMS MUST BE READY TO FIGHT!

Ed. Note: Sounds serious to me. Does this mean we were not ready to fight before this?

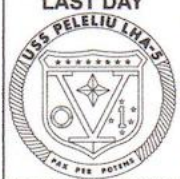
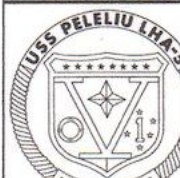
## Two Russian icebreaking rescue ships named



Nordic Yards in Wismer Germany announced the naming of two icebreaking, rescue and salvage vessels for the Russian Ministry of Transportation (Rosmorrechflot). The vessels are 289' in length, complete with a hospital and help pad. The shipyard held a naming ceremony on 19 February. The vessels were named *Beringov Proliv* and *Murman*. The vessels were built for service in the Sakhalin region and North-East Passage around Murmansk, respectively.

Ed. note: Is our Dept. of Homeland Security keeping pace with Russia?

## USS Peleliu LHA-5 will decommission on 31 March.

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