

USCGC Steadfast (WMEC 623)

Active Duty Personnel: 75 **Reserve Personnel:** 0 **Civilian Personnel:** 0 Payroll: \$2,625,000 Budget: \$282,421

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Established: Commissioned in 1968. the 210-foot cutter Steadfast was home ported in St. Petersburg, Fla., for its first 24 years of service. In 1992, the cutter was decommissioned for major maintenance availability to extend its service another 25 years. Following major maintenance availability in February 1994, Steadfast was re-commissioned and home ported in Astoria. Ore.

What we do: Since its commissioning, the cutter has completed more than 330 search and rescue cases, interdicted over 1.6 million pounds of marijuana and 27,700 pounds of cocaine. seized more than 65 vessels, and stopped approximately 3,500 undocumented migrants on the high seas from entering the United States. It deploys anywhere along the western seaboard of North and Central America. Steadfast operates off the Oregon and Washington coast, out to usually no more than 200 nautical miles, enforcing fisheries laws and regulations. The cutter's primary mission, while on patrol off the coast of Southern California and the Northern to Central West Coast of Mexico, is detecting and interdicting drug and migrant smuggling activity. The cutter patrols as far north as Alaska to enforce fisheries regulations and maritime safety.

Accomplished Operations: Through September and November 2000, the Steadfast's patrols focused on detecting

and interdicting drug and migrant smuggling activity along the Southern Californian coast and the Northern to Central West coast of Mexico. Many of these patrols were strictly counter-drug operations running along the West Coast of Central and Southern Mexico and Central America. The Steadfast, during her most recent patrol, stopped only a few hundred miles shy of the equator to intercept and board a suspect Columbian fishing vessel. With a population of 10,100 residents, Astoria, Ore., is the home of the Steadfast and multiple other Coast Guard units, including Coast Guard Group/Air Station Astoria.



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