



# U.S. Coast Guard Sector New York

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# Basic Coast Guard Authorities



## • *What we are:*

- ✓ **Military**
- ✓ **Multi-mission**
- ✓ **Maritime**

## An Armed Service

- Title 10 (Armed Services)
- Title 50 (War & National Defense)

## Member of the IC

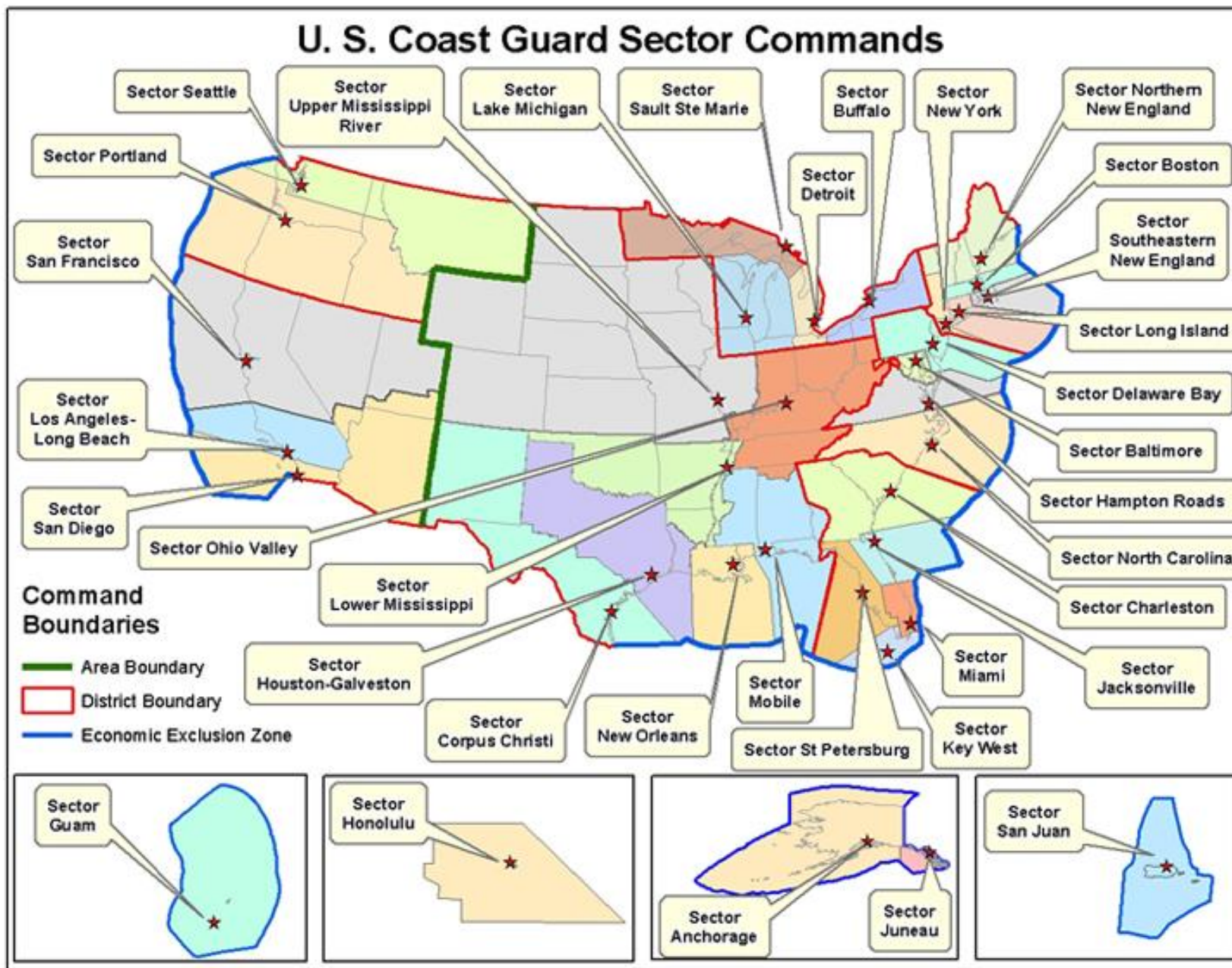
- Title 50 App (Member of Intel Community)

## A Law Enforcement agency

- Title 6 (Homeland Security)
- Title 14 (Coast Guard)
- Title 19 (Customs)

## A Regulatory Agency

- Title 33 (Navigable Waters, Environment)
- Title 46 (Shipping)
- Title 49 (Transportation)





## Sector Commander Roles & Authorities

<b>Captain of the Port (COTP)</b>	<b>Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator (SMC)</b>	<b>Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC)</b>	<b>Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC)</b>	<b>Officer in Charge, Marine Inspections (OCMI)</b>
Ensures the Safety and Security of the COTP Zone.	Coordinates all maritime Search and Rescue.	Coordinates and directs oil spill and hazmat response out to 200nm.	Oversees the Area Maritime Security Committee and Plan.	Vessel & Port Facility Inspections, Investigations, Licenses & Documentation





# Sector New York

## Area of Responsibility

### Stations

- STA New York: 9 boats
- STA Sandy Hook: 4 boats
- STA Kings Point: 3 boats

### Aids to Navigation Teams

- ANT New York: 4 boats
- ANT Saugerties: 2 boats

### Cutters

- (1) 175-ft Buoy Tender
- (2) 140-ft Ice-breaking Tugs
- (1) 110-ft Patrol Boat
- (1) 87-ft Coastal Patrol Boat
- (3) 65-ft Harbor Tugs

### Personnel

- ~ 1,000 Active Duty, Civilians & Reservists
- ~ 2,000 Auxiliarists







# Global Logistics Network

## Port Newark







# Port of New York and New Jersey

- Largest quantity of refined petroleum products in U.S.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest U.S. container port, 7.2 million TEU's in 2018
- 550,000 vehicles imported annually
- 1/3 of Nation's GDP generated within 250 miles



**CGA CGM Roosevelt 14,000 TEU  
Planning for 18,000 TEU**



**Bayonne Bridge raised 57-feet,  
Kill Van Kull channel deepening  
\$6B infrastructure investment**





# Port of New York and New Jersey

- Largest passenger ferry port in U.S., 2<sup>nd</sup> worldwide
  - Approximately 1,700 daily ferry movements
  - Staten Island Ferry busiest ferry route in U.S.
  - NYC EDC ferry fleet is the Nation's fastest growing
- High-volume cruise ship port







# Port of New York and New Jersey

Dense multi-use port with heavy traffic congestion:

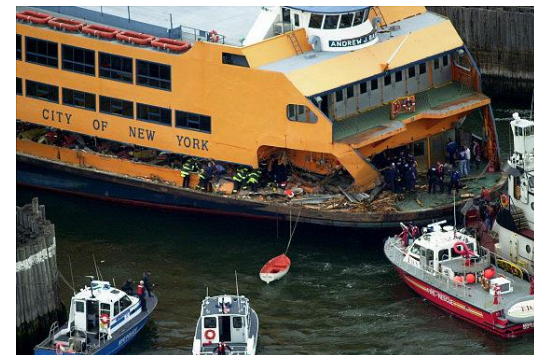
- Cruise ships
- Ferries
- Tugs & barges
- Ultra-large container vessels
- Tankers
- Recreational vessels
- Human-powered watercraft





# Inspections & Investigations

- Inspections
  - Safety, security, and environmental compliance – oversee all aspects of ship & facility operations
  - US Flagged vessels
  - Foreign Flagged ships
- Investigations
  - Casualty, injury, death investigations
  - Merchant Mariner credentialing

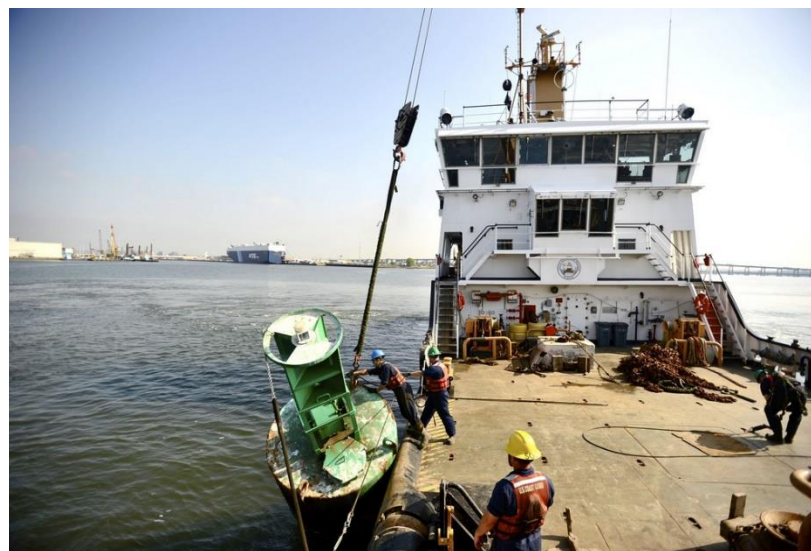






# Waterways Management

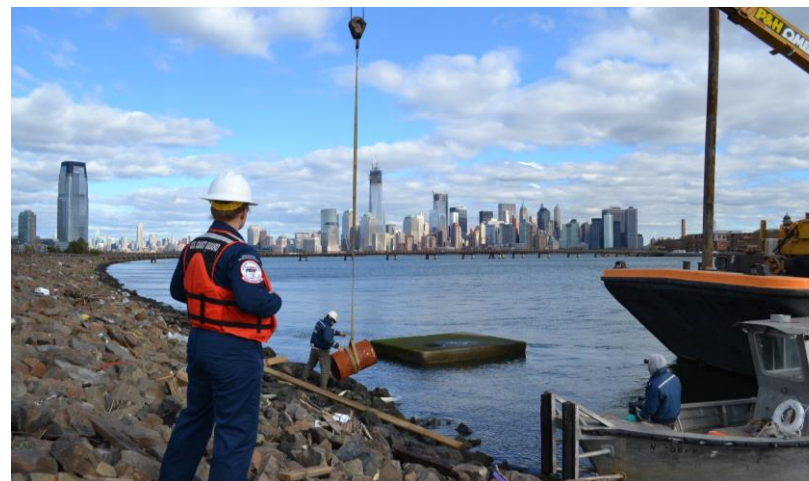
- Aids to navigation maintenance
- Marine event permits
- Vessel Traffic Service
- Ice Breaking
  - 90% of US heating oil is used in the Northeast
  - 80% of that heating oil comes by barge





# Search and Rescue

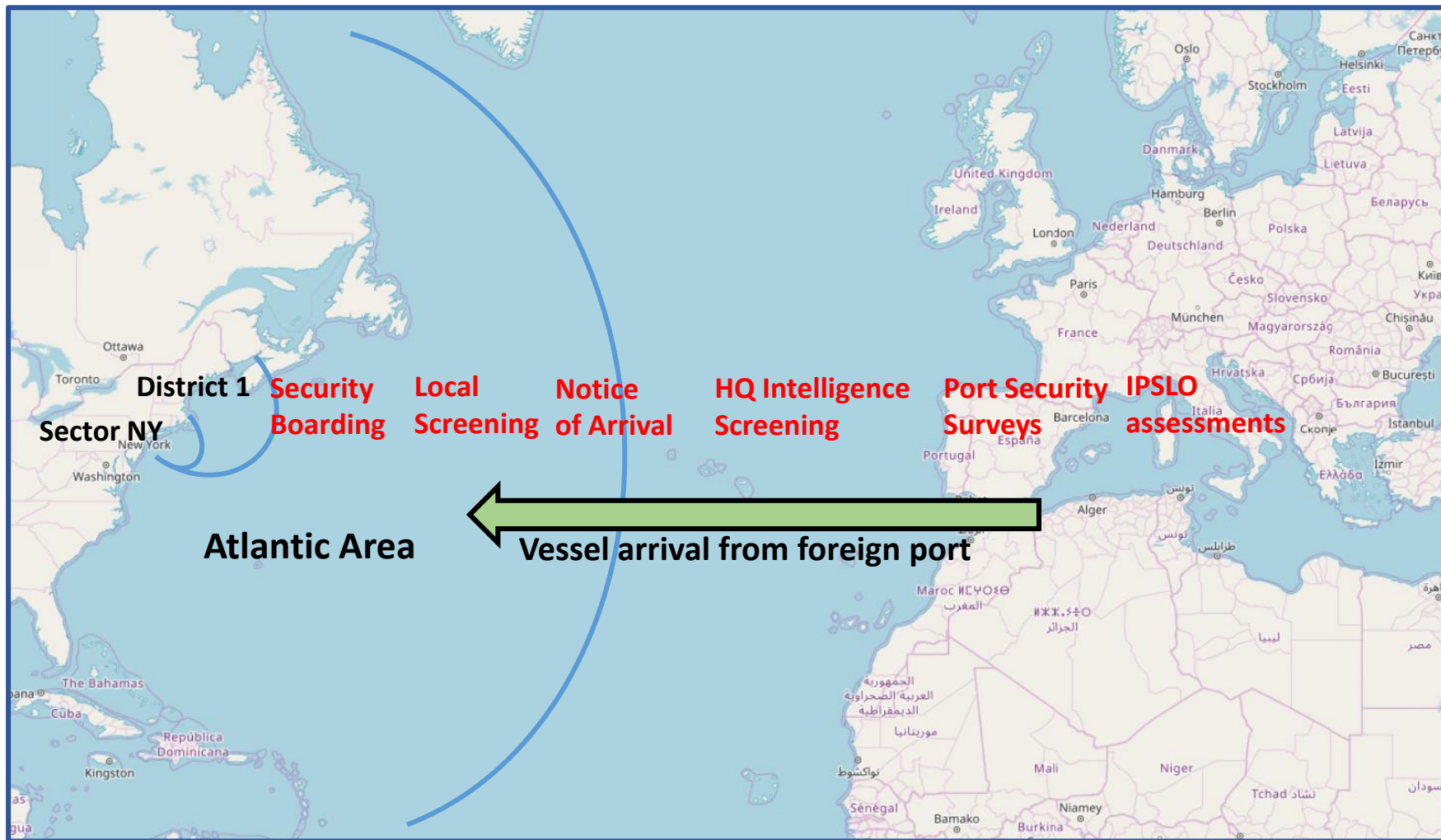
## Marine Environmental Protection







# Layered Security Strategy





# Port Security

- Offshore High-Interest Vessel boardings
- Security zone enforcement
- Maritime critical infrastructure protection
- High-capacity passenger vessel escorts
- Active shooter and active threat response







# Interagency Relationships

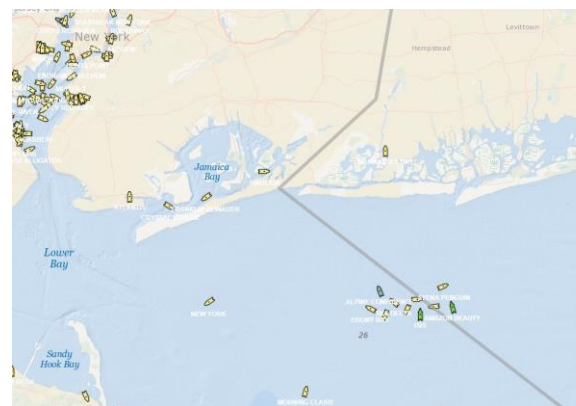
- Extraordinary partnerships with federal, state, and local officials.
- Nation's largest annual Port Security Grant allocation.





# Congestion Challenges

- Continued increase in vessel traffic
- Larger ships continue to push limits of existing port infrastructure
  - Channels
  - Bridges
  - Port Facilities/Cranes
  - Anchorages, etc

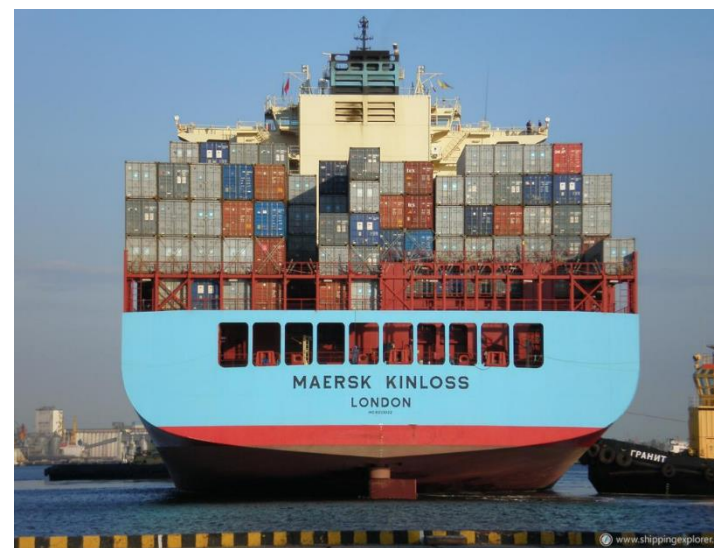
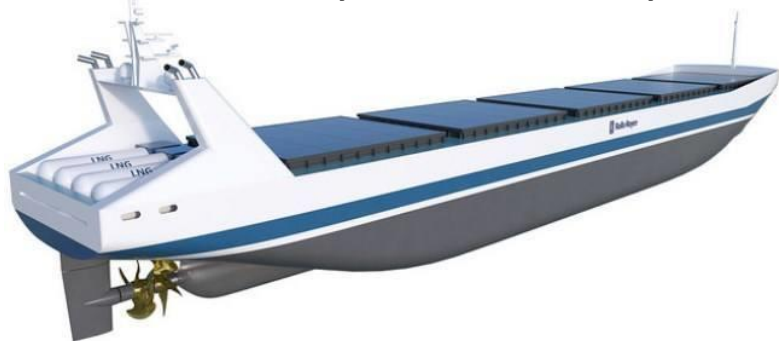






# Emerging Technologies

- Cyber Security
  - MTSA facilities
  - Vulnerable ship systems
- LNG powered vessels expect to arrive within 5 years
- Unmanned systems
  - USCG force multiplier
  - New regulatory challenge for commercial vessels
  - Security vulnerability





***“Cyber threats collectively now exceed the danger of physical attacks against us. This is a major sea change now exceed for my department and for our country’s security.”***

- Secretary Kirstjen Nielson; DHS Cyber Security Summit  
Manhattan, NY, 31 July 2018





# Sector NY's Cyber initiatives

- Industry Training
  - Marine Inspector training with cyber leaders in the financial sector.
- Cross-sector collaboration through the Area Maritime Security Committee
  - Cybersecurity subcommittee includes members across industry, law enforcement, academia, etc.
- Exercises
  - TTX, workshops, cyber game (red team/blue team)
- Port Security Grants
  - Leveraging grant funds to improve cyber resilience in the Port.
  - Sustainable Terminal Services conducting first-of-its-kind joint cyber assessment.
- Spread awareness through public engagement



# REAL WORLD THREATS

- **2013** – Port of Antwerp drug trafficking via cyber attack
- **2013** – Malware impacted a Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit's (MODU) computer system, disabling signals to the positioning thrusters, causing the rig to “walk off” & shutting down operations.
- **January 2015** – ECDIS vulnerabilities
- **June 2017** – “NotPetya” – debilitated world’s largest shipping line.
- **September 2018** – Port of San Diego Cyber Attack
- **March 2019** – Cyber Incident aboard underway deep draft cargo ship bound for Port of NY/NJ – debilitated shipboard IT network.





**1000' U.S. Flagged Container Ship  
Cyber Incident  
Reported to the NRC 04 March 2019  
Berthed in Port of NY/NJ 06 March 2019**

**“The ship is essentially operating with zero cyber security.”**

- Cyber Protection Team Lead



# Cyber Incident

March 2019

U.S. Flagged Container Ship bound for Port of NY/NJ

## Initial Report/Actions

- Vessel reports that virus on ship's networked computers had spread to the system's server and was resistant to generic antivirus software.
- Not immediately clear whether industrial control systems or other critical systems were impacted by the malware.
- To determine whether vessel presented risk to the Port, Sector NY requested assistance from CGCYBER CPT and FBI Cyber Security Taskforce to inform risk management decisions:

**RISKS / OPTIONS / MITIGATIONS?**



## Response

- Sector NY MIs, CGCYBER/ CPT, FBI completed boarding/ship ride and dockside inspection.
- FBI conducted forensic analysis of recovered hard drive and USB flash drives.



# CPT/FBI Findings



Essential vessel control systems are “air-gapped” from impacted network, **but...**

- Impacted network used for cargo data management, voyage planning, updating electronic charts, ANOA submission, etc.
- Malware identified as **EMOTET** (modular banking Trojan)
- Malware **slowed systems**; automated emails forwarded from legitimate company email accounts to 3rd parties.
- **Unknown source**- virus could have been transferred by USB or downloaded by any internet user on board.
- **Liberal use of thumb-drive data transfer** at all ports of call. No active scanning of networks/external drives.
- **Generic login/password** used by all personnel with access to the vessel; no network monitoring or consistent use of anti-virus software.

**Note: Persistent network access is critical to life underway.**



# Cyber Safety Alert



**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**MARINE SAFETY ALERT**

*Inspections and Compliance Directorate*

July 8, 2019  
Washington, D.C.

Safety Alert 06-19

*Cyber Incident Exposes Potential Vulnerabilities Onboard Commercial Vessels*



# Media Coverage

## U.S. Coast Guard Issues Alert After Ship Heading Into Port Of New York Hit By Cyberattack

- Forbes

## U.S. Coast Guard Warns Shipping Industry on Cybersecurity

Hackers attempted to digitally seize control of a vessel in February, an incident that shows risks the sector faces

- Wall Street Journal

**Coast Guard issues safety alert following 'significant cyber incident'**

- Washington Times

**USCG: Malware Attack Exposes  
Cyber Vulnerabilities at Sea**

- Maritime Executive

**Coast Guard calls for ships to update  
their systems after malware attack**

- The Hill

## Recommendations:

- Segment Networks:
- Per-user Profiles & Passwords
- Be wary of external media
- Install basic antivirus software
- Don't forget to patch





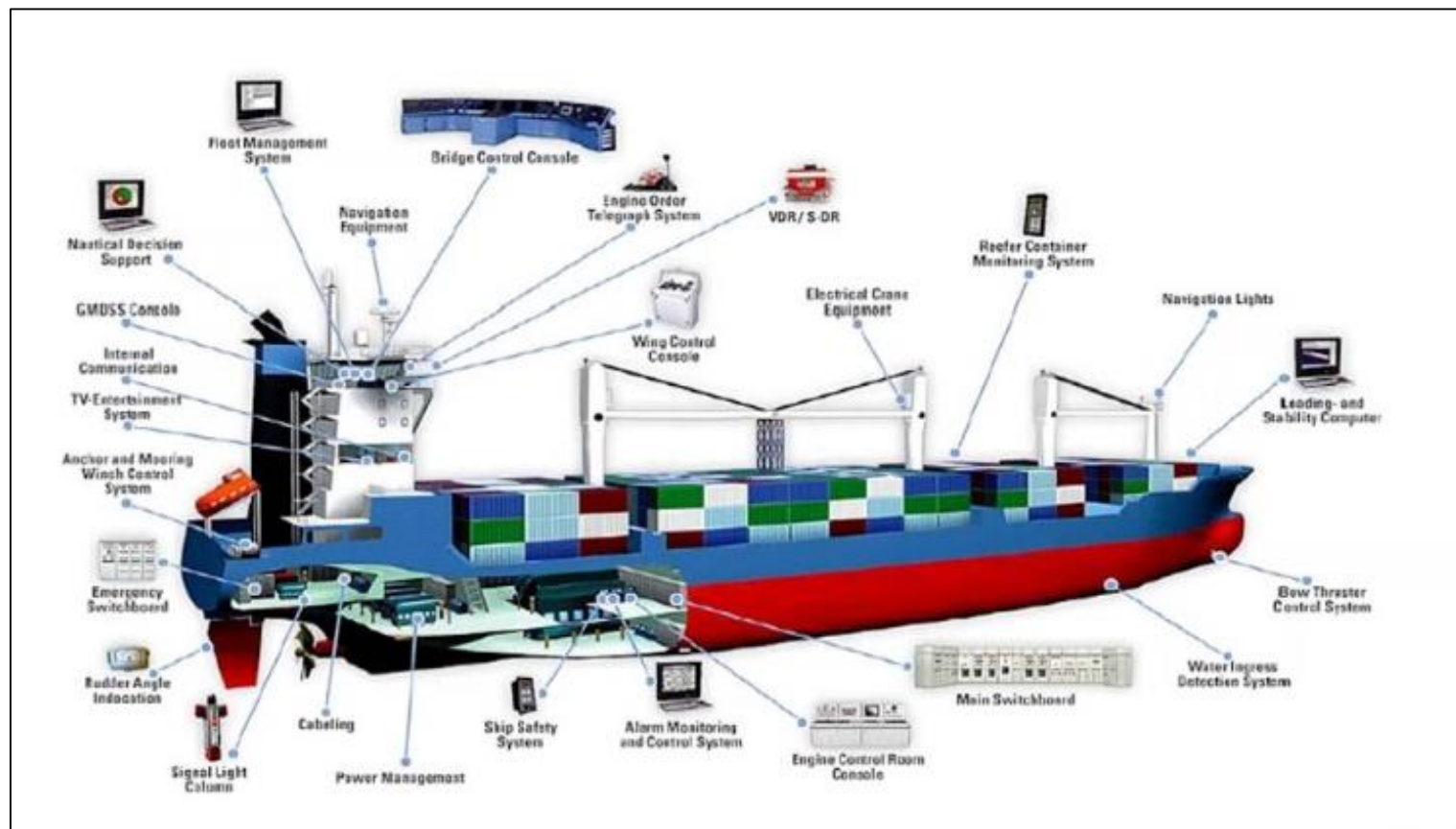
# USCG Approach: Cyber Risk Management

- Enhance Awareness
  - Targeted vs. “target of opportunity” cyber incidents
  - Both security AND safety issue
  - More than just an IT issue
  - New operational risk that needs to be managed
- Improve Cyber Governance (ISM Code)
- Develop Appropriate Standards
  - Incorporate cyber risk at every stage of ship design, construction and operation.

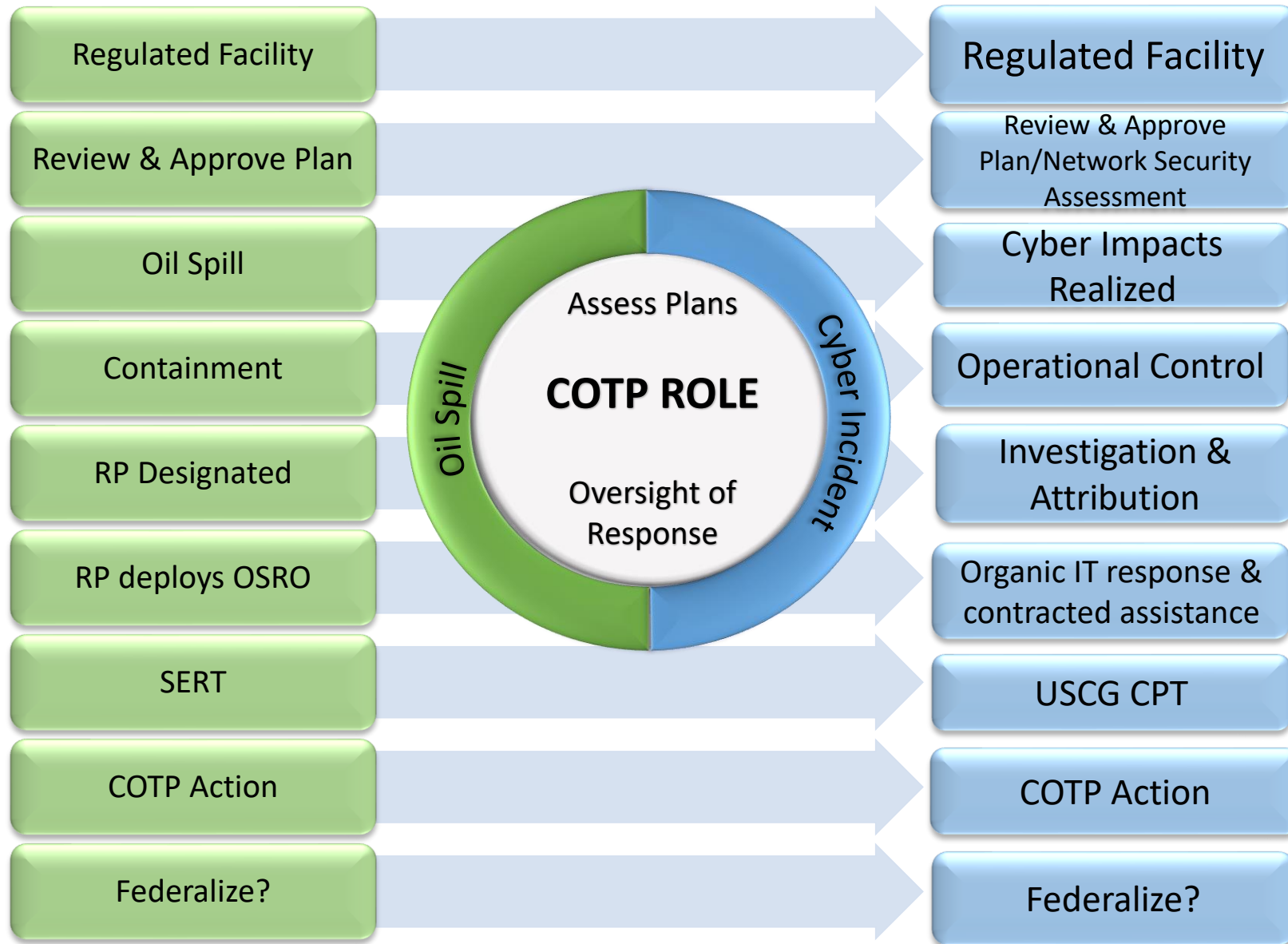


# Cyber Risk, Potential Loss & Increasing Vulnerabilities

- Operational impacts due to cyber disruptions are growing in magnitude and frequency.
  - Persistent connectivity vs. continuity of global operations
- Industry standards and expectations are increasing.
  - “cyber seaworthiness”
  - What constitutes a “substandard” vessel?



# Cyber Incident Prevention and Response Model







# State of Cyber Security in our Ports

- **Some Successes:**
  - Local efforts to build resiliency across container terminals with shared equities/operating systems.
  - Area Maritime Security Committee is model for public-private partnership.
  - Regular drills/exercises.
- **Challenges:**
  - Cyber security not consistently addressed in vessel & facility security plans.
  - Cyber is modally agnostic – more robust coordination/info-sharing is needed.
  - Aging IT/OT aboard ships and in facilities.
  - **Bottom Line: in spite of growing cyber emphasis, maritime industry lags behind many other sectors.**

# Sector Commander Tools



## PREVENTION

### Maritime Transportation Security Act

- Vessels and Facilities are required to address cyber vulnerabilities in their security plans.
- Marine inspectors review and approve plans.
- Plans that do not assess network vulnerabilities are returned for revision.



## RESPONSE

### Ports and Waterways Safety Act

- COTP can issue orders to vessel and facilities requiring that they take certain actions to mitigate a cyber incident (i.e., denied entry, cease cargo ops, conduct third-party assessment)



# Major Takeaways

- **This is uncharted territory-** This could have been the first cyber incident reported to USCG from underway deep draft vessel.
- **This was ONE vessel-** is it representative of the majority of the fleet?
- **Risk Management** - Development of cyber capability is critical to fulfilling our statutory responsibilities in our ports. **However, at the end of the day, this is about risk management.**





# Ongoing Initiatives

## CYBER ANNEX

- Information Sharing
- Required Training
- COTP Advisory Committee
- Awards Program

## EXERCISES

- Technical, field level exercise
- Multi-Sector roundtable
- Hacking Event

## PARTNERSHIPS

- Continue to leverage partnerships with DoD, FBI, industry, financial/energy sectors, etc.

## OUTREACH

- Spread awareness
- Case studies, interviews, speaking engagements, industry outreach.



# Questions & Discussion

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