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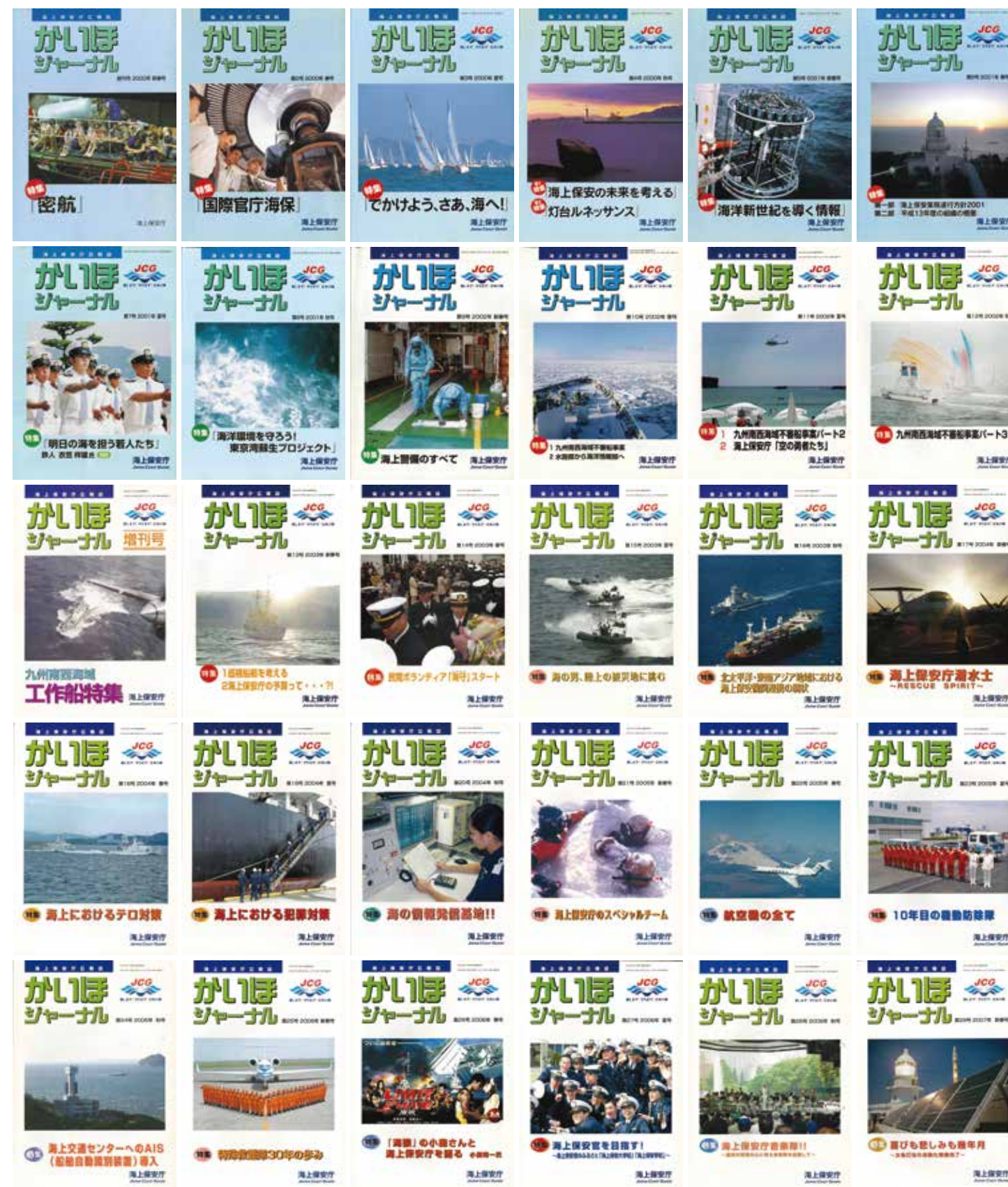
I appreciated that you are reading this booklet, Kaiho Journal (Japan Coast Guard Journal). We are pleased to announce that we have now celebrated our 100th, since its first publication in 2000. The Japan Coast Guard was established in 1948 under the mission of ensuring maritime safety and security. Since then, we have been engaged in various duties, including maritime law enforcement, territorial sea security, search and rescue, environmental protection, disaster response, oceanographic research, and ensuring the safe navigation of vessels. This quarterly booklet has delivered updates on the Japan Coast Guard's initiatives and topics of interest, while introducing readers to the lives and work of Coast Guard officers—who often serve in ways not visible to the general public. Over the past quarter century since booklet first issue, there have been major events that drew significant public attention, including the "The Spy Ship Incident in the Southwest Sea of Kyushu" in 2001, and the acquisition of ownership of three Senkaku Islands (Uotsuri, Kitakojima, and Minamikojima) by the Japan Coast Guard in 2012. Coast Guard officers work around the clock, 24 hours, 365 days a year, and even now, at this very moment, they are carrying out their duties on the seas surrounding Japan and beyond to protect the safety and security for the people. The Kaiho Journal will continue to share timely and easy-to-understand stories that shed a light on these devoted officers working behind the scenes. As we reaffirm the founding spirit of "Justice and Humanity," passed down through generations, we—all JCG staff members remain committed to acting with integrity and sincerity every day, aiming to be trusted and beloved a strong Japan Coast Guard. We sincerely appreciate your continued understanding and support.

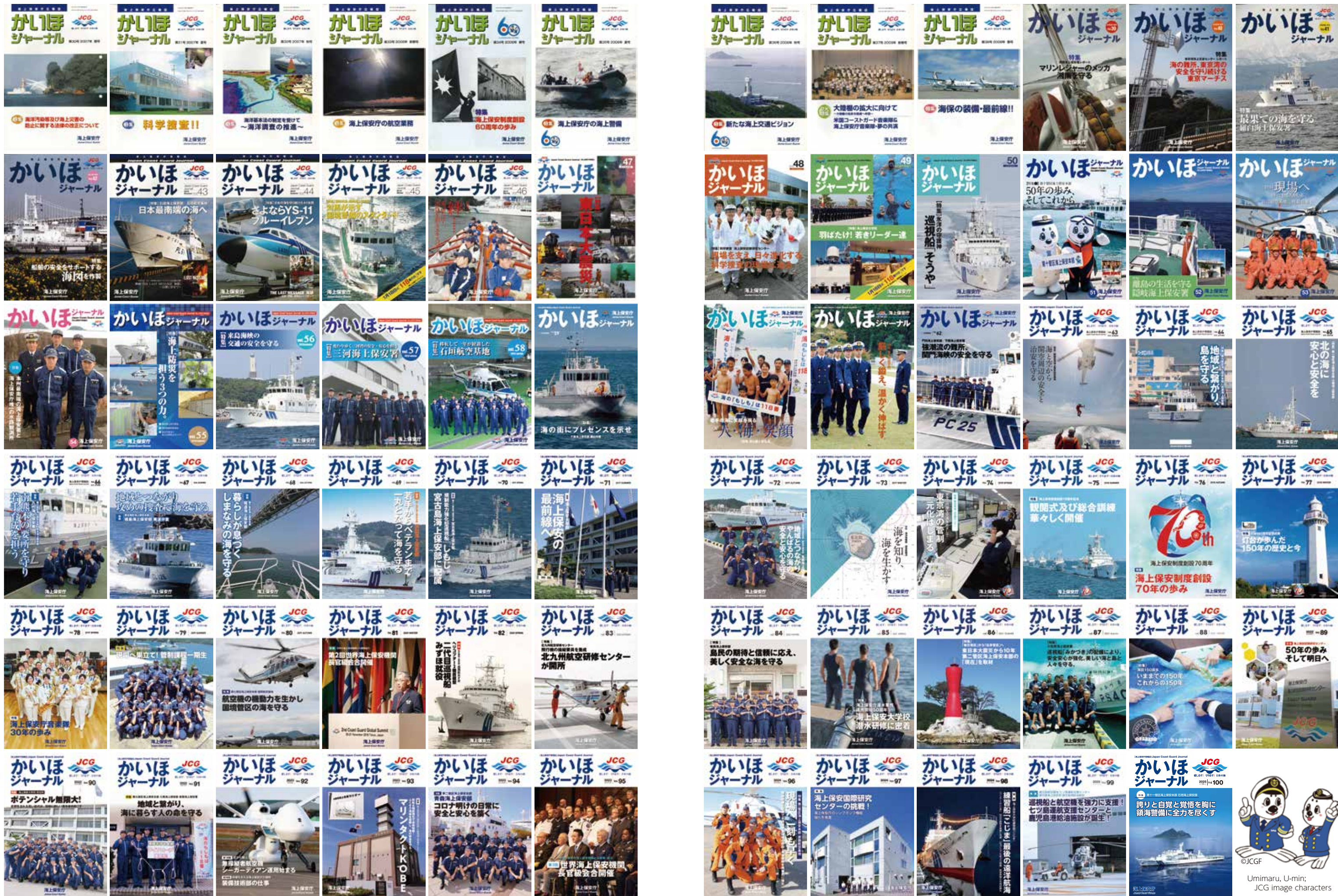
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Celebrating the Publication of **Issue Vol. 100**





"With Pride, Awareness, and Resolve —Fully Committed to Guarding Our Territorial Sea"



In recent years, neighboring countries around Japan have been intensifying their maritime activities, and tensions have been particularly escalating in the waters surrounding the Senkaku Islands. At the forefront of guarding this critical area is covered by the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office. Among the 71 Coast Guard Offices across the country, the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office is the largest in scale. This report sheds light on the current state of its operations.

Written and reported by Satoshi Kitagawa (Forum K)

Current Status of the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office

The Ishigaki Coast Guard Office is located in the Ishigaki Port and harbor joint Government building in Hamasaki Town, Ishigaki City, Okinawa Prefecture. It has jurisdiction over one city and two towns—Ishigaki City, Taketomi Town, and Yonaguni Town—and is responsible for the surrounding maritime areas.

Key characteristics of this jurisdiction include:

- ① It covers Japan's southwesternmost border waters, including the Senkaku Islands,
- ② It lies along an international maritime route connecting Japan and Asia (with 148 cruise ship calls in 2019),
- ③ It possesses rich fishery resources
- ④ It has fruitful nature (tourism resources, drawing 1.48 million

visitors annually),

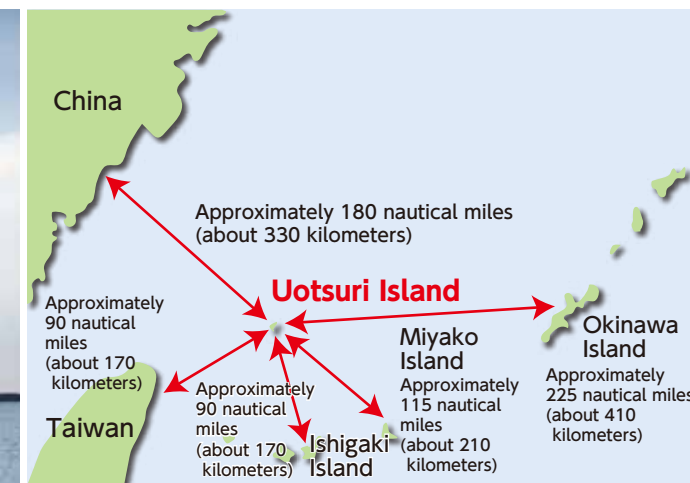
- ⑤ It encompasses remote islands (rely heavily on maritime transport), and
- ⑥ It is located in a typical typhoon path (with around five typhoons striking the region each year).

The term "Senkaku Islands" refers collectively to a group of islands including Uotsuri Island, Kitakojima, Minamikojima, Kuba Island, Taisho Island, Okinokitaiwa, Okinominamiwa, and Tobise. The territorial sea around the Senkaku Islands cover an area of approximately 4,740 square kilometers—larger than the combined area of Tokyo and Kanagawa Prefectures, which is about 4,605 square kilometers.

As of the end of fiscal year 2024, the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office has 654 personnel—the highest among all Coast Guard offices nationwide—including 46 land-based staff and 608 vessel-based



Port Entry of Patrol Vessel Yaeyama



Patrol Vessels Yonakuni and Tokashiki



Vessel belonging to a China Coast Guard and patrol vessel running alongside

staff. Its organizational structure includes the Chief, Deputy Chief, and four divisions: Administration, Finance and Supply, Guard and Rescue, and Traffic, along with its affiliated vessels. The assets consists of 17 vessels: 14 patrol vessels, 2 patrol craft, and 1 surveillance service boat small.

Normally, Coast Guard offices have two Deputy Chiefs, but the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office has three. Additionally, it has a Finance and Supply Division, the Division is found in only a few Coast Guard offices nationwide.

Takahiko Tanaka, Chief of the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office, stated: "Based on policies aimed at strengthening maritime safety and security capabilities, the development of our growing number of young personnel has become a key issue. At the same time, in the Reiwa era, we are facing various challenges such as difficulties in securing human resources and an increase in employee turnover.

To address these issues, the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office is working to improve operational efficiency and foster a more comfortable working environment. We are creating a workplace where each staff member can maintain a healthy work-life balance and find fulfillment in their duties. Our goal is to build an organization that can continue to meet the expectations of the public."

Tanaka continues:

"To our mid-level managers—including deputy Chiefs, division managers, and myself—I say: 'Work with an emphasis on sharing information. Treat your subordinates with care and compassion.' I always stress the importance of respect and tolerance."

"To all officers, including our younger crew members, I share a consistent message through briefings and official communications: 'Your work is of great importance. As members of the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office, act with pride, awareness, and resolve.'"

Interview



TANAKA Takehiko
Director, Ishigaki Coast Guard Office

Managing a Large Team of Over 600 with Positivity

"My role as Chief is essentially about management. I believe it is important to create an environment and atmosphere where both office staff and vessel crew members can actively engage in their duties, including the guard of the Senkaku Islands, and where they can work with ease.

Of course, I say what needs to be said, but I make it a point to communicate logically and calmly, without becoming emotional, and always interact with others in a positive manner.

I also believe it is important to clearly convey what I think. Whenever I have the opportunity—such as in New Year's messages or even in my email signature—I try to share basic attitudes and expectations like, 'This is how I'd like you to approach things.'"

The Ishigaki Coast Guard Office, with more than 600 personnel, is the largest Coast Guard office in Japan. As it is not possible for one person alone to grasp the condition of all personnel, management through each vessel captain and division chief is essential. Together with the Deputy Directors, I work to share information and awareness with these managers and support them, aiming to maintain a strong and sound organization as a whole.

A Sharp Rise in Tensions Around the Senkaku Islands

The Ishigaki Coast Guard Office has not been always the large organization as it is today. Until around 2012, it was a standard-sized Coast Guard office with approximately 100 personnel. So why has the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office expanded so significantly? The answer lies, of course, in the recent maritime actions taken by China.

The first confirmed appearance of Chinese law enforcement vessels in Japan's contiguous zone occurred in December 2008. In September 2012, in order to ensure the long-term, stable, and peaceful management of the Senkaku Islands, the Japan Coast Guard acquired ownership of three islands: Uotsuri Island, Kitakojima, and Minamikojima. From that point onward, the situation changed dramatically.

In 2012, the number of days on which Chinese vessels were confirmed in the contiguous zone rose to 91, and there were 23 intrusions into Japanese territorial sea. By 2013, the number of days of presence in the contiguous zone more than doubled to 232. While the figures decreased somewhat between 2016 and 2018, they began rising again in 2019, reaching 355 days in 2024. Notably, from December 2023 to July 2024, there were 215 consecutive days of confirmed presence. There were also 39 incursions into territorial sea that year. On June 7, 2024, for the first time, four Chinese Coast Guard vessels equipped with artillery entered the contiguous zone, and on the same day, intruded into Japanese territorial sea—marking the first such incident involving armed vessels.

Maintaining Flawless Guard Around the Senkaku Islands

The Ishigaki Coast Guard Office operates 17 vessels: 14 patrol vessels, 2 patrol crafts, and 1 surveillance/service boat small. Among them, ten 1,000-ton class patrol vessels (PL-type) have been specially designated for exclusive duty guarding the territorial sea around the Senkaku Islands. By introducing a multi-crew rotation system, the office has achieved an operational capacity equivalent to 12 vessels with just 10 vessels.

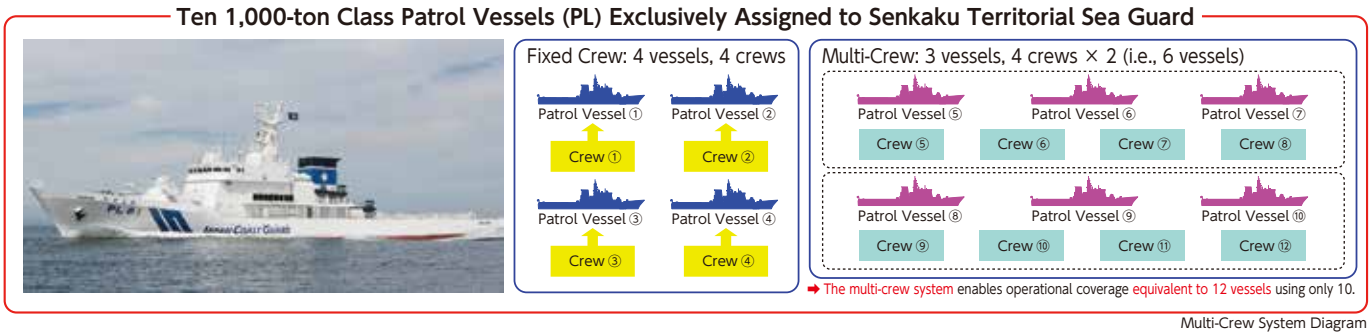
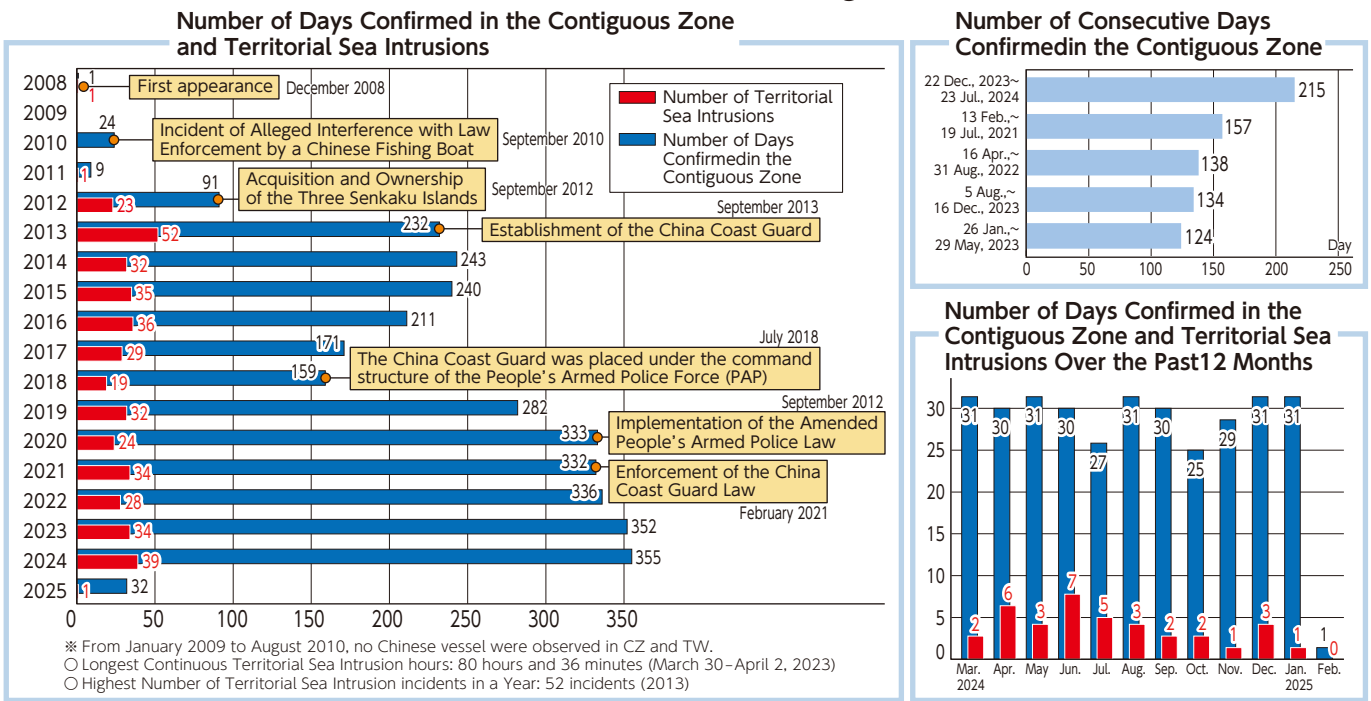
4 out of the 10 vessels are operated under a fixed-crew system. The remaining 6 are operated by 4 rotating crews across 3 vessels, allowing continuous operation while giving crew members sufficient rest. This multi-crew rotation system for large patrol vessels is unique to the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office.

The PL-type patrol vessel Yaeyama, commissioned in February 2024, is significantly larger than other PL-class vessels at the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office—more than twice the gross tonnage. Thanks to its size, Yaeyama can operate even in rough seas, and its greater capacity for water and fuel allows for extended missions and effective disaster response.

In the waters around the Senkaku Islands, activity by Chinese Coast Guard vessels is confirmed on an almost daily basis. In addition to repeated territorial sea intrusions, there are frequent incidents of these vessels attempting to approach Japanese fishing boats. The patrol vessels deployed to the area are continuously engaged in responding to these situations.

Even now, each patrol vessel carries out its duties calmly and resolutely, as its fundamental principle. On the front lines, the tense

Status of China Coast Guard Vessels in the Waters Surrounding the Senkaku Islands As of February 1, 2025



Multiple Large Patrol Vessels moored

standoff with Chinese Coast Guard vessels continues, and the level of tension must be considerable. Despite, Captain Naoki Mizoguchi of the patrol vessel Yaeyama offers a reassuring perspective:

“What matters most is how well we can respond in a real emergency. I don’t place much emphasis on the size or firepower of the Chinese Coast Guard vessels. But we do stay constantly aware of the broader international situation and overall developments to anticipate what might happen next.”

There is one critically important fact that should be widely known regarding the guard of the Senkaku territorial sea: Patrol vessels are stationed in the waters around the Senkaku Islands 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Chief TANAKA of the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office explains:

“As long as vessels belonging to the China Coast Guard are present, we remain on station—even in the face of typhoons or rough seas. We don’t just go out, patrol, and come back. We are there the entire time, holding our position on-site.”



Port and harbor Joint Government Building



Patrol Vessel Yaeyama



Group Photo of the Crew in Front of Patrol Vessel Yaeyama



Bridge of the vessel



Common Room



OIC compartment



Galley



Multi-Function Room

Interview



Growing Together – The Patrol Vessel and Its Crew

MIZOGUCHI Naoki
Captain, Patrol Vessel Yaeyama

"A certain level of tension is necessary to carry out the duties of a patrol vessel, but it shouldn't lead to excessive stress.

What's most important, I believe, is maintaining a system that allows us to respond effectively when the time comes.

I approach daily operations with three guiding principles: stay positive, be proactive, and work as one team in everything we do."

The main mission of the patrol vessel Yaeyama is the guard of the waters around the Senkaku Islands.

Because of this, the vessel's duties are heavily weighted toward security operations.

As a result, I particularly encourage younger crew members to "learn a wide range of knowledge."

I advise them to use their spare time to study for maritime examinations or to obtain qualifications.

Since opportunities to engage in law enforcement or safety instruction are limited on this vessel, we arrange for them to participate in short-term training—about one week—at the Coast Guard office to gain broader experience.

It has now been one year since Yaeyama was commissioned.

Compared to other PL-class vessels, it is more than twice as large in gross tonnage.

Because of its size and capabilities, I want to clearly define what this ship can uniquely accomplish and establish its distinct role within the fleet.

Primary Responsibilities of Each Division

Administration Division

This division handles personnel appointments and salaries, housing assignments and maintenance, and welfare-related matters such as medical checkups.

Due to the large number of personnel, the division also plays a vital role in providing support functions to ensure smooth operations, including health management, mental health support, harassment prevention, and measures to prevent misconduct.

Guard and Rescue Division

With jurisdiction over the waters surrounding the Senkaku Islands, this division prioritizes territorial sea security.

It also conducts surveillance and enforcement against illegal operations by foreign fishing vessels, responds to accidents involving ships and marine leisure activities, and handles anti-terrorism, anti-smuggling, and illegal immigration measures.

Vessel personnel are engaged in these duties 24 hours a day, and this division manages vessel operations and coordinates a wide range of related tasks.

Finance and Supply Division

This division is responsible for procuring fuel and supplies through contracts to ensure the smooth operation of the 17 assigned patrol vessels and boats.

Given that Ishigaki Island lies in a typhoon-prone route, the maintenance and management of facilities such as the government office building and piers are also key responsibilities.

Traffic Division

In the coastal waters around the Yaeyama Islands, many shallow coral reef areas present a high risk of vessel groundings.

This division installs and maintains navigational aids such as lighthouses and beacons to ensure safe passage.

It also promotes safety awareness for marine leisure activities, provides guidance to local operators, and offers navigational safety guidance for large cruise ships and other vessels.

Unique Responsibilities of the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office

While the primary mission is guarding the territorial sea around the Senkaku Islands, the location's status as a border region also makes countermeasures against smuggling and illegal immigration, as well as enforcement against illegal fishing by foreign vessels, and safety measures for large cruise ships, critical operations.

In addition, Ishigaki Island is one of Japan's premier marine leisure destinations.

To prevent marine leisure accidents, the Coast Guard promotes the use of life jackets and coordinates with maritime safety instructors and local police to implement safety initiatives.

The office is also active in marine environmental conservation. In 2002, it helped launch the Yaeyama Environmental Network, through which government agencies and private organizations collaborate year-

round on activities such as beach cleanups.

One activity unique to the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office is the ongoing reception of student groups—mainly high school students visiting on educational trips—for introductions to Coast Guard operations.

In 2018, a formal agreement titled the "Yaeyama Educational Travel Accord" was signed among the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office, Ishigaki Air Station, the Yaeyama Visitors Bureau, and the Yaeyama Educational Travel Promotion Committee.

In fiscal year 2023, this program hosted six schools and 340 students. Chief TANAKA of the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office concludes:

"Our responsibility is not only to play a leading role in the guard of the Senkaku Islands, but also to safeguard the safety and order of the Yaeyama maritime region—an essential and critical mission.

It is vital that we continue to work closely with other agencies and maintain a strong connection with the local community."



Campaign to Promote Life Jacket Use



Safety Guidance at the Arrival of Large Cruise Ships



Educational Program Featuring Patrol Vessel Facility Orientation



Joint Coastal Patrol



*Aiming to Become an Expert
Who Applies Specialized
Knowledge Across
a Wide Range of Fields*

ASATO Tomoaki

General Affairs Section,
Administration Division,
Ishigaki Coast Guard Office

My current responsibilities mainly involve managing the government office building and staff housing, handling detention-related matters, coordinating public relations, and arranging educational visits such as school excursions and workplace experiences for elementary and junior high school students. As a result, I often interact with people outside the organization.

In terms of the office building, my work mainly involves tasks similar to those in the construction industry, such as preparing specifications for estimate requests. When it comes to housing, I handle matters that are quite similar to real estate operations. The scope of work is broad, requiring knowledge across a wide range of specialized fields. There are always new things I don't understand, so I find myself learning something every day.

What I pay the most attention to is how I communicate in emails and phone calls—poor wording or phrasing can easily cause misunderstandings or offend someone. So before I write or speak, I make sure to research anything I'm unsure about and be mindful of the tone I use when talking.

Working aboard a vessel often requires intuitive technical skills, and I've found that learning by doing doesn't come easily to me. There were times I felt maybe I wasn't quite suited to that environment. However, in my current land-based administrative work, I've discovered that the more knowledge I accumulate, the more capable I become. It's very rewarding, and I feel fulfilled in what I do each day.

After graduating from the Japan Coast Guard School, I served for two and a half years as a Logistic Division crew member aboard a patrol vessel. During that time, I realized how essential the Accounting and Supply Division was, since all procurement of necessary supplies and fuel coordination went through them. That experience motivated me to pursue a position in this division. My current responsibilities include procuring supplies, managing expiration dates for firefighting equipment aboard ships, and investigating inventory shortages.

Since I come from the Logistic Division, I'm not very familiar with many of the technical terms used in the Engineering Division, especially those related to engines and piping, and I still struggle with them. When I first joined the Accounting and Supply Division, I felt so much pressure that I nearly broke down. However, one of my supervisors noticed and kindly took the time to speak with me, which really lifted a weight off my shoulders. That thoughtfulness meant a great deal to me.

The vendors I interact with in my work are very knowledgeable and often share various related pieces of information during even a single task. When I get the chance to apply what I've learned and explain something effectively later on, I feel a real sense of fulfillment. There's still much more for me to learn, but I hope to become the kind of reliable behind-the-scenes professional that people can turn to and say, "If you ask that officer, they'll have the answer."

*Striving to Be the
Unsung Hero Behind
the Scenes*

ISHIMINE Ami

Supply Section,
Accounting and Supply Division,
Ishigaki Coast Guard Office



*Supporting Senkaku Patrol
Operations through
Vessel Management*

TAIRA Kei

Rescue Section,
Security and Rescue Division,
Ishigaki Coast Guard Office

After graduating from the Japan Coast Guard School, I served as an engineering crew member aboard a patrol vessel, primarily handling engine maintenance and inspections. Later, when I was assigned to a CL-class patrol boat under the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office, I had many opportunities to interact directly with land-based personnel. This experience sparked my interest in land-based duties, which led me to apply for a position in the Security and Rescue Division at the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office.

Currently, my main responsibilities include coordinating the operation of patrol vessels and arranging docking at piers. Because Ishigaki has a large number of patrol vessels, fine-tuning operations for smooth coordination is often challenging. In my role, I try not to force only our own preferences but also make a point of listening to and incorporating the needs of others.

Although operational coordination tends to go unnoticed, I feel a sense of accomplishment when everything runs smoothly thanks to successful adjustments—I often think to myself, "Nice job, me."

About ten years ago, I myself was assigned to a PL-class patrol vessel and took part in Senkaku patrol missions. Because of that experience, I believe I have a good understanding of the hardships and intensity involved in those operations. I now work with a sense of solidarity, supporting my colleagues on the front lines who are currently engaged in the Senkaku patrols.

After graduating from the Japan Coast Guard School, I served as a navigation crew member aboard a patrol vessel, where I gained experience in security and rescue operations, including territorial waters protection. I was then assigned to the Navigation Safety Section of the Traffic Division at the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office.

The Traffic Division handles three main duties: navigational safety operations, safety measures, and navigational aid services. I am in charge of navigational safety operations. One of my primary responsibilities is port master duties, which include reviewing and receiving applications related to maritime construction and operations. Although I still have a lot to learn, I make it a point not to leave things unclear—asking my supervisors and senior colleagues questions as I work through each task.

Since I frequently interact with outside contractors and other parties involved in maritime construction, I strive to maintain a courteous attitude and create an approachable atmosphere so that people feel comfortable asking questions or seeking advice. Seeing actual construction projects proceed based on permits we issued gave me a strong sense of how vital the Japan Coast Guard's responsibilities are.

Going forward, I want to broaden my perspective as a coast guard officer by being involved in various maritime safety operations.

*Contributing to
the Development of a
Safe Navigational
Port through Careful and
Dedicated Work*

MEDORUMA Ryusei

Navigation Safety Section, Traffic Division,
Ishigaki Coast Guard Office



>> Interviews with Ishigaki Coast Guard Officers and Patrol Vessel **Yaeyama** Crew Members



*Undertakes
the Senkaku Security
Mission with a Strong
Will to Improve
His Chinese Language Skills*

KOIKE Yuto

Chief Radio Operator,
Communications Division,
Patrol Vessel Yaeyama

When I was considering my future path while preparing for university entrance exams, I remembered that I had once dreamed of working in a maritime-related job when I was in elementary school. Since I was in a humanities-based international course in high school, I had assumed that maritime careers were mostly for science majors and had nearly given up on that dream. However, I recalled participating in a workplace experience program at the 4th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters when I was in junior high school. Upon researching the Japan Coast Guard Academy, I discovered that I could apply with my high school education plus some additional study, so I began preparing and was successfully admitted.

After graduating from the Coast Guard Academy, I hoped to study Chinese as a second foreign language during language training. Wanting to raise my motivation by experiencing the frontlines where Chinese is actually used, I requested an assignment to the Ishigaki Coast Guard Office, which is responsible for guarding the Senkaku Islands.

The main duty of the patrol vessel I currently serve on is Senkaku security. From the outside, it may appear to be routine work, but at its core is the strong belief in defending our national territory. I carry out my duties each day with the awareness that the work I do holds an important role and mission, never allowing it to become merely a formality.

I dreamed of working on a vessel ever since I was in elementary school, inspired by a ferry navigator I admired. That aspiration led me to enroll in a maritime technical college. I joined the Japan Coast Guard as a certified officer, completed training at the Moji Branch of JCG School, and was assigned to a patrol vessel. After serving in the Traffic Division of a Coast Guard office in another district, I returned to vessel duty as a member of the Navigation Division.

As an Assistant Navigator, my main duties include standing watch using radar and binoculars, and steering the ship in directions indicated by the Chief Navigator. Steering a ship is not like turning a car wheel—it doesn't respond in a fixed way. The wind and waves have a big impact, and adjusting to those conditions is one of the more challenging parts of navigation. I enjoy operating the vessel, but now that I have juniors to train, I've found that teaching others can be quite difficult.

There are only two women among the crew of Yaeyama, including myself, but I've never felt uncomfortable or faced any problems. Everyone is approachable regardless of age, and I have no hesitation asking for advice or help with studying. I think it's a great environment where even junior members can freely express their wishes to senior officers like the Chief Navigator.

*Working Hard to
Become a Reliable
Senior Crew Member*

KUBO Mihar

Assistant Navigator,
Navigation Division,
Patrol Vessel Yaeyama



*My Goal:
To Become a Reliable
Marine Engineer*

NISHIHARA Seiya

Assistant Engineer,
Engineering Division,
Patrol Vessel Yaeyama

In April 2024, I graduated from the Japan Coast Guard School and am currently serving in my first year as an engineering crew member aboard the patrol vessel Yaeyama. It's truly a huge ship, and for the first three months, I was completely focused on memorizing the layout of the vessel.

My main responsibilities include operating and maintaining the engines. When a malfunction occurs, the entire engineering team works together to identify the cause and restore operations. When we successfully fix a problem, I feel a strong sense of achievement and fulfillment. Each part has its own name and function, and memorizing all of them is quite a task. Before taking any action, I make sure to confirm with my supervisor to ensure that my judgment is correct.

I have a reliable senior assistant engineer who is always willing to answer my questions, and I strive every day to become like that senior colleague.

I joined the Japan Coast Guard because I wanted a job that others can rely on. This is a career where, when my relatives or friends ask what I do, I can confidently say, "I'm a Coast Guard officer."

I'm sure I will take on various duties in the future, but I will continue to work hard with strong determination to protect Japan's seas.

Having grown up surrounded by the ocean in Okinawa, I always wanted to work in a field related to the sea. When I attended a vocational school, I had the opportunity to hear a Japan Coast Guard officer explain their duties, and I was inspired to contribute to maritime security—so I set my sights on joining the Coast Guard.

Although I hadn't done much cooking before, I started to think it would be great to become better at it through my work, which led me to choose the Logistic Division.

The aspect I pay the most attention to in my duties is hygiene management. Once we've set sail, it's difficult to deal with illnesses that may occur onboard. I take special care to maintain strict hygiene standards and prevent food poisoning. I also focus on cooking as efficiently as possible so I can reduce prep time without sacrificing quality.

I feel a real sense of fulfillment when the crew members are happy because one of their favorite dishes is on the menu or when they thank me with a "Thanks for the meal—it was delicious" after eating.

I hope to continue improving my cooking skills so I can prepare meals that lift the crew's spirits and support their motivation while on duty.

*Contributing to
Maritime Security
Through Delicious Meals*

ISHIHARA Jun

Assistant Purser, Logistic Division,
Patrol Vessel Yaeyama



12/02 JCG Academy

4th Year Groups I & II and Introductory Course On-board Ceremony



12/03 6th Region Tamano Coast Guard office

Training for Loading Emergency Communication Equipment with NTT West Japan



12/03 7th Region Headquarters

Patrol Vessel Kanbai Launch Ceremony



12/04 JCG Headquarters Guard and Rescue Department

National Maritime Security and Rescue Competition



12/09 9th Region Noto Coast Guard Station

Opening of the temporary office of Noto Coast Guard Station



12/11 JCG School

Early Morning Training for FY2024 Begins!



12/13 3rd Region Haneda Special Rescue Base

Graduation Ceremony for the Special Rescue Operations Training



12/19 10th Region Headquarters

Debut of New Survey Vessel Sakura Hibiki



01/08 JCG Headquarters Guard and Rescue Department

Patrol Vessel Settsu Departs for South-east Asia to Counter Piracy

– This marks the 50th deployment of patrol vessels for anti-piracy missions –



01/15 JCG Academy

Campus Inspection by the Maritime Security Alliance of Lawmakers



01/26 11th Region Nakagusuku Coast Guard Office

Patrol Vessel Ishigaki Open to the Public



02/03 2nd Region Headquarters

Joint exercises against Suspicious Vessel with Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force



Public Awareness Activities for “Dial 118 Day”

01/14 1st Region Monbetu Coast Guard Office

Photo Session at Okhotsk Tokkari Center



01/15 8th Region Tsuruga Coast Guard Office

TV Commercial Broadcast for “118 Day”



01/15 4th Region Headquarters

VTuber Collaboration Video Release



01/16 9th Region Headquarters/ Niigata Air Station

“FM Niigata Radio Awareness Campaign for “118 Day”



01/16 2nd Region Miyagi Coast Guard Office

“Minato Shiogama” Coast Guard Curry Served in School Lunches



01/18 3rd Region Shimoda Coast Guard Office

Coast Guard Festival in Shimoda



Launch of New Reporting System “Live 118” (Jan 18, 2025)

— Report marine incidents and accidents via live video! —

On 18 January 2025, the Japan Coast Guard launched a new emergency reporting system “Live118”, which enables real-time video transmission from the scene, broadening the ways of collecting and conveying information on the established 118 platform.

This system allows real-time transmission of the scene through video captured on a smartphone by the caller. This function, makes it possible to share the actual situation of the scene more accurately than by audio or text alone. In addition, in this enhanced reporting system, the Japan Coast Guard can provide callers with guidance videos on how to treat sick and injured people.

Japan Coast Guard Video Reporting and Communication System **Live118**

Video Reporting

When it is difficult to verbally convey the situation at the scene you can record the scene using a smart-phone and report it to the Japan Coast Guard via video.



Video Guidance

The Japan Coast Guard can provide videos related to the treatment of sudden illnesses or injuries.



If necessary, the Japan Coast Guard may request video recording through the “LIVE118” system.

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**Water Safety Guide**Safety Check
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