

**GULF OF MEXICO  
COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
Mission Statement**

*Law enforcement is dedicated to providing professional guidance and expertise to the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. We are committed to improving enforceability and regulatory compliance through cooperative efforts that enhance, protect, and conserve shared living marine resources and their supporting ecosystems throughout the Gulf of Mexico.*



# MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES/MARINE PATROL JOINT ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016

- 2044 MAN HOURS DEDICATED TO ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL FISHERY REGULATIONS
- 894 VESSEL HOURS DEDICATED TO INSHORE, MIDRANGE, AND OFFSHORE PATROLS
- THESE PATROLS RESULTED 191 COMMERCIAL CONTACTS 797 RECREATIONAL CONTACTS



# FISHERY VIOLATIONS

- STATE CITATIONS: 42 VIOLATIONS WERE ISSUED FOR VARIOUS OFFENSES:
  - POSSESSION OF RED SNAPPER DURING CLOSED SEASON.
  - POSSESSION OF UNDERSIZED RED SNAPPER.
  - POSSESSION OF TRIGGER FISH DURING CLOSED SEASON.
- FEDERAL VIOLATIONS THAT WERE REFERRED TO NOAA OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT: 3
  - POSSESSION OF A PROHIBITED SPECIES (DUSKY SHARK).
  - ILLEGAL TURTLE EXCLUDER DEVICES.
  - NO FEDERAL SHRIMPING PERMIT.

# PROHIBITED SPECIES DUSKY SHARK







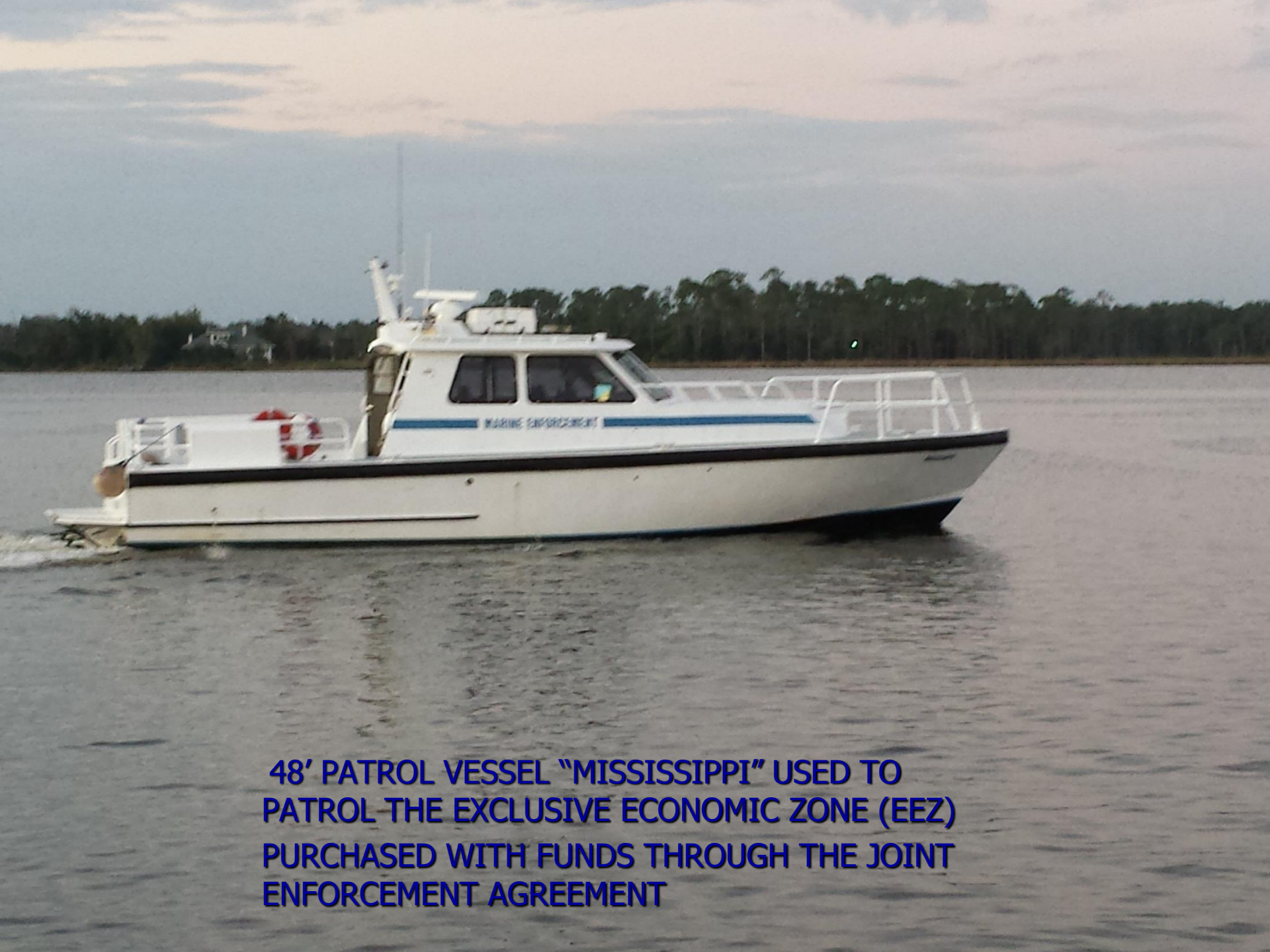
ILLEGAL TURTLE EXCLUDER DEVICE



# MIDRANGE AND OFFSHORE 27' VESSEL "CAPT. KIRK"







**48' PATROL VESSEL "MISSISSIPPI" USED TO  
PATROL THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (EEZ)  
PURCHASED WITH FUNDS THROUGH THE JOINT  
ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT**

# MARINE PATROL'S NEWEST OFFSHORE PATROL VESSEL

- 41' AND POWERED BY THREE MERCURY 350 HP MOTORS.
- BUILT BY SILVERSHIPS IN MOBILE, AL.
- FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE WAS THROUGH NOAA UNDER THE JOINT ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT.
- IT SHOULD BE DELIVERED DURING THE THIRD WEEK IN OCTOBER 2016.
- OUTFITTED WITH THE NEWEST UP TO DATE ELECTRONICS.
- WILL ACCOMMODATE A CREW UP TO 6 OFFICERS.



# NEWEST ADDITION TO THE MARINE PATROL FLEET











Silver Ships

350

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# Marine Patrol's Continued Success:

- MEANS CONTINUED FUNDING FROM NOAA THROUGH THE JOINT ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT
- MEANS CONTINUED PATROLS IN THE EEZ FOR FEDERAL FISHERY COMPLIANCE
- MEANS CONTINUED STRONG PARTNERSHIPS WITH FEDERAL AND STATE PARTNERS
- MEANS CONTINUING OUR MISSION OF "ENHANCING, PROTECTING, AND CONSERVING MARINE RESOURCES IN FEDERAL AND STATE WATERS"



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