USCG Search for the BEAR

Mission Need: Locate the wreck of the former Revenue Cutter BEAR in the vicinity of Brown’s Bank, North Atlantic Ocean.

Project Objectives:
- Coordinate with National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) to locate and explore the wreckage of the former Revenue Cutter BEAR, which foundered under tow and sank in the North Atlantic in March 1963, using CG SAROPS and Underwater Imaging System as well as NOAA research vessels and attached equipment.
- Use patrol planning and execution as a training tool for NOAA Officer Candidates and USCG CGA Cadet Training Program.

Sponsor: LANTAREA Historian’s Office
Stakeholder(s): NOAA, CGA

Key Milestone / Deliverable Schedule:
- Project Start ........................................ Aug 12
- Planning Workshop for NOAA and SAROPS……. Oct 12
- Search Areas Validated.............................. Nov 12
- Charter Approved and Signed……………….... Dec 12
- Memorandum of Agreement Signed......... Dec 12
- Patrol Plans Approved................................ Jan 13
- Spring Patrol.......................................... Mar 13
- Early Summer Patrol................................. May 13
- BEAR located..................................... TBD

Project #: N/A  Tier: 3

Expected Benefit:
Add to general R&D knowledge base

Core Search Team Composition:
- LANTAREA Historian  CGA x 2
- CG RDC x 2  Documentation Team (Volunteers) x 6
- International Ice Patrol x 2  NOAA x 2
- Others - TBD

Indicates RDC product.