

Coast Guard plans to decommission Crescent City's Dorado

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The Coast Guard has confirmed cutter Dorado (WPB 87306), stationed in the Crescent City Harbor, will be decommissioned early next year.

According to Lt. Cmdr. Gabriel Vigil, Operations Director at Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay, the aging Dorado, which was commissioned in April 1999, will be decommissioned sometime in February.

The Dorado is assigned to Sector Humboldt Bay and performs scheduled law enforcement patrols from the Oregon-California border south to Gualala, just north of San Francisco.

Vigil said Dorado will eventually be replaced with newer and larger cutters coming online that will be based in Southern California. Those cutters would then patrol up the coast, past San Francisco and into Oregon.

He said no timeline has been established, nor did he say if a replacement cutter will be assigned to Crescent City.

