



Spotlight on:

CFAS Port Operations

Port Operations, or Port Ops, is one of the largest fleets in town! Using their 24 small craft – LCMs (pushers), fire boats, containment boom utility boats, and harbor security boats – Port Ops controls and maintains it all. They transport ordnance, deploy containment booms, maintain all the craft (including engine work), and act as the liaison for ships coming in and out of port who need services. Always on call, Port Ops makes sure the fleet has what it needs to get the job done.

During carrier visits, Port Operations is responsible for handling many requests for assistance from the visiting ships, which can range from the basics of food, fuel and other necessities to requests for MWR support, lodging and transportation. Then there are the ferry and small-boat operations during a large deck visit, which can be numerous as the small craft take care of over 3,000 Sailors who might be on Liberty each day of the port visit.

The Port Ops crew typically oversees all operations at two passenger piers at CFAS, and last year alone handled over 500 ship movements. When oil spills occur, the fleet knows who to call – and Port Ops knows what to do, deploying oil containment booms to protect the environment that we all share.



So when you think of Port Operations, don't just think of small craft operations and line handling. Think of hazardous material clean up and containment, harbor security, harbor traffic oversight, and supplies requests for the fleet. Port Ops is responsible for all these things and more to maintain mission readiness,

whether day or night, rain or shine, weekend or weekday...even on holidays. Port Operations' mission is fundamentally entwined with the core of CFAS' mission ("Enabling and supporting the Fleet"). Thanks to the Sailors and MLCs of CFAS Port Operations, the Fleet can rest assured that their needs will be met.

—Fast Facts—

Recent Exercises for CFAS Port Operations:

- Exercise Keen Edge
Bi-Lateral CPX
- Exercise RSO&I
Unilateral CPX
- Exercise Typhoon Ready
Unilateral preparation
- Sasebo City Disaster Prevention Drill
Joint Demonstration



In Their Own Words

“Working here is rewarding. We are the point of contact for the fleet. If they need something we can point them in the right direction and make sure they get taken care of. For me the people I work with make the job so much easier, it takes teamwork to get our job done, and everyone here is highly motivated.”

— ET2 Scott Shaw

Local Talent

Port Ops is crewed by 37 active duty Sailors in seven ratings — Operations Specialist, Boatswain Mate, Engineman, Electrician's Mate, Electronics Technician, Hull Maintenance Technician, Quartermaster — and 42 MLC employees.