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THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS - US Coast Guard Auxiliary Version

By Auxiliarist Alan J.P. Miles

Twas the night before Christmas, all across the Seas,

Not a current was stirring, not even the breeze.

The patrol boats were moored to the docks with great care,

In case of a winter storm that could soon be there.

Auxiliary sailors and seaman lay snug in their beds,

Thoughts of victims and rescues were fresh in their heads.

Then suddenly, in the harbor there came such a sound,

The coxswains and crew searched but nothing could be found.

When, there at the horizon there rose a great sight,

With red and green lights, even a three sixty white.

The roar of her engines were nothing to compare,
Against the jolly laughter of the helmsman there.
The odd vessel approached us at juggernaught speed,
And sped through a no-wake zone, which it did not heed.
Boat crews ,both Silver and Gold ran on to the pier,
To see the strange craft as it drew ever so near.
The Captain at the wheel wore red with white trim,
A jolly face, white beard, and a belly, not thin!
A fur coat, hat, gloves, and orange PFD,
Completed this sailor for everyone to see.
He spoke to those present in a deep merry voice,
"You serve others and this is a wonderful choice."
For you all have responded to your brothers call,
You rush out to save them during tempest and squall.
It is time to deliver my message to you,
That you all should receive this Bravo Zulu.
It's now time for me to get underway,
The time we were together, was special today.
He started the engines with a twitch of his nose,
"All Ahead Full", his orders crescendoed and rose.
As pulled from the dock, oh what a wonderful sight,
He shouted, Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!

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