

M I A M I W I N T E R F E S T

WINTERFEST 88

WINTERFEST 88 was a highlight of another of GALLATIN's ventures into the 7th District boundaries. It was a time for the people of Miami to say "Thank You" to the Coast Guard for our continued support in Search & Rescue and Maritime Law Enforcement.

It started in Ft. Lauderdale where the crew worked from sunrise to sunset and later for almost a week preparing the ship for the more than 40,000 Miami area visitors.

We departed Ft. Lauderdale with crew, members of the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale Navy League, and family & friends for the three hour ride to Miami. Upon arrival we rendezvoused with the CGC EAGLE. In full parade dress the EAGLE, GALLATIN, a 95' WPB and several small boats from Base Miami Beach proceeded into Miami. We moored at the Bicentennial Marina Park in downtown Miami with a hearty Southern Florida welcome. The Miamians went out of their way to make us feel welcome. During our week stay there were several formal ceremonies honoring the Coast Guard. These were attended mainly by the CO, XO, and officers. One of the crews' memorable highlights was the bash put on by the Bacardi Rum people. It was also rumored that several members of the CPO Mess and Wardroom treated the EAGLE cadets to a night of GALLATIN hospitality at the nearby Waterfront Mall (somebody said the Corona brewers got independently wealthy that night). WINTERFEST 88 was a time the crew worked very hard and played just as hard. No doubt a good time was had by all.

