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Sea Education Association Lecture Explores Illegal Trafficking on the Oceans

WOODS HOLE, MASS. — Join us for Sea Education Association's first lecture of 2016, where Captain Chris Nolan, a SEA Semester Assistant Professor of Nautical Science and former U.S. Coast Guard cutter commanding officer, will take us on a journey into how the United States and its partners are combatting illegal activities occurring on the high seas.

- **Sunday, January 31 at 1 p.m.** | *The Ocean and Modern Illegal Trafficking* by Captain Chris Nolan
All lectures are free, open to the public, and held at:
Sea Education Association, James L. Madden Center Lecture Hall
171 Woods Hole Road, Falmouth, Massachusetts

About the January Lecture

Whether transporting slaves across the Atlantic Ocean or rum-running during the era of prohibition, the ocean has been used as a means of illegal trafficking for centuries.

In the modern era, transnational criminal organizations that move drugs, people, and weapons have emerged as the leading front in the battle against illegal trafficking. The U.S. Coast Guard is a key agency in this fight.

In this faculty lecture, Captain Chris Nolan, a former U.S. Coast Guard cutter commanding officer, will use compelling videos and images to describe the general methods and goals of illegal traffickers, and what the United States and its partners are doing to combat this threat.

About the Lecturer

Captain Chris Nolan is an Assistant Professor of Nautical Science at SEA Semester. He holds a mariner's license as master of vessels up to 1600 tons upon ocean routes. He also holds a bachelor's degree in Marine/Environmental Science from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and is a master's degree candidate in Fisheries and Wildlife Administration at Oregon State University.

- ***Stay tuned for more information about upcoming 2016 lectures!***

About Sea Education Association/SEA Semester®

Sea Education Association (SEA) is an internationally recognized leader in undergraduate ocean education. For 45 years and more than one million nautical miles sailed, SEA has educated students about the world's oceans through its Boston University accredited study abroad program, SEA Semester. SEA/SEA Semester is based on Cape Cod in the oceanographic research community of Woods Hole, Massachusetts and has two research vessels: the SSV *Corwith Cramer*, operating in the Atlantic Ocean, and the SSV *Robert C. Seamans*, operating in the Pacific.

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