

Faculty Lectures at SEA The Ocean and Modern Illegal Trafficking Captain Chris Nolan

Sunday, January 31 at 1 p.m. Sea Education Association

James L. Madden Center Lecture Hall 171 Woods Hole Road in Falmouth Free and Open to the Public Light Refreshments Served

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.



A U.S. Coast Guard boat crew apprehends a trafficking vessel in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.



USCG Cutter *Stratton* crew members stand near \$1 billion worth of illegal narcotics seized in 2015.



USCG Cutter *Bertholf* crew members survey an abandoned trafficking vessel in the Eastern Pacific

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