

Coast Guard International Ice Patrol shares mission with students

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New London— Members of the U.S. Coast Guard International Ice Patrol shared their mission with students from two schools in December.

Fourth-grade students from Pine Point School visited the unit and the Marine Safety Lab on Dec. 13. They learned about the influence that the Titanic tragedy had on modern safety requirements for international shipping traffic, oceanographic features that contribute to the movement of icebergs and the history of the International Ice Patrol.

Students at the Stonington High School learned about oceanographic concepts and aerial reconnaissance of icebergs on Dec. 14.

Oceanographer Donald Murphy, Marine Science Technician Second Class Sara Weitkamp and Marine Science Technician Third Class Megan Sanks gave presentations to two classes about where icebergs in the North Atlantic come from and the difficulty of searching for icebergs, especially in sea ice or heavy weather conditions. The students also looked at various oceanographic instruments that are used during operations.