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[A Whale of a Cut](#)

Item #2 on Eric Cantor's YouCut [list of programs](#) he wants to terminate is the "Exchanges with Historic Whaling and Trading Partners Program" whose elimination would save \$87.5 million over ten years.

Tad DeHaven [subjects this](#) to some appropriate derision, noting the less than earth-shattering implications of the reduction: "America is at a 'critical crossroads' and the GOP leadership is offering to cut whaling history subsidies? Congress is bankrupting the nation and the possible next GOP House majority leader – ['never a details man'](#) – can't even specify what he would cut in the budget."



It's actually worse than DeHaven realizes. Eliminating this program was [already part of the Obama administration's FY 2011 budget](#). There's just nothing doing here.

Update If you want to know why the GOP doesn't come up with meaningful spending cuts, it's that [even among self-identified Republicans](#) people hate meaningful spending cuts.

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Eric Cantor is trying to kill the Leviathan --even if he sinks the Ship of State doing so:

"From hell's heart I stab at thee;
for hate's sake I spit my last breath at thee."

Or should I say "liwyathan"?

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<http://net.bible.org/dictionary.php?word=Leviathan>

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[Tcaalaw](#) Yesterday 03:00 PM

OK, if you skip ahead to part 2 of episode 1 of *Voyage of the Mimi*, at the 5:17 mark you see a hand reach out of the hatch and grab a wrench. This is foreshadowing of the sabotage of the *Mimi*'s electrical system which later contributes to the wreck of the ship. What I want to know is who sabotaged the ship?! I don't recall that ever being explained during the rest of the series.

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The R's are no more obliged to outline their cuts before the election nor more mendacious than is Obama with his airy fairy "in the New Year focus on the deficit" donkey smegma.

And is that the budget that the corrupt D's wouldn't pass because it would further their difficulties in saving their asses?