

CAPT Jason H. Ryan

Commanding Officer – USCGC WAESCHE (WMSL 751)



CAPT Ryan reports to U.S. Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC WAECHE) from Coast Guard District Seven as the Enforcement Branch Chief, with responsibility for the Coast Guard's counterdrug, alien migrant interdiction, living marine resource protection and ports, waterways and coastal security missions in the southeast U.S. and the Caribbean basin. CAPT Ryan has served aboard seven Coast Guard cutters, including most recently as Commanding Officer of USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC 904) from 2014-2016.

A native of Syracuse, NY, CAPT Ryan graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1995. CAPT Ryan first served as a Student Engineer on U.S. Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) FORWARD (WMEC 911) in Portsmouth, VA, followed by service as Assistant Operations Officer of USCGC DEPENDABLE (WMEC 626) in Portsmouth, VA, Operations Officer of USCGC THUNDERBOLT (WPC 12) in Little Creek, VA, and Weapons Officer of USCGC MIDGETT (WHEC 726) in Seattle, WA. In June 1999, CAPT Ryan sailed aboard MIDGETT in company with the USS CONSTELLATION Carrier Battle Group on a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf enforcing United Nations Sanctions against Iraq.

Stepping ashore following several sea tours, CAPT Ryan served as Search and Rescue (SAR) Controller at the Atlantic Area/District 5 Command Center performing duties coordinating SAR cases such as the dramatic rescue of 34 Greek crew members from the stricken Cruise Ship SEA BREEZE I caught in a powerful Nor'easter off the coast of Virginia. CAPT Ryan then returned to sea duty as the Operations Officer aboard USCGC LEGARE (WMEC 912) in Portsmouth, VA.

CAPT Ryan earned a Master of Arts in Military Sciences from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in 2006 and was subsequently assigned to serve as a Maritime Planner in the J-35 Future Operations Division at U.S. Northern Command in Colorado Springs, CO. At the base of the Rocky Mountains, he developed Civil Support and Homeland Defense plans for execution in response to real-world events such as the devastating Southern California wildfires in 2007. Craving the smell of the ocean, CAPT Ryan's next sea tour was as Executive Officer of USCGC CAMPBELL (WMEC 909) in Kittery, ME. CAPT Ryan served in the Office of Cutter Forces as the Sponsor's Representative for the Offshore Patrol Cutter major acquisition project. He developed the Offshore Patrol Cutter's requirements, achieved program approval from the Department of Homeland Security and award of ship design contracts for the \$10 billion shipbuilding program. CAPT Ryan returned to sea as Commanding Officer of the Medium Endurance Cutter USCGC NORTHLAND (WMEC 904). CAPT Ryan then transitioned ashore to FORCECOM as the Chief of the Afloat Training and Readiness Branch directing afloat training for Coast Guard's 245 cutters.