



CGC FREDERICK HATCH
Commanding Officer
Lieutenant Patrick J. Driess



LT Patrick Driess was born and raised in Wantagh, NY. He graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and commissioned as an Ensign in May 2015. His first tour was aboard USCGC CONFIDENCE (WMEC-619) in Cape Canaveral, FL from 2015 to 2017, where he served as the Combat Information Center Officer (CICO) and Supply Officer. CONFIDENCE supported the District Seven and Joint-Interagency Task Force South counter-narcotic and migrant deterrence missions throughout the Caribbean Sea and Eastern Pacific Ocean during his time.



From 2017 to 2019, LT Driess served aboard USCGC WILLIAM FLORES (WPC-1103) in Miami Beach, FL as the Executive Officer, supporting USCG Sector Miami's Maritime Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, and Presidential Security missions. He oversaw all daily operations, administrative duties, training, and personnel onboard, ensuring the cutter was well prepared to meet its operational demands. LT Driess was awarded the inaugural Sector Miami Officer Excellence Award in July 2018 for his leadership and operational successes.

He then worked for the Office of Cutter Forces at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC as the 154' WPC Platform Manager, where he was responsible for policy development and operational oversight of the 48-cutter (and counting) FRC fleet. He was also selected as a member of the White House Social Aide Program and served as a military escort during Presidential events and foreign dignitary visits.

LT Driess relieved as Commanding Officer of USCGC FREDERICK HATCH (WPC-1143) in Apra Harbor, Guam in January 2022, and currently leads the newest Cutter at CG Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam enforcing Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing regulations and conducting Search and Rescue in Oceania.

LT Driess enjoys surfing and rock climbing in his free time, and serves as a high school lacrosse official when residing stateside.

LT Driess has been awarded the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation along with other service, unit, and team awards.