



**USCGC WILLIAM HART (WPC 1134)**  
Command Philosophy

**MISSION**

We exist as a unit to execute the mission, whether it be responding to a mariner in distress, partnering with an island nation to safeguard local fisheries, or supporting our colleagues in the Department of Defense. We are a team of maritime professionals operating in an inherently dangerous environment. We execute all assigned missions safely and effectively, working together to achieve success by following proper procedures. While our missions will never be entirely risk-free, we assess and mitigate risk whenever possible, and speak up when we suspect an error chain may be forming. Although confident in our training and abilities, each of us has the humility to acknowledge we cannot know everything, and to seek help when we realize we may have “lost the bubble.”


**TEAMWORK**

We are a small but mighty team. Each person, regardless of rank, has a vital role to play in ensuring WILLIAM HART’s readiness and success, and we value and respect all contributions to this team effort. We come from across the country, from many different backgrounds and experiences, and each of us has a unique outlook on life – this diversity is a source of creativity and strength. Each of us can respectfully lead up, down, and across the chain of command. As lifelong learners, we ask questions and pursue opportunities for professional development, sharing our knowledge and experience generously, particularly with junior and newly reported personnel. We “lift as we climb,” using our positions of increasing leadership and responsibility to support the growth and development of others.

**RESILIENCE**

Life at sea is an experience unlike any other, but it is not without its challenges. We face difficult tasks, heavy weather, and other sources of adversity, but we do so together. We keep alert for signs that a shipmate may be struggling personally or professionally, and have the courage to take action. We also have the courage to seek help when we need it ourselves, understanding that such a request is a sign of strength and resilience, rather than an indication of weakness. We foster optimism on a daily basis and celebrate victories as a team, knowing that this team extends beyond the cutter lifelines to our shoreside support personnel, fellow Honolulu-based cutters, and our own personal support networks. We are indeed many hands, but one HART.

**We believe in our Mission, Teamwork, and Resilience.  
Together, we are Pu’uwai O Ke Kai – the Heart of the Sea.**

  
CDR Cynthia Travers  
Commanding Officer