



Command Philosophy *CGC William Hart* WPC-1134

Remember why we are here. The U.S. Coast Guard has a long history in these waters serving the Kama'aina. We have been here since 1849, long before Hawaii was even part of the United States. Our cutter's namesake, William C Hart spanned both enlisted and officer career paths and served across widely varying Coast Guard missions, from lifesaving to law enforcement to national defense. Now we do the same missions following his example and that of countless other unsung heroes of the long blue line. It can be hard to see in the daily grind but what we do is incredibly important for the environment, for the state, for the nation and for the many and diverse people on and around the Pacific Ocean.

Show Respect. Respect is the foundation on which a cohesive crew is formed and fundamental to everything we do. Respect each other, respect the unit and respect yourselves. Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity and **we** will not tolerate anything else.

Take Ownership. I alone cannot make the unit successful. Each of you have an essential role to play and *William Hart* will only succeed if **you** each, take initiative. It is your cutter and your mission! If there is a problem, you can bring it up the chain, but be ready to be part of the solution and if you have ideas on how to do something better, I want to hear them.

Demonstrate Integrity. Integrity means doing the right thing, always. Do not take shortcuts, do not compromise. This will require personal courage to hold yourself and others accountable. Integrity is the core element of mutual trust necessary to truly become a team.

Look for the Positive. Serving afloat is hard. There will be time periods or tasks that are not particularly enjoyable. Always remember that this too shall pass and this job can be incredibly fulfilling. We should never take ourselves so seriously that there isn't time for having a little fun (when appropriate). I hope that the good times outnumber the bad and that we will all look back on our time together with satisfaction.

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