



# Captain Sean C. MacKenzie

Commander Sector Anchorage  
U. S. Coast Guard



CAPT Sean MacKenzie is currently serving as Commander, Sector Anchorage. He is responsible for marine safety, security, and environmental stewardship throughout Western Alaska, geographically the Service's largest and northernmost Sector. He leads more than 600 active duty, civilian, reserve, and auxiliary personnel and exercises operational control of three 110-ft Patrol Boats, a Small Boat Station, an Aids to Navigation Team, a Sector Field Office, a Marine Safety Unit, and three Marine Safety Detachments.

Other Senior Officer assignments include serving as Coast Guard Liaison to the European Union and NATO, Deputy Sector Commander, Sector Columbia River, Executive Officer of JARVIS, a 378' Law Enforcement / Search and Rescue (LE / SAR) cutter, serving as the sole Coast Guard representative to the Department of Defense European Command in Stuttgart, Germany and attending the Air Force War College at Maxwell Air

Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama.

CAPT MacKenzie has ten years of sea time and has served on five Coast Guard ships. While serving aboard JARVIS, CAPT MacKenzie conducted fisheries patrols in the Western, Central, and Southern Pacific ocean and conducted counter-narcotics operations off the coast of Central America. From 2006 to 2008, while in command of ZEPHYR, a 179' LE / SAR cutter home ported in Coronado, California, ZEPHYR confiscated almost 7 tons of cocaine and placed 17 suspected drug traffickers into custody. From 2001 to 2003, while in command of ADAK, a 110' LE / SAR cutter homeported in Sandy Hook, NJ, he responded to the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center in New York City and was designated the on-scene commander for all of NY harbor. CAPT MacKenzie was also in command of ADAK when the cutter was designated the on-scene commander for the crash of American Airlines flight 587. CAPT MacKenzie then deployed on ADAK for the first four months of the Operation Iraq Freedom mission. During Operation Iraq Freedom, ADAK provided force protection for landing craft and Special Forces during the invasion. ADAK captured three Iraq prisoners of war and successfully dewatered a barge laden with mines. Following the invasion, ADAK provided force protection for mine sweepers clearing the channel to Iraq's only deep water port, escorted ships carrying humanitarian supplies into Iraq, and protected Iraq's two offshore oil platforms.

CAPT MacKenzie completed tours of duty on USCGC SORREL, USCGC EDISTO, the Office of Financial Systems at the Coast Guard Headquarters, and as a Coast Guard fellow in the US Senate's Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Committee.

A native of Asheville, NC, CAPT MacKenzie graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Government; from the College of William and Mary in 1998 with a Master's degree with honors in Business Administration; and from the Air Force War College in 2012 with a Master's degree in Strategic Studies. He holds a 200-ton Merchant Mariners Masters License.

His personal awards include the Bronze Star medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service medals, four Coast Guard Commendation medals, the DOT 9-11 medal, and two Commandants Letter of Commendation ribbons.