

# U.S. COAST GUARD STATION SEATTLE (13-30506)

*“The Nation’s Station”*



**Commanding Officer:** LT Rich Russell  
**Executive Officer:** LT Mark Leahey  
**Operations Chief:** BMC Aaron Balazs  
**Engineering Petty Officer:** MKC Ryan Detorres  
**Unit Classification:** Level I PWCS



## Personnel and Equipment Statistics:

- *Active Duty Personnel:* 42 (2 officer /40 enlisted)
- *Reserve Personnel:* 37 (1 officer /36 enlisted)
- *Operational Assets:*
  - (3) 29' Freedom Class Boats
  - (3) 45' Response Boat Medium

## Missions:

- *Homeland Security Missions* 1,000
- *Law Enforcement Boardings* 400
- *SAR Cases* 200

## Mission Execution:

- The largest Level I, Category I, Port, Waterways and Coastal Security Boat Station on the West Coast. Like most other Coast Guard boat stations, we maintain a 24/7 readiness for maritime search and rescue, law enforcement and maritime environmental response. The station also provides small boat escorts/security for U.S. Naval vessel and High Capacity Passenger Vessels, the largest passenger ferry service in the country, and supplies fixed security zone enforcement for military out-load operations in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. In addition, Station Seattle serves as the primary support vehicle for Sector Puget Sound's boarding teams that ensure the safety and security of the over 1,000 deep draft vessels that transit the expansive port complex throughout Puget Sound.
- Supports SEAFAIR/Fleet Week events, the largest maritime event in Pacific NW (1/2 million spectators/boaters), as well as Annual Seattle Maritime Festival, and Annual Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day.

## Key Interagency Partnerships:

- Works with various port partners during law enforcement and search and rescue cases, including FBI, ICE, CBP and the Counter Drug Task Force, as well as state, county, tribal and local first responders.

## Items of Interest:

- Largest Coast Guard station on the West Coast.
- Second largest billeted Coast Guard reserve division in the nation.

