

USCGC WILLIAM HART (WPC 1134)

Commanding Officer

LCDR Jason Helsabeck

Executive Officer

LTJG Amanda Dennis

“Pu’uwai O Ke Kai” – “Heart of the Sea”



U.S. Coast Guard Cutter WILLIAM HART (WPC 1134) is the third 154' Fast Response Cutter (FRC) homeported in Honolulu, Hawai'i. The Commissioning Crew arrived in homeport for the first time on August 17, 2019. The cutter is second in the Phase II line of FRCs, with several upgrades and modifications made from earlier FRC hulls. WILLIAM HART's crew conducts diverse Living Marine Resources, Maritime Law Enforcement, Ports, Waterways, and Coastal Security, and Search and Rescue (SAR) missions throughout District 14 and the Central Pacific. The cutter's namesake, Boatswain's Mate William C. Hart, served with integrity and bravery, earning the Gold Lifesaving Medal for rescuing a crewmember of the sinking tug Thomas Tracy in 1926. William Hart retired in 1950, and the crewmembers of WILLIAM HART are proud to carry on his legacy of courage and selfless service.

Unit Highlights

- From 2020-2025, completed 4 unsupported expeditionary patrols ranging from 36-45 days to detect and deter Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing throughout Oceania and strengthen partnerships with Pacific allies.
- In August 2023, supported the Lahaina, Maui fire rescue efforts and enforced local safety zones.
- In 2024, completed 41 law enforcement boardings of commercial fishing vessels, charters, and recreational vessels and assisted in 9 search and rescue cases in the main Hawaiian Islands.
- The cutter's most recent expeditionary patrol in April-May of 2025 brought the crew to American Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa. The crew conducted 7 boardings and 7 observation reports alongside Pacific Island partners in their respective exclusive economic zones (EEZs).
- On July 23, 2025, conducted the Cutter's third Change of Command from LCDR Stephen Hills to LCDR Jason Helsabeck.

