

Command Philosophy USCGC WILLIAM HART (WPC 1134)

We have each chosen a unique profession, whose proud history and tradition stretches back to the origination of this great country. Our service has the distinctive charter to confront a host of unprecedented modern risks that threaten our nation's security and prosperity. This calling requires constant commitment to attaining the highest levels of personal and operational readiness/proficiency.

Our Commitment to the Nation: CGC WILLIAM Hart will routinely operate in demanding environments; in all phases of operations whether enforcing U.S. laws, securing our maritime borders and approaches from adversaries, or rescuing mariners in distress, we make risk acceptable decisions using safety, teamwork and our shared core values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty guide our actions. Core values come first, both on and off duty. My leadership watchwords identify three cornerstones for creating a thriving command climate that is underpinned by the culture of Respect and Care.

People – Coast Guard men and women are the most important resource to the service; the cutter is replaceable, but each member of this crew is essential for mission success. If a member of WILLIAM HART or their family is struggling, it is each of our duties to help where we can and take care of each other. As a crew, we must continually increase our qualifications and proficiency while still allocating time to rest and recover.

Professionalism – Every job aboard is essential to mission success. Take pride in each task. Strive to be the very best at your primary position. We will all go beyond basic qualifications and certifications to increase experience and proficiency needed to lead our teams. We must effectively train as a team to ensure when the time comes, the collective crew of WILLIAM HART can safely perform the most challenging operations in highly dangerous situations. Recognize we are always in the spotlight. Our actions have impacts further reaching than just the lifelines. Respect yourself/others through words & actions.

Courage - Throughout the history of our service, ordinary men and women have performed extraordinary feats in the most daunting environments. We must push each other to take calculated risks in challenging situations and rely on training/policy to execute our Coast Guard missions. At no point will I accept undue risk.

The Command's Commitment to You: We will use all available resources to ensure that WILLIAM HART safely and efficiently trains/operates. We will provide tools and generate opportunities for each crew member to develop and succeed, both as a Coast Guardsman and as a person. We expect each of you to hold us to these same standards.

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