

USCGC WILLIAM HART (WPC 1134)

Commanding Officer

LCDR Stephen Hills

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

- Completed an unsupported 36-day patrol in support of OPERATION KURU KURU 2020, a multi-national effort to detect and deter Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.
- In September 2021, was part of the SAR team that rescued a 67-year-old mariner from the disabled S/V EPIC, after he was lost at sea for nine days and drifted more than 300 nautical miles from Oahu.
- From October to November 2021, completed a second unsupported 39-day expeditionary patrol to Oceania to combat IUU fishing.
- In October 2022, provided waterside safety assistance during the Kona IRONMAN World Championship, ensuring the safety of 2,500 swimmers and 100 vessels.
- From January to February 2023, completed a third 42-day expeditionary patrol in support of Operation 'Aiga to combat IUU fishing and to deepen country partnerships in Oceania.
- On June 30th, 2023, conducted the Cutter's second Change of Command from LCDR Cynthia Travers to LCDR Stephen Hills.
- In August 2023, supported the Lahaina, Maui fire rescue efforts and enforced safety zones.

