

COMMAND PHILOSOPHY
USCGC SYCAMORE (WLB 209)

MISSION EXECUTION: This is why we are in the Coast Guard and this is our top priority. Regardless of tasking, our purpose is to answer all bells and get the job done.

SAFETY: Although the nature of afloat operations is inherently dangerous, there are ways to, and reasons to, mitigate risk. Don't rush into anything; think about safety and consider risk in everything you do. If something doesn't make sense or doesn't look safe, I expect you to speak up. We will listen! I also expect a risk analysis (GAR) before we engage in any operation; do not let complacency put us in harm's way. A small crew means that every person plays a vital role. Unnecessary risk results in unnecessary injury; let's operate safely at all times.

COMMUNICATIONS: I will always communicate honestly with you and I expect the same in return. Lying about anything is disrespectful, wastes time, destroys unit cohesion, and will not be tolerated. What I don't know about, I can't help with or fix. Please talk to me, early and often, about work and personal issues and I'll do everything in my power to assist.

PROFESSIONALISM: We should take pride in being the crew of a ship in the world's best Coast Guard. That pride is readily apparent in our level of professionalism. Stand a taut watch, maintain the ship's appearance and your military bearing, and communicate in all situations with tact and diplomacy. Our pride and professionalism are reflected in how we carry ourselves both on and off SYCAMORE; when on liberty, be mindful of your appearance and behavior. Drunkenness is not a characteristic of a professional mariner and will not be tolerated. Neither will bigotry or harassment of any kind. We are professional mariners; let's carry ourselves as such.

PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: We all have something to learn and everything we do is an opportunity for development. Share information and best practices; the more we all know, the better off we all are. Every watch is a training opportunity and, whether underway or in-port, I expect you to make best use of that time. Lastly, let's have a bit of fun along the way. This is a unique place to be stationed and there are numerous, once in a lifetime opportunities for us to take advantage of. If you aren't having fun, we are doing something wrong.

Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty

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