



Commander Shannan Rooney

*Deputy Commander
Sector Southeastern New England*



Commander Shannan D. Rooney is currently serving as the Deputy Commander at Sector Southeastern New England in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. She enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1988, advanced through the ranks as a Marine Science Technician, and was assigned to the International Ice Patrol upon selection to Officer Candidate School in 1992.

Upon commissioning, her first assignment was at Coast Guard Headquarters in the Office of Acquisitions where she worked on the Buoy Tender Replacement Project in design of the new Juniper Class of cutters. In 1994 as a LTJG, she assumed the position of Assistant Operations Officer of then Group Woods Hole, Woods Hole Massachusetts and thus began a career specialty in Operations Ashore. Following this tour, LT Rooney honed her Search & Rescue, Fisheries, and Law Enforcement skills as a controller at the First District Command Center and was directly involved in a number of complex, high-profile cases. In 2000, LT Rooney was assigned as the Operations Officer of then Group Boston and was closely involved in developing draft Maritime Homeland Security Doctrine in the aftermath of 9-11 as the Coast Guard and specifically the Port of Boston moved to the “new” normal. Tour complete in 2003, LCDR Rooney attended graduate school at Northeastern University and upon graduation was transferred to the Coast Guard Operations System Center in Kearneysville, West Virginia to oversee the \$6M annual software development contract for critical Search & Rescue operational systems. In 2008, CDR Rooney transferred to Cape Cod to serve as the Response Department Head at Sector Southeastern New England, managing 600 miles coastline, three sovereign islands, four patrol boats, and eight small boat stations.

Commander Rooney’s educational achievements include a Master’s Degree in Telecommunications and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Information Systems. Commander Rooney’s military awards include the coast Guard Commendation Medal (3 awards), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (2 awards), the Commandant’s Letter of Commendation, and various other medals and ribbons.

Commander Rooney is originally from Lawrence, Kansas and now resides in East Sandwich, Massachusetts with her three sons.