



## **USCGC KITTIWAKE (WPB 87316) COMMAND PHILOSOPHY**

**To the Men and Women of *Kittiwake*,**

I expect nothing short of your very best. As Sector Honolulu's most versatile afloat asset, we have a tremendous level of responsibility to the general public, our partner services, and to each other. As we will be called upon to rescue, assist, and educate, utilize the following principles and we will, as a unit, achieve success.

### **Be Safe. Be Proficient. Own Your Role.**

We operate in an unpredictable, ever-changing maritime environment. Safety of ship, shipmates, and self will be at the forefront of every evolution. Identify potential safety concerns and take prompt corrective action. I will never accept shortcuts that compromise safety, neither should you.

You are the face of the Coast Guard, and an indispensable element of the team. Take pride in the part you play, and strive for excellence in the execution of your duties. Know your surroundings, the mission, and take ownership of your work. Know your shipmates, your team, and yourself. Know your job and also the job of your shipmates. There will be no single point of failure!

It is a humbling privilege and an honor to serve as your Commanding Officer. I will use all resources available to me to ensure your success: in your duties on board, your career, and your personal goals. Everyone aboard *Kittiwake* is responsible for our safety, proficiency and ultimately, our collective success. The American people, your shipmates, and I expect the best from you, so be the best!

**Vince F. Zieser, LTJG**  
Commanding Officer