

**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER CHRISTOPHER M. PASCIUTO**  
**U. S. COAST GUARD**



Lieutenant Commander Pasciuto, a native of Swampscott, Massachusetts received his commission in the Coast Guard in 2001 after graduating from Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Transportation and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate Unlimited Tonnage License.

Lieutenant Commander Pasciuto has served three previous afloat assignments prior to reporting in as ESCANABA's Executive Officer. From 2001-2003 he served as Weapons Officer aboard USCGC ESCANABA (WMEC 907) in Boston, Massachusetts. While onboard he took part in the Coast Guard's increased security of New York harbor following the 9/11 terror attacks, North Atlantic Fisheries Enforcement and Alien Migrant Interdiction Operations. From 2006-2008 Lieutenant Commander Pasciuto was assigned as Operations Officer onboard USCGC RELIANCE (WMEC-615) in Portsmouth, NH. While onboard RELIANCE he led several major search and rescue operations, interdicted and cared for hundreds of Migrants near Florida and the Caribbean and carried out multiple Northeast Fisheries Enforcement Patrols. Following on, Lieutenant Commander Pasciuto reported to Key West and assumed command of USCGC DRUMMOND in June 2008. In August of 2008, his crew switched ships from USCGC DRUMMOND to USCGC KODIAK ISLAND in support of the newly established High Maintenance, High Tempo dual crewing program. Primarily operating in the Florida Straits, KODIAK ISLAND's mission focus was to deter, detect and interdict illicit human smuggling craft and unseaworthy migrant vessels. Additionally, the cutter supported numerous other Coast Guard operations such as Search and Rescue, Federal Fisheries enforcement, recreational boating safety and counter drug operations in waters ranging from Miami to San Juan Puerto, Rico. Lieutenant Commander Pasciuto commanded KODIAK ISLAND until July 2010.

In addition to his sea-going career, Lieutenant Commander Pasciuto completed two shore assignments. From 2003-2006 he was stationed at the Coast Guard's 9<sup>th</sup> District Rescue Coordination Center in Cleveland, OH. Serving as a Search and Rescue Officer, he managed hundreds of emergency operations including response to a plane crash, frequent ice rescue cases and almost daily response to boaters in distress. From July 2010 thru May 2012, Lieutenant Commander Pasciuto was assigned to the Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATFS), a Counter Drug taskforce located in Key West, FL. As Chief of the Surface and Air Resources Division, he oversaw resourcing for all Surface Vessel, Fixed and Rotary wing interdiction assets covering a 42 Million Square Nautical Mile Operations Area. JIATFS intercepted over \$5 Billion worth of cocaine, assisted in more than 600 arrests and enabled the seizure of nearly 200 vessels and aircraft while Lieutenant Commander Pasciuto was assigned.

Lieutenant Commander Pasciuto is a permanent Cutterman. His personal awards include the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and numerous unit and service awards.