

WELCOME ABOARD
CGC JAMES (WMSL 754)



UNIT INFORMATION GUIDE



WELCOME ABOARD!

We hope you are excited about the prospect of sailing on the newest major cutter in the fleet. We have been entrusted to carry on the legacy and namesake of Captain Joshua James and look forward to living up to his reputation of *Brave and Faithful Service*.

UNIT OVERVIEW

- **Namesake:** Joshua James (22NOV1826–19MAR1902)
- **Builder:** Huntington Ingalls Industries, Pascagoula, MS
- **Sponsor:** Charlene Benoit
- **Timeline**
 - Christened: 16 August 2014
 - Delivered: 05 June 2015
 - Commissioned: 08 August 2015

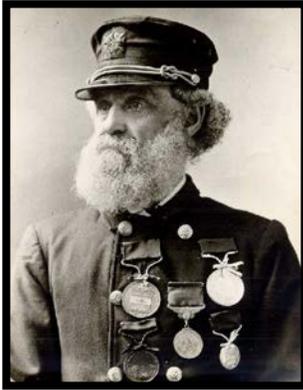
CHARACTERISTICS

Of the Coast Guard's white-hull cutter fleet, the National Security Cutter (NSC) is the largest and most technologically advanced ship in the Coast Guard. With robust command, control, communication, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance equipment, stern boat launch and aviation facilities, as well as long-endurance station keeping, the NSCs serve as afloat operational-level headquarters for complex law enforcement and national security missions involving multiple Coast Guard and partner agency participation.

- Crew: 124 (22 Officers, 15 CPO, 85 Enlisted)
- Displacement 4306LT
- Length: 418' 7"
- Max Speed: 28 knots
- Range: 12,000 Nautical Miles



CUTTER NAMESAKE: CAPTAIN JOSHUA JAMES



Joshua James was probably the most celebrated lifesaver in the world, credited with saving hundreds of lives from the age of 15 when he first joined the Massachusetts Humane Society until his death at the age of 75 while on duty with the U.S. Life-Saving Service. He was honored with the highest medals of the Humane Society, the United States, and many other organizations. His father, mother, brother, wife, and son were also heroic lifesavers. Joshua's lifesaving activities began when he was 15 years of age, when he participated in a rescue using one of the Massachusetts Humane Society lifeboats.

The dramatic death of Joshua James occurred on 19 March 1902. Two days earlier the entire crew save one of the Monomoy Point Life-Saving Station perished in a rescue attempt. This tragedy affected Joshua deeply, and convinced him of the need for even more rigid training of his own crew. So at seven o'clock in the morning of 19 March, with a northeast gale blowing, he called his crew for a drill. For more than an hour, the 75-year-old man maneuvered the boat through the boisterous sea. Upon grounding the boat he sprang onto the wet sand, glanced at the sea and stated, "*The tide is ebbing,*" and passed away.

CONTACT INFORMATION

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 2000 Bainbridge Ave, North Charleston, SC 29405
FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER (FLETC) - PIER PAPA





- **MAILING ADDRESS:**
USCGC JAMES (WMSL 754)
1050 REGISTER STREET
NORTH CHARLESTON, SC 29405
- **COMMERCIAL PHONE:** (843) 308-9662
- **WEBSITE:** <http://www.uscg.mil/lantarea/cgcjames/default.asp>
- **UNIT FACEBOOK PAGE:** <https://www.facebook.com/USCGCJAMES>
- **SPOUSE FACEBOOK PAGE:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/USCGJames spouses>
- **WELCOME ABOARD VIDEO:** <https://www.facebook.com/USCGCJames/videos/1588966871401187>
- **E-MAIL:** Until you are assigned a sponsor, you may contact YN1 Bean at Christopher.J.Bean@uscg.mil or YN3 Rietzke at Michael.A.Rietzke@uscg.mil
Phone: (843) 308-9662 EXT. 7330
- **OMBUDSMAN: Mrs. Cayce LaCorte** (Caycelacorte@yahoo.com)
Command-Issued Cell Phone Number: (843) 494-7053. Upon receiving orders, fill out the following document and forward to the command ombudsman at the email address above:

<http://www.uscg.mil/lantarea/cgcJames/docs/Family%20Check-In%20form,%20CG1750%204.pdf>
- **SPONSOR:** Your assigned sponsor will reach out to you upon initial receipt of orders. That person will be your primary point of contact on JAMES and assist with the initial Check-In process. Once onboard you will have the opportunity to establish a formal mentor relationship with a more senior crewmember; the mentor program is voluntary.

TRANSPORTATION

- **AIRPORT:** If arriving by air at Charleston International Airport taxi, service is available. The airport is 11 miles away and approximately an 18 minute drive. This is reimbursable for those traveling under orders. Duty Drivers are also available for pickup. For assistance, please call the Quarterdeck at (843) 308-9662.



GAINING ACCESS TO FLETC

- **VISITOR CENTER ADDRESS:** Chaffee St, North Charleston, SC 29405
- **CHECKING IN:** Members must first check in with the Registration Desk at the Visitor's Center in Building 642 upon arrival. The Visitor's Center is open 24 hours every day of the week. Crewmembers must have orders to be added to the approved access list as well as have CAC card validated to gain entry for FLETC.
- **CAR REGISTRATION:** All persons driving personally-owned vehicles onboard FLETC must obtain a decal prior to arrival. To acquire a vehicle decal, you must bring orders, driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance to the Registration Desk at the Visitor Center.
- **ID REGISTRATION:** ID cards will be issued by appointment only at the Seahawk Building (1050 Register Street) onboard FLETC. Walk-ins will be accommodated for emergencies (CAC Pin Resets; malfunctioning CAC cards). When your ID card is within 90 days of expiration, you will receive a pop-up whenever you log into a workstation - when you receive this pop-up, please be proactive. Call to make an appointment as soon as possible to prevent this situation from becoming an emergency.
 - To make an appointment, you can email YN2 Espinal or YN2 Kelly, or call the ID card office at 843-740-7070 x3606.
 - Appointments will be available every 30 minutes, the last appointment ending at 1500 on the following schedule:
 - Mondays: 0800-1100; 1230-1500
 - Tuesdays: 0800-1100; 1230-1500
 - Thursdays: 0800-1100;1230-1500
 - If you or your dependents are unable to get an appointment with Base in your desired timeframe, the following alternate DEERS facilities are available in the local area:
 - Site Name: SPAWAR CHARLESTON (CAC Only) Address: 1008 Trident Street, North Charleston, SC 29415 Online appointments at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/appointment/building.aspx?BuildingId=32> Phone Numbers: (843) 218-4300 or (843) 218-6447
 - Site Name: 315th AW Charleston AFB Address: 218 N. Bates Street, Joint Base Charleston, SC 29404 Phone Numbers: (843) 963-2055 or (843) 963-2056



- Site Name: Charleston AFB
Address: 101 E. Hill Blvd., Bldg 503, Suite 110, Charleston, SC 29404 Online appointments scheduled at <https://rapidsappointments.dmdc.osd.mil/appointment/building.aspx?BuildingId=409>
Phone Numbers: (843) 963-4527 or (843) 963-4521
- Site Name: NWS Charleston
Address: 871 West Pulaski Street bldg 731, Goose Creek, SC 29445 Online appointment scheduled at <https://rapidsappointments.dmdc.osd.mil/appointment/building.aspx?BuildingId=212>
Phone Number: (843) 794-2171

REPORTING ABOARD

- **REPORT –IN UNIFORM:** Tropical Blue Long with Combination Cover
- **WORK-DAY UNIFORM:** Operational Dress Uniform (ODU)
- **LIBERTY EXPIRATION:** 0645

LIVING ONBOARD

- **BERTHING:** E-6 and below berthing areas are equipped with a single head and limited to either four or six person capacity. There are no more than two racks in height. There is limited personal storage space in berthing areas, which includes one gym locker and a lock box, storage space beneath the bottom rack, and a sea bag locker. Two person staterooms are assigned to E-7 and above. Each berthing area is equipped with a TV and workstations. All single personnel E-3 and below are required to reside onboard the cutter until fully qualified. Once qualified, members will have the option to live in government barracks in Goose Creek.
- **AMENITIES ONBOARD:** A Crew’s Lounge with a TV, gaming console, religious service resources, reading materials, and workstation; Chief’s Lounge, two Laundry Rooms, and Gym. The gym is equipped with several treadmills, bikes, and weight machines. The large flight deck can also be used for work-outs. Additional storage is provided in the Sea Bag locker across from the gym.



LIVING ON THE ECONOMY

- **HOUSING:** Most choose to live on the economy. Privatized housing is also available at the Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek as well as Joint Base Charleston in North Charleston. Government on-base housing is available at the Naval Weapons Station. Naval Weapons Station housing office phone is (843) 764-4094.
- **HOUSING APPLICATION:** Housing applications are mandatory for all members in receipt of PCS orders regardless of whether or not there is housing for them at their new units. In order to complete a release from housing, members must send a completed DD-1746 along with a copy of their PCS orders and 4170a to the following address:

YNC Kimberly Maichel
Kimberly.A.Maichel@uscg.mil
Personnel Services Division (PP)
USCG Base Charleston
(843) 740-7070 ext 3605

- **COMMON LIVING AREAS:** Finding housing within the allotted BAH is attainable. Both www.apartmentguide.com and www.zillow.com are great sites to get local apartment information. The Automated Housing Referral Network (AHRN), www.ahrn.com, is focused only toward the military and is a great resource. The local ZIP code is 29405. Common areas for crewmembers are West Ashley, Mt. Pleasant, Summerville, Ladson, and North Charleston.
- **DEPENDENT SCHOOLS:** The two best school districts in the area are Dorchester II in Summerville and in Mt. Pleasant. These two districts come highly recommended especially for families with special needs. Listed below are the links to all the local school districts.

Charleston County School District:

<http://www.ccsdschools.com/>

Berkeley County School District:

<http://www.gobcweb.com/education/education.html>

Dorchester County School District:

<http://www.dorchester2.k12.sc.us/>



SUPPORT FACILITIES

- **LOCAL INSTALLATIONS:**

Charleston Air Force Base

101 W Hill Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29404

<http://www.charleston.af.mil/>

Charleston Naval Weapons Station

110 NNPTC Circle, Goose Creek, SC 29445

<http://www.charleston.af.mil/library/newcomers/index.asp>

Coast Guard Sector Charleston

196 Tradd St, Charleston, SC 29401

<https://www.uscg.mil/d7/sectCharleston/>

- **LOCATION OF NEAREST EXCHANGE AND COMMISSARY:** Sector Charleston Exchange, 15 minute drive from FLETC. The Commissary at Charleston Air Force Base is 11 miles. The Naval Weapons Station at Goose Creek also has a commissary, exchange and clothing locker/uniform shop. These locations are highlighted on the map entitled "KNOWING THE AREA".
- **MEDICAL CARE:** Standard and Prime Tricare levels for family medical are available at Joint Base Charleston and the Naval Weapons Station in Goose Creek. JAMES also has an Independent Duty Health Service Technician onboard for immediate response. You can contact JAMES' Sick Bay at 843-308-9662 (ext. 7602).
- **EDUCATION:** The crew is highly encouraged to pursue higher education and the cutter will assist through all available means. There is a primary and secondary Education Service Officer (ESO) onboard JAMES as well as access to the permanently staffed ESO with BASE Charleston at 196 Tradd Street, Charleston, SC. Phone: (843) 720-3294.
- **RELIGIOUS SERVICES:** Lay Leaders are designated onboard to carry out religious services while JAMES is away from homeport. JAMES is also supported by the Chaplain of D7 Sector Charleston, SC to Jacksonville, FL. See for more information: <https://www.uscg.mil/d7/sectCharleston/Chaplain.asp>





QUALIFICATION PROCESS

- **RATES ONBOARD:** BM, DC, EM, ET, FS, GM, HS, IS, IT, MK, ME, OS, SK, YN.
- **UPON REPORTING:** All members must complete the 21 Day Indoctrination Package. Following completion, unqualified break-ins are on a 1 in 3 rotation until they obtain their first qualification.
- **INPORT:** E-5 and below will stand Gangway Petty Officer of the Watch (GPOW) and Security Watchstander. Qualified members are currently on a 1 in 5 rotation. E-6 will either assume the role of JOOD or EOW depending on rate. E-7 and above will stand either OOD or EOW. Rotation for E-6 and above varies based on qualified personnel.
- **UNDERWAY:** Engineering E-5 and below will stand machinery, Deck and Navigation Division E-5 and below will stand Boswainmate of the Watch (BMOW) and Quartermaster of the Watch (QMOW). Combat Information Center division E-5 and below will stand CIC Watchstander. E-6 and above will typically stand Underway EOW, Underway OOD, or CIC Watch Supervisor respectively.
- **TIMELINES FOR QUALIFICATIONS (AS REQUIRED):**

Core DC: Within 3 months of reporting aboard.

Basic DC: Within 3 months of reporting aboard.

Advanced DC: Within 6 months of reporting aboard.

Repair Party Electrician: 1 month after completing Advanced DC qualification.

On-Scene Leader: 1 month after completing Advanced DC qualification.

Repair Locker Leader: 1 month after completing On-Scene Leader qualification.

Security Watchstander: Within 3 months of reporting aboard.

Gangway Petty Officer of the Watch: Within 3 months of reporting aboard

Machinery Watchstander: Within 5 months of reporting aboard / 3 months underway

Inport Engineer of the Watch: 2 months after completing Machinery Watchstander

Underway Engineer of the Watch: Within 1 year of reporting aboard.

Fuel Oil and Water King: Within 6 months of reporting aboard.

Inport Junior Officer of the Deck: Within 6 months of reporting aboard.



Import Officer of the Deck: Within 1 year of reporting aboard.

Qualification Process (Cont.)

Underway Officer of the Deck: Within 1 year of reporting aboard.

Helm / Lookout: Within 3 months of reporting aboard / 2 weeks underway time.

Quartermaster of the Watch: Within 3 months of completing Helm/Lookout.

CIC Watchstander: Within 9 months of reporting aboard.

CIC Watch Supervisor: Within 1 year of reporting aboard.

Duty Gunners Mate: Within 3 months of reporting aboard.

Duty Electronics Technician: Within 3 months of reporting aboard.

Duty Information Systems Technician: Within 3 months of reporting aboard.

AT/FP Watchstander: Within 6 months of reporting aboard.

Combat Systems Officer of the Watch: Within 4 months of reporting aboard.

Boatswain's Mate of the Watch: Within 2 months of completing Helm/Lookout / 1 month underway.

- **TYPICAL SA/SN JOB ASSIGNMENT:** Primary responsibilities of an SN/SA will be qualifying in Lookout and Helmsman, damage control procedures and may include Helicopter tie-down and Cutter Rescue Swimmer. They will also participate in operations of the Deck Division, such as small boat maintenance, painting, general cleaning, boat crewmember, line handler and mess-cooking.
- **TYPICAL FA/FN JOB ASSIGNMENT:** Primary responsibilities of an FN/FA will be qualifying as an engineering watch stander, performing maintenance and repair of mechanical systems (Main Propulsion and Auxiliary Systems), qualifying in damage control procedures, mess-cooking, general cleaning, and small boat engineer.
- **IMPORT WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR SA/SN/FA/FN:** Import engineering watch stander, mess-cook, 1 in 3 duty rotation until qualified.
- **UNDERWAY WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR SA/SN:** Underway Watch assistant (lookout, helmsman), small boat operations and possibly a Boarding Team Member.
- **UNDERWAY WATCH TYPE AND DUTY ROTATION FOR FA/FN:** Engineering Watch assistant, machinery maintenance, small boat operations and possibly a Boarding



Team Member. *Qualified underway watch rotation is highly dependent on your department and specific job.

COMMAND & PHILOSOPHY



COMMANDING OFFICER
Captain Mark J. Fedor



EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CDR Matt Moyer



COMMAND SENIOR CHIEF
FSCS Robert Barrett

OUR MISSION:

We will execute all assigned missions safely and effectively while striving for excellence in all endeavors.

OUR VALUES:

We will live by the Coast Guard's Core Values of honor, respect and devotion to duty. We will foster a positive atmosphere, encourage teamwork and provide opportunities for professional and personal growth. Each JAMES crewmember will:

BE A PROFESSIONAL

Pride: We represent the JAMES, the Coast Guard and the United States at all times. We'll care for our cutter and conduct ourselves with pride, integrity and humility.

Mission Execution: We'll work together to achieve success by following proper procedures. Each person, regardless of rank, has an important role contributing to JAMES' success.

Lifelong Learner: Be excellent where you are while constantly seeking to improve personally and professionally. Be innovative.

Manage Risk: Acknowledge obstacles and then engage enthusiastically to mitigate the risk. We will never eliminate all hazards but we can reduce them to manageable levels.



BE A LEADER

All Hands on Deck: We are all influential leaders through our actions, attitudes and achievements. Each person can respectfully lead up, across and down the chain of command. Voice your opinion and then support the final decision.

Optimism: Optimism is a Force Multiplier. Be relentlessly optimistic since a positive attitude and a diligent work ethic are the essential ingredients to success.

Communication: Communicate – with respect – at all levels of the chain of command to improve our performance, quality of life and professional development.

Responsibility: Take ownership of your position/duties and make them better than you found them. Seek more efficient methods to conduct our missions.

BE A SHIPMATE

Success: We'll succeed together. Shipmates stand together in the face of adversity and celebrate victories as a team. Each shipmate is a critical link in that chain of success.

The Long Blue Line: We are part of something larger than ourselves. We serve a higher purpose than individual pursuits or accomplishments.

Unbreakable Bonds: Being SHIPMATES is a sacred bond. It connects us and transforms us into a unified force. This bond transcends individual differences that separate us and enables us to look after each other as we would members of our own family.

Family: We are a shipboard “family” but our real-world families are also part of JAMES. We won't be able to excel on JAMES unless our loved ones are cared for and feel like they are part of the broader shipboard family.

“KEEP MOVING FORWARD”



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TO THE BEST CUTTER IN THE FLEET!

View our Welcome Aboard Video!

<https://www.facebook.com/USCGCJames/videos/1588966871401187>



We look forward to your arrival to CGC JAMES. Please refer any additional questions to your sponsor.

HELPFUL LINKS

www.charleston.com

www.charleston-sc.gov

http://www.uscg.mil/d7/sectCharleston/Helpful_Sites.asp

<http://www.charleston.af.mil/library/newcomers/index.asp>