



## Captain Matthew J. Gimple

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Captain Gimple is currently the Chief of Strategic Analysis at Coast Guard Headquarters. He is a native of Oregon, Ohio graduating from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1989. Subsequently he earned graduate degrees in Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in May 1999 and National Security and Strategic Studies from the U. S. Naval War College in June 2002.

After commissioning, Captain Gimple served as Operations Officer and Navigator in USCGC HORNBEAM (WLB 394), an ocean-going buoy tender home ported at Cape May, New Jersey. From 1991 to 1993 he was Commanding Officer USCGC POINT SAL (WPB 82352) at Grand Isle, Louisiana. Following a tour ashore, he served as Executive Officer Pre-commissioning Detail WLB MAT located at Newport, Rhode Island, and returned to sea as Executive Officer in USCGC WILLOW (WLB 202). From 1998 to 2001, Captain Gimple was Commanding Officer USCGC STURGEON BAY (WTGB 109), a domestic icebreaker home ported at Bayonne, New Jersey. Subsequent afloat duty included Executive Officer in USCGC MELLON (WHEC 717) at Seattle, Washington, and Commanding Officer USCGC STEADFAST (WMEC 623) at Astoria, Oregon. Notably, STEADFAST recorded the first seizure of a self-propelled semi-submersible submarine while on patrol in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Most recently, Captain Gimple served in USCGC HAMILTON (WHEC 715) as Commanding Officer. Upon decommissioning Hamilton, he completed a command tour in USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719).



Captain Gimple's shore assignments include duty at U. S. Coast Guard Academy as a navigation instructor in the Professional Development department, and the Command and Operations School Chief at the Leadership Development Center where he provided direction and guidance during the training of Prospective Commanding Officers, Executive Officers, and Operations Officers receiving orders to seagoing billets. Subsequent to Naval War College he was the Executive Assistant, Director of Operations Capability at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, assisting with budget development and program execution encompassing all Coast Guard aviation, cutter, and boat forces.

Captain Gimple is a designated permanent cutterman, licensed mariner, and his personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Coast Guard Commandant's Letter of Commendation (three awards).