



Captain Amy B. Cocanour

Commanding Officer, Sector Lake Michigan



Captain Amy (Baribeau) Cocanour is originally from Thiensville, Wisconsin. She graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1992, and served as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the Coast Guard Cutter *DEPENDABLE* home ported out of Galveston, Texas from 1992-1994. Cutter operations focused primarily on migrant and drug interdiction, as well as other law enforcement patrols in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. In 1994, she was assigned to the Planning and Port Operations Department at Marine Safety Office (MSO) Puget Sound in Seattle, Washington, and was selected for graduate school at the University of Washington, obtaining a Master of Marine Affairs in 1998. While at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington D.C. from 1998-2002, she worked in the Office of Response, coordinating with numerous agencies on oil spill response protocols and guidance. In 2002, she was reassigned to MSO Puget Sound as the Assistant Chief of Port Operations and in 2005 the Chief of Incident Management at Sector Seattle.



In 2006 Captain Cocanour headed to District Eight (D8) in New Orleans, Louisiana as the Chief of the Enforcement Branch (dre). While assigned to D8 (dre), she managed the emerging Operation Neptune Shield Ports, Waterways and Coastal Security (PWCS) requirements and law enforcement operations. Upon promotion to Commander, she transitioned to D8 Chief of Incident Management, coordinating pollution response support to Coast Guard Federal On Scene Coordinators, search and rescue policy, and planning for international exercises with Mexico. She also oversaw the D8 Command Center, which managed and monitored thousands of search and rescue, pollution, law enforcement cases and other incidents.

From 2008-2011 she was the Chief of Response at Sector Honolulu, Hawaii, coordinating the response to pollution, search and rescue, and law enforcement incidents, including the response to tsunamis, high visibility PWCS/HLS missions, and oversight of facility safety/security and container inspections. She also deployed in support of the Coast Guard's response efforts during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Most recently, Captain Cocanour was the Executive Officer of the Special Missions Training Center (SMTC) located on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. SMTC is the Center of Excellence for Coast Guard tactical operations, where the unit trains members of the Coast Guard's Deployable Specialized Forces community and boat forces units.

A Wisconsin native, she spent much of her early years sailing on Lake Winnebago, and the waters surrounding Green Bay, Door County and the Upper Peninsula. In her spare time, she and her husband compete in triathlons of all distances. She is a three time Coast Guard Athlete of the Year, and represented the Coast Guard, Navy and U.S. Military at several international competitions and the Ironman Triathlon World Championship.

She is married to Lieutenant Colonel Spencer Cocanour, a U.S. Air Force Combat Controller and Deputy Commander 720th Special Tactics Group, stationed at Hurlburt Field, Florida. Her personal awards include the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, and two Commandant's Letters of Commendation.