

Command Philosophy – CGC TAHOMA (WMEC 908)

A Great Team Guided by the Coast Guard Core Values and Inspired to Write the Next Chapter in this Famous-Class Cutter's Proud History

----- Personal and Collective Readiness -----

We will be needed to operate in challenging conditions from the North Atlantic to the Eastern Pacific and everywhere in between. We will launch boats, helicopters, boarding and R&A teams to go out and pull survivors from the water, thwart illegal fisheries violations in order to protect our nation's valuable fish stocks, and stop narco traffickers before they can deliver drugs and violence to our streets. Being mission ready requires every one of us to be trained, experienced and physically and mentally ready to perform to the best of our abilities. Although we each have different experiences and qualification levels we know and appreciate that every crewmember brings something unique and valuable to the fight. We will focus significant effort on training to ensure we're not just checking the box on drills but actually building the proficiency we need to be able to face the next challenge. Our proficiency will be a key-enabler to our safe and effective mission execution. We will also strive to balance the ship and mission needs against ours and our crewmembers personal needs so we can seek to attain and maintain the individual physical and mental edge that will ensure we can perform at our best. Caring for our shipmates will be high on our daily worklists. We'll seek to build trust and respect among our shipmates and confront the situations where we don't see this happening. If we don't have trust among our shipmates our team can't function.

----- Operational Excellence and Flexibility -----

TAHOMA is a tremendously valuable and effective force for good for the Coast Guard and the nation. She performed admirably in New York Harbor after 9/11 and in Port-au-Prince after the 2010 earthquake. Being excellent at every mission we accomplish and being ready to jump at a moment's notice to another mission is not easy but will be our collective goal. We will gain much of this excellence and flexibility by focusing on training and proficiency, but that alone will not get us there. We will add to this an attitude of optimism, a bias for action, and will strive to build each other up when the work gets hard.

----- Pride in our Ship and Crew -----

Visitors to our ship and observers of our work will notice something positive and different about us. We'll work hard to maintain and improve our aging ship's material condition. We will put the same amount of energy and zeal into ship's maintenance as we put into operations. That is because there will be hundreds of Coastguardsmen after us that will need TAHOMA to be mission capable. We will impress visitors with our outstanding food and hospitality. Mariners on the other end of the radio or on a boarded vessel and watchstanders on the other end of our SIPRCHAT conversations will come to know our professionalism and determination. We will breathe life into this ship knowing that we have a proud legacy to uphold and a hundred fellow crewmembers that deserve our respect and support. Although there will be many hard days, the joy we will collectively share in a job well done will provide us the motivation we need to do our best every day.

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Courage – Justice – Compassion