



USCGC HAMILTON (WMSL 753) *COMMAND PHILOSOPHY*

BE A GOOD SHIPMATE

Lookout for, and care for, each other as shipmates in every sense of that word. We must respect each other, learn from our differences, look for our similarities, seek common goals and go out of our way to make new shipmates feel a part of our team. A good shipmate with a can-do attitude can inspire confidence and a sense of humor is contagious.

MISSION

HAMILTON is a large national investment in our maritime safety and security as one of our most recently commissioned National Security Cutters. In order to maintain the legacy of tradition, pride, and readiness that the name HAMILTON represents we must fully establish our programs, doctrine, and mission capability. HAMILTON's first patrols will establish her reputation that will endure long after we depart. Our success relies on the relentless pursuit of mission accomplishment, constant refinement of our procedures, stewardship of our resources, and innovative development of tactics. To do this our workplace environment must encourage every crew member to constructively raise issues, contribute to solutions, seek more responsibility, and strive for constant improvement.

HONOR, RESPECT, and DEVOTION to DUTY

Our core values require that we do the right thing even when others are not looking. Misconduct, especially involving a violation of our core values, detracts from our duty and mission and has no place on HAMILTON.

KEEP US SAFE

Safety is everyone's responsibility. Our mission, the sea, and uncontrollable forces will sometimes put us in harm's way. Mishaps often occur when cutters fail to follow the policies and procedures that keep us safe. We will brief and debrief each evolution in order to continuously improve.

FAMILY

I am mindful that we are not just cuttermen -- we are spouses, parents, sons, and daughters. Our family is often our strongest support. Our mission requires long separations from family, however, we do not sail alone, their thoughts sail with us. We must strive to ensure that our mission accomplishment is worthy of their separation and their sacrifice.

ENJOY OUR ADVENTURE

When we leave HAMILTON we take with us the camaraderie that we have formed and the memory of our adventures at sea. Many would trade jobs with us in a heartbeat. Be proud and enjoy your time on board HAMILTON.