



# COMMAND PHILOSOPHY

## USCGC TAMPA (WMEC-902)

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**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 TAMPA crewmember will:

### BE A PROFESSIONAL

- Pride: We represent the TAMPA, 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 TAMPA's success.
- Lifelong Learner: Strive for improvement both personally and professionally while maintaining high-performance where you are now. Be innovative and utilize all resources.
- Manage Risk: Acknowledge obstacles and then persistently drive 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.
- 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 families at home are also part of TAMPA as a broader shipboard family. We are dependent on them just as they are dependent on us, and we won't be able to excel unless they are cared for just as they care for us.

**"Thy Way is in the Sea, Thy Path in the Great Waters"**