

Clinton J. Prindle
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard
Sector Commander
Sector Southeastern New England



CAPT Clint Prindle assumed command in July 2021, and directs all Coast Guard missions across Rhode Island, southeast Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and the islands of Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Block Island; an area spanning more than 1,200 miles of coastline and 3,000 square nautical miles of water. Captain Prindle oversees 17 Coast Guard field units and cutters including 462 active duty, 110 reserve, 19 civilian and 1,270 auxiliary members. He exercises federal authority as Captain of the Port, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Officer in Charge Marine Inspection, and Federal On-Scene Coordinator.

CAPT Prindle was born and raised in Xenia, OH. He attended the U. S. Coast Guard Academy where he graduated with a B. S. in Marine and Environmental Sciences in 1998. He earned his M.S. in Strategic Intelligence and Terrorism Studies from American Military University in 2007. He is a 2016 graduate of the U. S. Air Force Air Command and Staff College. His previous commands include Coast Guard Cutter MUSTANG homeported in Seward, AK and US Military Liaison Office Trinidad and Tobago.

Most recently, CAPT Prindle served as the Coast Guard Attaché to Japan, where he was responsible for effecting U.S. Coast Guard interests and promoting American diplomacy with the Government of Japan. He was heavily engaged in promoting Coast Guard engagement throughout East Asia and operationalizing American promotion of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific. CAPT Prindle was also previously assigned to Sectors North Bend, Oregon and Key West, Florida where he managed multiple cutters and shore units effecting Maritime Border Security, Search and Rescue, Law Enforcement and Pollution Response. CAPT Prindle is a certified law enforcement boarding officer with over 300 safely executed boardings. He also has considerable Search and Rescue experience, having coordinated rescue efforts for over 3,000 mariners in distress.

CAPT Prindle is married to the former Kimberly Koontz of Grand Blanc, MI. They have three children: Eric, Connor and Breanna.

EDUCATION

1998 B. S. Marine and Environmental Sciences, U. S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT
2007 M. S. Strategic Intelligence, American Military University, Charles Town, WV
2016 JPME I, Air Command and Staff College, Montgomery, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1998-2000 Navigator & Deck Watch Officer, USCGC CAMPBELL, New Bedford, MA
2000-2002 Executive Officer, USCGC JEFFERSON ISLAND, Portland, ME
2002-2004 Intelligence Watch Officer, Joint Interagency Task Force (JIATF) South, Key West, FL
2004-2006 Commanding Officer, USCGC MUSTANG, Seward, AK
2006-2008 Liaison Officer, Dept of State Headquarters, Washington, DC
2008-2010 Commander, Military Liaison Office, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
2010-2013 Surface Operations Chief, Group-Air Station North Bend, OR
2013-2014 Surface Operations Specialist, CG-IMAT, Norfolk, VA
2014-2017 Response Chief, Sector Key West
2017-2019 Coast Guard Attaché Training, Washington, DC
2019-2021 Coast Guard Attaché to Japan in Tokyo
2021-present Commander, Sector Southeastern New England, Woods Hole, MA

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

(2) Defense Meritorious Service Medals
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Dept of State Benjamin Franklin Award for Public Diplomacy
(2) Joint Service Commendation Medals
(3) Coast Guard Commendation Medals
Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal