

CAPTAIN HOPLEY YEATON

SUPERIOR CUTTERMAN AWARD



OFFICER

CW04 SEAN WOODWORTH, USCG

*CGC BERTHOLF (WMSL 750)
MAIN PROPULSION ASSISTANT*

CWO Woodworth, as Main Propulsion Assistant on the CGC BERTHOLF, made significant contributions to the cutter's operational success. He successfully managed a complex \$20M dry dock contract and a \$9M engine overhaul, ensuring the cutter's operational timelines and contracting requirements were met with only one unscheduled maintenance day. CWO Woodworth's technical expertise and innovative problem-solving skills have been instrumental in implementing process improvements, such as a new method for loading hydraulic oil, and providing critical troubleshooting assistance. He demonstrated a strong commitment to mentoring junior personnel, resulting in a 40% decrease in engineering watch qualification timelines and a 100% completion rate of required training four months ahead of schedule. CWO Woodworth's leadership and dedication to the Coast Guard's mission have earned him a reputation as a trusted and respected expert in his field. His ability to work effectively with other departments and external partners continues to impress, and his contributions to the cutter's success garner the highest praise. His expertise and leadership were instrumental in BERTHOLF's operational success.



ENLISTED

BMCM JOHN LOWELL, USCG

*CGC PETREL (WPB 87350)
OFFICER IN CHARGE*

BMCM Lowell, as Officer in Charge of CGC Petrel, demonstrated exceptional leadership and operational excellence, leading his crew to achieve 24 interdictions, resulting in the apprehension of 199 smugglers and migrants. With 1,827 underway hours, he consistently showed a strong commitment to mission success, achieving a 100% compliance rate in Ordinance Safety Inspection and a 96% compliance rate in Tailored Ship's Training Availability. BMCM Lowell's expertise in migrant interdiction operations has been invaluable, as he developed and shared tactics and procedures with local and visiting units, leading to dozens of successful interdictions. He collaborated with intelligence teams to refine operations products and improve mission outcomes, making him a trusted asset among Department of Homeland Security partners. Additionally, BMCM Lowell demonstrated his commitment to partnership and community service, working with the U.S. Navy Special Reconnaissance Team and volunteering over 500 hours with the San Diego Chief Petty Officer's Association, including a community service project to restore damaged homes after devastating floods in Southern California. His leadership and dedication to the Coast Guard's mission have earned him a reputation as a distinguished leader and a true embodiment of the Coast Guard's core values.