

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER SEBASTIAN DERDA

BOATSWAIN'S MATE

United States Coast Guard



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Chief Petty Officer Sebastian Derda, was born in Poland, he arrived to the United States in 1993 with his family. Chief Derda graduated from U. S. Coast Guard TRACEN Cape May in 1999 with Golf Company 156. His first assignment was USCC BOLLARD (WYTL 65164). After advancing to BM3 in 2001, Chief Derda transferred to Station Erie. From there, he ventured to Station Oregon Inlet, Station Shinnecock, USCGC Chincoteague (WPB 1320), USCGC Key Largo (WPB 1324), and back onboard the BOLLARD again as the Executive Petty Officer.

Chief Derd's top awards include CG Commendation Medal, Four CG Achievement Medals, Two Commandant's Letter of Commendations Ribbons, various Meritorious Unit and Team Commendation's, D-9 S. A. R. Award. Chief Derda holds 100 Ton "Near Coastal" Merchant Marine Credentials with Commercial Towing Endorsement. During his 20 years of the Coast Guard career, he achieved certifications as Boat Crew Member, Boat Engineer, Boat Coxswain and Heavy Weather Coxswain onboard 23' SAFE boat, 25' RB-S, 27' UTM, 41' UTB, 47' MLB, holds two Underway Deck Watch Officer certifications.

Chief Sebastian Derda is married to Joanna Derda of 21 years, who is also from Poland. Sebastian and Joanna went to elementary school together. Joanna currently works at Kohl's Department Store. They have two children Eryk (21) and Ian (16). Chief Derda is also a proud brother of two siblings who are graduates from West Point Military Academy, and one brother who was enlisted in the U. S. Army.

After retirement from Coast Guard he plans to continue his service to the public by becoming a Police Officer.