



## **CDR Xochitl Castañeda, USCG (pronounced So-Chee) Chief of Emergency Management Sector Puget Sound**

CDR Castañeda reported to Sector Puget Sound in the summer of 2019 in the role of Chief of Emergency Management.

CDR Castañeda is a Native of Pearblossom, CA and a B.S from of University of California at Santa Barbara in Aquatic Biology and a Master's in Transportation and Logistics, with a Maritime Engineering Concentration from American Military University. She is a former Quartermaster and attended Reserve Officer Candidate School in 2002.

CDR Castañeda has served on CGC MIDGETT and CGC CONNIFER, Sector Los Angeles/Longbeach, MSU Portland Oregon, USCG Headquarters in the Vessel Response Program, Sector Houston-Galveston, and D13. Her experience includes Facilities, Port State Control, Regional Exam Centers, Pollution Response, Waterways Management, and Emergency Management.

She had been involved in diversity and inclusion her entire career and is currently serving as the Historian to Association of Naval Service Officers, a Hispanic Sea Service Organization. She is a member of the Edmonds-Woodway High School Athletic Booster Club.

She is married to Aaron Brodniak of Everett, WA (Head Brewer at Elysian Brewing and USCG Veteran) and they have two sons Tomas and Joaquin, a Siamese mix cat (Epiphany) and a lab shepherd mix dog (Colby). She enjoys spending time with extended family and friends, takes long walks with her family, and enjoys reading, cooking Mexican, Chinese, Indian, BBQ, and Italian food (basically anything spicy) camping, and ICS.

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