

Commander John Di Nino

Commanding Officer, USCG Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise



CDR John Di Nino assumed command of the Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise (CSNCOE), located in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, in March of 2025 after previously serving as the Global Technical Advisor since July of 2023. In this capacity CDR Di Nino guides the repository of Coast Guard expertise and best practices on the Foreign Passenger Vessel program and is focused on raising the competency, capabilities, and consistency Coast Guard wide in the field of cruise ship safety, environmental, and security requirements and examinations. Previously, CDR Di Nino established and assumed command of

Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Port Canaveral in May of 2023 after having served as Supervisor, Marine Safety Detachment (MSD) Port Canaveral where he reported in July, 2020. In this position, CDR Di Nino represented the Sector Commander in executing responsibilities as Captain of the Port, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, and Officer in Charge Marine Inspection in Sector Jacksonville's area of responsibility which encompasses the world's busiest cruise port and center of gravity for U.S. space operations. He oversaw all MSU active duty, civilian, and reserve personnel in the execution of their primary missions of marine safety, security, and environmental protection.

Prior to assuming command at MSU Port Canaveral, CDR Di Nino was the Major Vessel Branch Chief at the Marine Safety Center (MSC) in Washington D.C. where he oversaw a team of engineers who conducted plan review on all commercial passenger and cargo vessels from 2016 to 2020. As part of plan review, CDR Di Nino's team validated critical engineering systems in addition to providing construction oversight and initial compliance for all cruise ships entering U.S. waters, ensuring the safety and security of the Marine Transportation System. Additional assignments include Chief, Domestic Vessels at Sector Virginia in Portsmouth, VA, beginning in 2011, where he was responsible for conducting vessel inspections to evaluate shipboard conditions and compliance with regulatory standards. In 2009, CDR Di Nino gained valuable shipboard engineering experience while stationed on the 270' USCGC TAHOMA, in Portsmouth, NH as the Damage Control Assistant and qualifying as Engineer of the Watch and Deck Watch Officer.

CDR Di Nino graduated from the University of Michigan in 2016 with two distinct Master of Science in Engineering degrees: Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (NAME) and Industrial and Operations Engineering (IOE). CDR Di Nino also graduated from the U.S. Naval War College in 2016 with a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies. His source of commissioning, in 2009, was from the United States Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in NAME.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, CDR Di Nino currently resides in Cocoa Beach, FL with his wife CDR Jennifer Di Nino, USCGR, and sons Hayden and Luca Di Nino.