

**Captain Wayne R. Arguin Jr.**  
**Director of Inspections and Compliance**



Captain Arguin assumed duties as Director of Inspections and Compliance at Coast Guard Headquarters in June 2020. In this position, he develops and maintains policy, standards, and program alignment for all prevention activities associated with the safe operation of vessels and facilities. This Directorate manages policy development and program oversight for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, recreational boating safety, foreign and domestic commercial vessel compliance inspections, international and domestic ports and facilities safety and security, as well as vessel documentation and marine casualty investigations.

Captain Arguin is a 1992 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and in 2001, he earned a Master of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the University of Michigan.

Prior to his current assignment, Captain Arguin served as the Director of Emerging Policy, also at Coast Guard Headquarters. His previous operational assignments include Sector Commander, Sector New Orleans (2016-2018) and Deputy Sector Commander, Sector New Orleans (2014-2016). He also served as Executive Officer of Marine Safety Office Memphis, TN and Prevention Department Head at Sector Lower Mississippi River (2004-2008) where he coordinated waterways management, vessel inspections, mariner licensing and marine casualty investigations on the Lower Mississippi River and its tributaries. In 1994, Captain Arguin earned his Marine Inspection qualifications at Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads and served as senior marine inspector performing commercial vessel and cruise ship inspections at Marine Safety Office Tampa, Florida (1996-1999). He was also assigned to USCGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC-903) as a student engineer and Damage Control Assistant (1992-1994).

His staff assignments include Executive Officer, Hull Division Chief and Salvage Engineering Response Team (SERT) Leader at the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Center (2010-2014). He was responsible for the evaluation and approval of vessel structures, stability, fire protection systems and coordinated salvage engineering support to the Coast Guard Captains of the Port (COTP) and Federal On-Scene Coordinators (FOSC) in response to a variety of vessel casualties. In 2008, he was assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters on the Executive Staff of the Deputy Commandant for Operations. Captain Arguin served as the Staff Director for the National Incident Commander throughout the Coast Guard's historic response to the Deepwater Horizon casualty, supporting daily White House and Cabinet-level briefings on the nation's response effort and also coordinated international offers of assistance with the Department of State. In 2001, Captain Arguin was assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters, Office of Design and Engineering Standards. During this period, he was involved in developing standards for high speed, novel craft and coordination of the Coast Guard's Risk Based Decision-Making initiative. He also served on the U. S. delegation to the International Maritime Organization's Design and Engineering Subcommittee to support development of international standards for Wing-in-Ground effect craft and cruise ship design standards.