

Captain Matt Edwards

Chief, Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance

Captain Matt Edwards currently serves as the Chief, Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. He leads a staff that administers the commercial vessel safety, security, and environmental protection compliance programs, develops and maintains policy in support of these programs, and provides guidance to operational field units.

His previous operational assignments include Prevention Department Head in Seattle, WA, Marine Safety Detachment Supervisor in Massena, NY, Chief of the Small Passenger Vessel Branch in Baltimore, MD, and Assistant Engineer Officer of a Medium Endurance Cutter in Cape May, NJ. His staff tours include Executive Officer of the Marine Safety Center, Section Chief of the Mechanical Engineering Major at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and staff/salvage engineer at the Marine Safety Center.

Captain Edwards graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering. He subsequently earned a Master of Engineering in Aerospace Engineering and a Master of Science in Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering in 1999 from the University of Michigan as well as a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College in 2011.



He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio.

His awards include the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal (three awards) and the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (four awards).