



Captain Barata assumed duties as Director of Inspections and Compliance at Coast Guard Headquarters in July 2019. 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 vessels compliance inspections, international and domestic ports and facilities safety and security, as well as vessel documentation and marine casualty investigations.

Captain Barata is a 1993 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Management. Captain Barata earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in Newport, RI, in 2014 and served as a Senior Military Fellow at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS) in Washington, DC, from 2014-2015.

Prior to his current assignment at Coast Guard Headquarters, Captain Barata served as Commanding Officer and Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection for U.S. Coast Guard Activities Europe located in Schinnen, The Netherlands, where he oversaw Coast Guard marine inspections, marine casualty investigations, and international port security activities throughout Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

Captain Barata's earlier field assignments include Sector Jacksonville, Marine Safety Office Providence and Marine Safety Office Miami where he served for over ten years in various capacities conducting marine safety, prevention, and incident response/emergency management missions. Captain Barata also served as the plankowner Executive Officer of Maritime Safety and Security Team Boston (MSST 91110) and as Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC SENECA (WMEC 906).

Captain Barata's prior staff assignments include Deputy Director, Marine Transportation Systems (CG-5PW), AC&I Budget Coordinator and Program Reviewer in the Office of Budget and Programs (CG-821), and Senior Marine Safety/Prevention Assignments Officer at CG Personnel Command (CGPC OPM-2).

Captain Barata is a native of Jacksonville, Florida. He and his wife Barbara have three children, James, Caroline, and Annie.