



## Lieutenant Commander Thomas Gibson

USCG Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise



LCDR Thomas Gibson reported as the National Technical Advisor of the Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise in June 2019. He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 2007 with a degree in Government with a concentration in International Affairs. LCDR Gibson served as a Communications and Deck watch Officer on the CGC BERTHOLF, Vessel Boarding & Security Team Leader at Port Arthur TX, Facility & Pollution supervisor in Port Arthur TX, Redeployment Assistance Inspections Detachment (RAID) Executive Officer, Marine Inspector Sector Houston-Galveston, & Assistant Supervisor & Senior Investigating Officer at MSD Port Canaveral.

LCDR Gibson led numerous cruise ship inspections while at MSD Port Canaveral including one detention resulting in the complete evaluation of the ships firefighting systems and renewal of structural fire protection elements costing tens of millions of dollars. LCDR Gibson steered industry campaigns to enhance security at Cruise Terminals, including serving on the exercise committee for a full scale DHS sponsored Active Shooter Drill. He established a strong partnership between federal, local, and industry partners that streamlined security breach responses & afforded multiple joint agency counter-narcotics operations resulting in more than 100 arrests. LCDR Gibson worked closely with the classification societies ensuring CG representation during numerous Passenger Safety Security Certificate inspections.

During his last year at Port Canaveral, LCDR Gibson served as the Senior Investigations Officer, managing more than 150 cruise ship marine casualty investigations including multiple joint investigations with the FBI. He also conducted high-profile loss of power investigations on three separate ships.

LCDR Gibson grew up the son of an Army officer and spent time in Washington D.C., Missouri, Hawaii and Germany as a kid. He married Ashely Gibson of St. Louis Missouri in 2008 and together they have two boys, Rex and William.

