



Commander Jason Kling

Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise



CDR Jason Kling assumed command of the Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise in June 2020. He graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine & Environmental Science. He served as a Marine Inspector at Sector New York from 2005-2008. CDR Kling then served as a Marine Inspector at Sector Mobile from 2008-2011. He attended the University of Maryland from 2011-2013, where he earned a Master of Science degree in Reliability Engineering. CDR Kling also holds a Master of Science degree in Security Administration from the University of Phoenix.

From 2013-2015, he worked at Coast Guard Headquarters in the Office of Design and Engineering Standards, writing regulations and policy for passenger ship and outer continental shelf operations, and worked on International & Domestic policy development for LNG as fuel and polar operations. He worked at the Marine Safety Center from 2015-2017, serving as the type approval manager for Ballast Water Management Systems, and also serving as the Vessel Security Division Chief, responsible for the approval of all vessel security plans for the U.S. fleet. CDR Kling served as the Supervisor of Marine Safety Detachment Port Canaveral from 2017-2020, overseeing all port safety, security, and pollution operations. He is a native of Long Island, NY, and is married to his beautiful wife Ann. Together they have eight children.