

CAPTAIN DANIEL H. COST
COMMANDING OFFICER
U.S. COAST GUARD MARINE SAFETY CENTER

Captain Cost serves as the Coast Guard's lead technical authority for commercial vessel regulation and promotes marine safety and environmental protection through engineering review and approval of nearly 20,000 plans annually for the design, construction and alteration of U.S. and foreign vessels, equipment, and offshore energy facilities.



Captain Cost previously served as Chief of the Office of Design and Engineering Standards where he led development of U.S. maritime safety and security standards for commercial vessels and served as the U.S. Head of Delegation for the International Maritime Organization's Ship Design and Construction Subcommittee.

His operational assignments include Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Lake Charles from 2016 to 2019, where he led maritime safety, security, and environmental protection missions across Southwest Louisiana, including federal oversight of the \$120 billion energy infrastructure expansion that transformed the region into one of the nation's largest exporters of liquefied natural gas. From 2009 to 2012, Captain Cost earned his marine inspection qualifications and served as the Chief of Inspections at Sector New Orleans, overseeing over 2,500 vessel inspections annually in a vast area of responsibility from the western rivers to Mexico, Central and South America. Captain Cost's operational afloat tours include Executive Officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter SITKINAK, and First Lieutenant and Deck Watch Officer aboard Coast Guard Cutter TAMPA.

Captain Cost served as the Executive Officer of the Marine Safety Center from 2019 to 2021. During this time, he also served on special assignment for the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy leading a key strategic imperative to shape and align Prevention program direction, resource priorities, and outyear budget initiatives. From 2015 to 2019, he served as an Associate Professor of Engineering at the Coast Guard Academy, where he developed and implemented the Academy's Marine Safety Curriculum. His first assignment at the Marine Safety Center was from 2005 to 2009, where he served as naval architect and member of the elite Salvage Engineering Response Team, helping Coast Guard Captains of the Port mitigate emergent marine casualty situations worldwide.

He is a 1999 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. In 2005, he earned Master of Science degrees in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan. Captain Cost is a licensed Professional Engineer.

He and his wife Laurie live in Maryland and have two daughters, Isabella and Sydney.