



U.S. Coast Guard Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise



Mr. Michael Kelly serves as a Senior Marine Inspector and Technical Advisor. Experience includes 30 years of active duty in the Coast Guard and 8+ years as a Coast Guard civilian employee at the Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise.

Mr. Kelly enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1978 and retired from active duty in 2007 at the rank of Lieutenant Commander. In addition to completing his engineering afloat qualification onboard Coast Guard Cutters, he has earned over 20 qualifications within the training and marine safety fields. During his active duty career, he served on three Coast Guard cutters, one base, was the School Chief at the Coast Guard Inspection and Investigation School located in Yorktown, VA, and served at five Marine Safety Offices located in Huntington, WV, St. Louis, MO, Paducah, KY, Jacksonville, FL and New Orleans, LA. He has been inspecting vessels and investigating marine casualties since 1988.

In 2007 he was awarded the “Congressman James Sener Award” for excellence in marine investigations. He was recognized for demonstrating exceptional skill and positively influencing marine safety during the investigation into the sinking of the T/V Elizabeth M with loss of life at the Montgomery Lock and Dam on the Ohio River in 2005.

In addition to his Coast Guard Qualifications, Michael holds a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Computer Science, an A.S. degree in Network Administration and Computer Technical Industry Association A+ certification (an internationally recognized validation of technical knowledge for IT professionals).