



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



Mr. Dave Phillips, Technical Advisor for TVNCOE, has been part of the NCOE team since December 2012.

He previously was an American Waterways Operators certified Responsible Carrier Program and ACC Responsible Care Auditor and worked as an auditor, consultant, and safety department trainer for a nationally recognized marine consulting and auditing firm.

Dave retired from the Coast Guard as a Chief Warrant Officer, beginning his nautical career with a tour in the deck department on a Great Lakes buoy tender. His 20-year career included three inland-river, two Great Lakes, and two coastal Marine Safety field unit assignments as a Marine Inspector and Investigating Officer, participating in multiple formal investigations of major marine casualties and hundreds of informal investigations, as well as inspections of towing vessels, barges, passenger vessels, and cargo vessels.

Dave holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies and is trained in ISO 14001 Lead Auditor, ISO 9001 Lead Auditor, ISO 17021 Oversight, Auditing for Improvement, and OSHA Occupational Safety and Health.

Dave served as an integral implementation team member for the towing vessel fire-fighting regulations (46 CFR Part 27) of 2001, the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2004, the Cooperative Towing Vessel Examination Program, the Towing Vessel Bridging Program, and now 46 CFR Subchapter M, all while at units within the Western Rivers or Great Lakes regions.