

U.S. Coast Guard
Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise
Change of Command
&
CDR Jason M. Kling Retirement
Ceremony



March 24th, 2025
10:30 a.m.



Port Everglades
Cruise Terminal 2



CHANGE OF COMMAND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Welcome Remarks

Arrival of Official Party

National Anthem

Invocation

LCDR Nathaniel R. Herring

Remarks

RADM Wayne R. Arguin

Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy

CDR Jason M. Kling

Outgoing Commanding Officer

Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise

Frocking Ceremony

CDR John D. Di Nino

Incoming Commanding Officer

Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise

Change of Command



CDR JASON M. KLING RETIREMENT

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Remarks

Master of Ceremony

RADM Wayne R. Arguin

Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy

Awards

Shadow Box Presentation

CDR Jason M. Kling Remarks

Olde Glory Ceremony

Benediction

LCDR Tasha Sadowicz

Semper Paratus Song

Conclusion

Reception





Rear Admiral Wayne R. Arguin Jr.
Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy (CG-5P)

U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Arguin serves as the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, and he is responsible for the development of national policy, standards, and programs promoting Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Stewardship. In this role, he leads several directorates including the Inspections and Compliance, Marine Transportation Systems and Commercial Regulations and Standards. Rear Admiral Arguin also leads the waterways management, navigation and boating safety, ports and facilities, merchant mariner credentialing, vessel documentation, marine casualty investigation, commercial vessel inspections, and port state control programs for the Coast Guard.

Rear Admiral Arguin is a 1992 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. In 2001, he earned a Master of Science degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the University of Michigan.

Prior to his current assignment, Rear Admiral Arguin served as the Director of Inspection and Compliance at Coast Guard Headquarters. His previous operational assignments include Sector Commander, Sector New Orleans. He also served as Executive Officer of Marine Safety Office Memphis, TN, and Prevention Department Head at Sector Lower Mississippi River where he coordinated waterways management, vessel inspections, mariner licensing and marine casualty investigations on the Lower Mississippi River and its tributaries.

In 1994, Rear Admiral Arguin earned his Marine Inspection qualifications at Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads and served as senior marine inspector performing commercial vessel and cruise ship inspections at Marine Safety Office located in Tampa, Florida. He was also assigned to USCGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC-903) as a student engineer and Damage Control Assistant from 1992-1994.

His staff assignments include Director of Emerging Policy and Executive Officer, Hull Division Chief and Salvage Engineering Response Team (SERT) Leader at the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Center. He was responsible for the evaluation and approval of vessel structures, stability, fire protection systems and coordinated salvage engineering support to the Coast Guard Captains of the Port (COTP) and Federal On-Scene Coordinators (FOSC) in response to a variety of vessel casualties.





Commander Jason Kling

Outgoing CO 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





Commander John D. Di Nino

Incoming CO Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise



Prior to assuming command, CDR John Di Nino reported as the National Technical Advisor of the Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise (CSNCOE), located in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, in July of 2023. In this capacity CDR Di Nino guided the repository of Coast Guard expertise and best practices on the Foreign Passenger Vessel program and is focused on raising the competency, capabilities, and consistency Coast Guard wide in the field of cruise ship safety, environmental, and security requirements and examinations. Previously, CDR Di

Nino established and assumed command of Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Port Canaveral in May of 2023 after having served as Supervisor, Marine Safety Detachment (MSD) Port Canaveral where he reported in July, 2020. In this position, CDR Di Nino represented the Sector Commander in executing responsibilities as Captain of the Port, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, and Officer in Charge Marine Inspection in Sector Jacksonville's area of responsibility which encompasses the world's busiest cruise port and center of gravity for U.S. space operations. He oversaw all MSU active duty, civilian, and reserve personnel in the execution of their primary missions of marine safety, security, and environmental protection. Prior to assuming command at MSU Port Canaveral, CDR Di Nino was the Major Vessel Branch Chief at the Marine Safety Center (MSC) in Washington D.C. where he oversaw a team of engineers who conducted plan review on all commercial passenger and cargo vessels from 2016 to 2020. As part of plan review, CDR Di Nino's team validated critical engineering systems in addition to providing construction oversight and initial compliance for all cruise ships entering U.S. waters, ensuring the safety and security of the Marine Transportation System. Additional assignments include Chief, Domestic Vessels at Sector Virginia in Portsmouth, VA, beginning in 2011, where he was responsible for conducting vessel inspections to evaluate shipboard conditions and compliance with regulatory standards. In 2009, CDR Di Nino gained valuable shipboard engineering experience while stationed on the 270' USCGC TAHOMA, in Portsmouth, NH as the Damage Control Assistant and qualifying as Engineer of the Watch and Deck Watch Officer.

CDR Di Nino graduated from the University of Michigan in 2016 with two distinct Master of Science in Engineering degrees: Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (NAME) and Industrial and Operations Engineering (IOE). CDR Di Nino also graduated from the U.S. Naval War College in 2016 with a Master of Arts in Defense and Strategic Studies. His source of commissioning, in 2009, was from the United States Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in NAME.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, CDR Di Nino currently resides in Cocoa Beach, FL with his wife CDR Jennifer Di Nino, USCGR, and sons Hayden and Luca Di Nino.





Our History

The Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise (CSNCOE) was created in 2008 to serve as the Coast Guard's focal point for cruise ship compliance, including the training of cruise ship examiners, assisting OCMI's in the completion of Certificate of Compliance examinations, consultation to Commandant, liaising with industry stakeholders, and interpretation & execution of standards and policies. The CSNCOE initially had 5 members, and now our team is made of 9 of the world's leading experts in cruise ship safety compliance.

Our team is organized to provide maximum agility in serving the Coast Guard field units, the Commandant, and the cruise industry. Our expert staff is made up of certified Foreign Passenger Vessel Examiners, Instructors, and ISO Lead Auditors. We perform construction oversight examinations at overseas shipyards prior to ships entering U.S. waters. We also perform in-service examinations with our regional field units nationwide to ensure the quality and consistency of the USA Port State Control program.

Our staff manages a suite of training services for apprentices, journeyman, and advanced inspectors, including the FPVE Course, Self-Paced e-Learning Course, and FPVE Capstone Course. We visit our regional authorities to deliver classroom training modules and on-the-job training onboard ships. Additionally, our team performs audits of our regional units to ensure compliance with the Coast Guard Mission Management System.

Our Mission

Our team serves our field units by understanding their needs and coaching them to be the world's best Port State Control Officers on passenger ships. We also serve the global cruise industry by understanding the innovations and challenges, and leveraging CSNCOE expertise and experience to develop solutions that achieve mutual goals.





We're always ready for the call, we place our trust in thee.

Through surf and storm and howling gale, high shall our purpose be.

"Semper Paratus" is our guide, our fame, our glory too, to fight to save or fight and die! Aye! Coast Guard we are for you!

