



Captain Gregory A. Callaghan Commander, Sector New Orleans



Captain Callaghan assumed the duties as Commander, Sector New Orleans in June 2024 where he served as Deputy Sector Commander since 2022. In this capacity, he oversees over 1,000 active duty, reserve, civilian, and auxiliary Coast Guard personnel who serve over 300 miles of the Lower Mississippi River, 230 miles of the Intracoastal Waterway, and almost 4,000 miles of coastline in an area of responsibility totaling over 100,000 square nautical miles.

His previous operational assignments include Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Texas City from 2016-2018 and Executive Officer from 2014-2016. There, his responsibilities included carrying out the Coast Guard's Homeland Security, Marine Safety, and Marine Environmental Protection missions in the Ports of Galveston, Texas City and Freeport, in over 120-miles of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, a 4,000 square-mile region of the Outer Continental Shelf, and the entrance to the nation's largest petrochemical complex. His time there included the preparation and response to Hurricane Harvey. From 2004-2008, Captain Callaghan was assigned to Sector Boston, MA, where he served as Chief of Port State Control, Assistant Chief of Waterways Management, Aids to Navigation Officer, and Senior Investigating Officer. From 2000-2004, he served at Marine Safety Office Miami, FL as Port State Control and Domestic Marine Inspector and Licensing Examiner at Regional Exam Center Miami.

Captain Callaghan's staff assignments include Chief of Prevention for the Eleventh Coast Guard District from 2019-2022 where he led staff, two Coast Guard Buoy Tenders, and more than 2,500 Auxiliarist in management of the prevention mission in an area of responsibility covering California, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona and responsible for \$500 Billion in international trade. From 2010-2014 he was assigned in the Office of Port and Facility Compliance at Coast Guard Headquarters where he served as the Coast Guard's program manager for the Transportation Worker Identification Credential enforcement and Chief of the Port and Facility Security Standards Branch leading research, development, and implementation of top priority maritime security regulations. Additionally, he was the Coast Guard representative to the U.S. and Canada Bi-National Maritime Security Working Group.

In 2020, Captain Callaghan was appointed by the Coast Guard Deputy Commandant for Operations as Chairman of the Marine Board of Investigation to investigate the causal factors in the loss of the commercial fishing vessel SCANDIES ROSE and five crew members which occurred on December 31, 2019.

Captain Callaghan served in the Coast Guard Reserves from 1996-2000 as part of the Maritime Academy Reserve Training Program and was assigned to Activities New York.

Captain Callaghan is a graduate of the State University of New York Maritime College where he received a Bachelor of Science degree and an Unlimited Third Mates License in the Merchant Marine. He has a Master's in Public Administration and Certification in Port and Maritime Administration from Old Dominion University, and a Master's in National Security and Resource Strategy from the National Defense University's Eisenhower School.