

JENNIFER F. WILLIAMS, CAPTAIN, USCG RETIRED



Jennifer Williams has diverse expertise in maritime safety, security and marine environmental protection. Having retired from the U.S. Coast Guard with nearly 30 years of service, she has held a variety of operational and staff positions which included Sector Commander Los Angeles/Long Beach where she served as Captain of the Port and Director of Inspections and Compliance in Washington DC, where she oversaw developed and maintained regulatory policy, standards, and program alignment for all prevention activities associated to the safe operation of vessels and facilities. She managed policy

development for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, recreational boating safety, foreign and domestic commercial vessels compliance inspections, ports and facilities safety and security, vessel documentation, and marine casualty investigation.

Following her service in the Coast Guard, she served as Vice President, Maritime Policy at Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) in Washington DC, where she developed, presented, negotiated, and implemented global industry positions on legislative, regulatory, and policy matters involving ship design, operation and engineering. She was accredited to the International Maritime Organization where she represented the global cruise industry during international treaty negotiations and other matters. She is also provided Secretariat functions for the CLIA Global Committee on Maritime Safety Matters as well as the Cruise Ship Sustainability Forum and its Steering Committee.

She is a 2006 graduate of the National Graduate School in Quincy, Mass., where she received her Master of Science degree in Quality Systems Management, and a 1990 graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Transportation as well as her Third Mate's Unlimited Tonnage U.S. Coast Guard License.

She is a mother of three grown sons, serving as civilian mariners aboard U.S. flagged merchant ships which motivates her desire to ensure safety of seafarers throughout the world. She also serves on the US Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Board of Directors.