

Captain Ronald J. Caputo, USCG
Deputy Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Houston-Galveston



Captain Ron Caputo assumed the duties as the Deputy Sector Commander in June 2025. As the Deputy Sector Commander and alternate Captain of the Port, he directs over 1,400 personnel in the execution of all Coast Guard missions from the Colorado River in southwest Texas to 60 miles east of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and out to 200 miles offshore. Prior to his current assignment, Captain Caputo served as the Chief of Prevention for the Coast Guard Eleventh District where he oversaw the execution of Marine Inspections and Investigations, Waterways Management, and the maintenance of 3400 Aids to Navigation across California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona supporting 850 billion dollars of maritime commerce in the Marine Transportation System.

Specializing in Marine Safety and crisis management, Captain Caputo served as Chief of Prevention at Sector San Diego representing the Captain of the Port and Officer in Charge, Marine Inspections to ensure the safety and security of all commercial vessel shipping at the largest U.S. Navy complex on the west coast. Other operational tours include Chief of Prevention at Sector Sault Sainte Marie overseeing the nation's largest domestic ice breaking operation across all five Great Lakes; International Port Security Liaison Officer at Activities Europe in the Netherlands to assess foreign port security in Europe, Africa and the Middle East; Marine Inspector and Contingency Planner at Sector Boston; and Damage Control Assistant on Coast Guard Cutter SPENCER (WMEC 905).

Previous staff tours include assignments at Coast Guard Headquarters to the Office of Standards and Engineering Design as staff engineer and Executive Director of the Ship Structure Committee. Additionally, he served as a Naval Architect at the Marine Safety Center conducting engineering plan reviews for large commercial passenger and general cargo vessels. It was here where he also served on the Coast Guard Salvage and Engineering Response Team (SERT) supporting all Captains of the Port in the salvage and recovery of sunken and damaged vessels in their respective areas of responsibility.

Captain Caputo is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Virginia. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 2000 and holds two Master of Science degrees in Naval Architecture and Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).