U.S. Coast Guard
8th District

Commander's Philosophy

Exercise servant leadership. People are our most valuable resource and leadership is our most critical enabler. Selflessly serve, trust, respect and empower others. Foster an inclusive culture and keep faith with all members of our Coast Guard family.

Cultivate expertise. Know your role and responsibilities, and act decisively. Improve every day. Invest in knowledge of your craft, increase proficiency, and innovate deliberately. Understand and mitigate operational risk.

Invest in partnerships. Establish trust with our partners and stakeholders. Build and maintain strong relationships and tight networks. Define a shared purpose and collaborate to achieve common goals and objectives.

Resources

- 3,688 Active duty military
- 741 Military reservists
- 318 Civilians
- 3,140 Auxiliarists
- 7 Sectors
- 4 Air stations
- 17 Aircraft
- 48 Cutters ( >65’ )
- 17 Small boat stations
- 14 Aids to navigation teams
- 10 Marine safety units
- 4 Vessel traffic services

FY 19 Statistics

- 1,626 Search and rescue cases
- 565 Lives saved
- 1,922 Lives assisted
- $363 Million property saved
- 1,208 Pollution responses
- 7,291 Foreign-flag vessel exams
- 10,313 Domestic vessel inspections
- 5,509 Recreational safety boardings
- 889 Fishing vessel exams
- 74 Lanchas intercepted
- 4,719 Facility inspections
- 2,834 Marine casualty investigations
- 2,805 Aids to navigation serviced
- 2,352 Discrepancies corrected

Safety

- Search and Rescue
- Marine Safety
- Aids to Navigation

Security

- Illegal Drug Interdiction
- Migrant Interdiction
- Law Enforcement
- Ports/Waterways/Coastal Security
- Defense Readiness

Stewardship

- Marine Environmental Protection
- Living Marine Resources

One District

Three regions

Inland Region
- All or part of 21 states covering more than 10,300 miles of waterways, with a $4.6 trillion economic impact
- Includes the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee and Arkansas rivers, and their tributaries

Coastal Region
- All or part of 6 states
- More than 900 miles of coastline and 1,200 miles of Intracoastal Waterway
- 8th District ports in this region receive:
  - 27,000 deep draft vessel arrivals annually
  - 90,000 towing vessels transit per year

Offshore Region
- Captures the outer continental shelf oil and natural gas industry, spanning 179,000 square miles of the Gulf of Mexico
- More than 10,000 oil and gas wells
- More than 1,800 fixed platforms
- More than 3,500 miles of subsea pipeline
- More than 50 mobile offshore drilling units
- More than 53 floating production installations

Rear Admiral John Nadeau
Commander, 8th Coast Guard District

Legend
- State COC
- LCGS Sector H.Q
- Sector Boundary
8th District Units

The 8th Coast Guard District, headquartered in New Orleans, covers all or part of 26 states throughout the Gulf Coast and Heartland of America. It stretches from the Appalachian Mountains and Chattahoochee River in the east, to the Rocky Mountains in the west, and from the Canadian border in North Dakota to the border between the U.S. and Mexico, and the Gulf of Mexico. The 8th District is home to two of the nation’s busiest ports, New Orleans and Houston. More than two million barrels of oil and one million tons of cargo are imported daily. Ten of the top Fifteen busiest ports by tonnage are located in the 8th District. Additionally, more than 65 percent of the nation’s liquefied natural gas activity and 11 percent of crude oil refining capacity are located in the Port Arthur/Lake Charles region alone. The Coast Guard provides effective maritime governance balancing economic efficiency with maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship through close coordination with a multitude of diverse public and private stakeholders throughout the Maritime Transportation System (MTS).

**Sector Lower Mississippi River**

Sector Lower Mississippi River is headquartered in Memphis, Tenn. It is comprised of all or portions of six states and has more than 2,000 miles of rivers including parts of the Lower Miss., Arkansas, Black/Ouachita, White, Red and Yazoo Rivers. At least $50-60 billion worth of commerce a year flows along the main stem of the lower Mississippi River.

**Sector Upper Mississippi River**

Sector Upper Mississippi is headquartered in St. Louis, Mo. It encompasses more than 2,000 miles of commercially navigable rivers and 1,800 miles of tributary waterways including the Missouri, Illinois and Upper Mississippi Rivers. There are 33 locks, 238 bridges, and 7 major population centers.

**Sector New Orleans**

Sector New Orleans is headquartered in New Orleans, La. The Port of New Orleans is the largest port, per tonnage, in the United States and the third largest in the world with 316 million tons of cargo moving through each year onboard 5,500 foreign ship arrivals and 90,500 barge transits.

**Sector Houston/Galveston**

Sector Houston/Galveston is headquartered in Houston and covers parts of Texas and Lousiana, encompassing 180 miles of gulf coastlines. Ten of the top twenty gas and oil refineries in the U.S. reside within the Sector Houston-Galveston area, including Motiva Enterprises at Port Arthur, Texas, the largest refinery in the U.S.

**Sector Ohio Valley**

Sector Ohio Valley is headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. The major rivers include the entire Ohio River and its tributaries, 250 miles of the Mississippi River, the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers, and the very northern portion of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. It has 3,000 miles of waterways for commercial navigation.

**Sector Mobile**

Sector Mobile is headquartered in Mobile, Ala and covers parts of Miss., Ala., Fla. and Ga. The sector includes 420 miles of the Gulf of Mexico coastline. It has 5 deepwater ports and large ship construction and ship repair industries and also includes 1,900 miles of inland waterways.

**Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi**

Sector Corpus Christi covers the southern portion of Texas and all of New Mexico. This includes two inland lakes, Lake Amistad and Falcon Lake. It shares an active international border with Mexico.