



Deputy Sector Commander

Captain Richard Howes

Captain Rich Howes is a 1995 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Science. In 2008, he earned a Masters Degree in Quality Systems Management from the National Graduate School specializing in process improvement and Lean - Six Sigma.

Captain Howes assumed the duties of Deputy Sector Commander, Sector Houston Galveston in June 2017. He reported from District Fourteen, in Honolulu, HI, where he was the Enforcement Chief for 4 years. Prior

to this assignment, Captain Howes was the Chief of Response for Sector Houston-Galveston where he supervised 5 small boat stations and 4 Patrol Boats and worked closely with other Federal, State and local authorities ensuring the maritime safety, security and stewardship for the Nation's largest petro-chemical port. During this tour he was also the primary SMC (Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator) for all SAR events within the Sector.

Captain Howes' previous tours include 4 cutter assignments; CGC MIDGETT (twice) out of Seattle, Washington; CGC PEA ISLAND stationed out of Mayport, Florida; and CGC ASSATEAGUE, stationed in Honolulu, HI, where he was Commanding Officer from 2004-2006. During this time he transferred the 110' cutter ASSATEAGUE from Oahu, Hawaii to Apra Harbor, Guam, a 3300NM transit. As Operations Officer of CGC MIDGETT from 2002-2004, Captain Howes was part of 3 significant cocaine seizures totaling 15 metric tons during one patrol. His other shore assignments include a District Thirteen Command Center tour and an operational planning (dxo) tour at District Eleven in Alameda, CA.

His personal awards include the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation medal (4), Coast Guard Achievement Medal (2), Letter of Commendation as well as the Volunteer Service Medal. He proudly wears the Permanent Cutters Pin as well as the Command Afloat insignia.