



CAPTAIN RICHARD J. SCHULTZ
Commander, Sector Southeastern New England

Captain Richard J. Schultz assumed the duties of Commander, Sector Southeastern New England on 10 June 2016. As such, he serves as the Captain of the Port, Officer in Charge Marine Inspections, Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator, Federal On Scene Coordinator, and Federal Maritime Security Coordinator for an area that includes Rhode Island, southeast Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Within this area, Captain Schultz oversees the execution of Coast Guard missions by eight Coast Guard small boat stations, four cutters, two aids to navigation teams, two marine safety detachments, and two Sector offices, all of which includes 462 active duty, 110 reserve, 19 civilian and 1,270 auxiliary members.

Captain Schultz grew up in Hyannis, Massachusetts. He is a 1990 graduate of the University of Miami with Bachelor of Science Degrees in Marine Science and Biology. In 1993, he received his Coast Guard commission at Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, Virginia. He earned a Master of Science Degree in Work Environment – Industrial Hygiene in 2005 from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell.

Captain Schultz began his Coast Guard career in the Office of Marine Environmental Protection at Coast Guard Headquarters where he developed marine safety mission policies and became interested in emergency pollution response. Next, he served as Assistant Operations and Training Officer, and later as Operations Officer, at the Gulf Strike Team in Mobile, Alabama. He was then selected for and completed a five-month Port Safety Industry Training program with the Port of Mobile, Alabama, working with 45 different maritime industries and agencies to understand port complexities and regulatory impacts from the waterway users' perspective. He then served as Waterways Management Branch Chief at Marine Safety Office Mobile, Alabama, where he also served as Assistant Chief of Port Operations and as a Marine Inspector. After earning his Master of Science degree, Captain Schultz served as the Safety and Environmental Health Officer for the Eighth Coast Guard District's Western Rivers Region, providing occupational safety, industrial hygiene, and environmental health support to 56 Coast Guard units located throughout an extensive 22-state area. From 2009 to 2012, Captain Schultz completed a busy three year tour as Commanding Officer of the Atlantic Strike Team located on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. During his tenure, the Atlantic Strike Team successfully responded to numerous pollution incidents and natural disasters, including the nation's largest coastal and inland oil spills. In the spring of 2010 and through 2011, he deployed multiple times to the Gulf coast as Operations Section Chief and Deputy Incident Commander for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. From 2012 to 2014, Captain Schultz served as the Coast Guard Liaison Officer at the Navy Warfare Development Command in Norfolk, Virginia developing joint and multi-service doctrine and interfacing with multiple Naval commands worldwide in the development of tactics, techniques, and procedures, lessons learned, innovative concepts, experimentation, and war gaming. He arrived at Sector Southeastern New England in May 2014 to serve as the Deputy Sector Commander.

Throughout his career, he deployed on many other noteworthy incidents and events including Tank Barge North Cape oil spill, Hurricanes Katrina, Ike, and Sandy, Midwest floods, Spill of National Significance exercises, 2008 Republican National Convention, and 2009 Presidential Inauguration.

He is also a National Incident Management System Certified Type 1 Coast Guard Incident Commander, Safety Officer, and Operations Section Chief.

Captain Schultz is married to the former Christina Sanchez (USCG Ret.) of Port St. Lucie, Florida. They have three children; Amanda, Tyler, and Jack.