



KEITH FAWCETT

MARINE BOARD OF
INVESTIGATION MEMBER

Keith Fawcett currently supports the high-profile investigations into the fire aboard the small passenger vessel *Conception* and the small passenger vessel *Spirit of Norfolk* fire investigation. He also assists Coast Guard Marine Accident Investigators throughout the Coast Guard in carrying out the objectives of the Marine Safety Program in order to help prevent commercial vessel accidents.

CAREER

Mr. Fawcett started his working career in the active-duty U.S. Coast Guard, serving on three Coast Guard Cutters and other duty stations, leaving the Coast Guard as a Chief Quartermaster.

In 1979, Mr. Fawcett began working in the offshore industry with Gulf Fleet Marine as a mate on offshore supply vessels. He currently holds a 1600 Ton near-coastal Mate's License, 100 Ton Master and Radar Endorsement Merchant Marine Credentials. While working for Gulf Fleet, he supported diverse oil field operations in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida. He began working at the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP) Marine Terminal as a Vessel Traffic Control Specialist in 1981, an unloading terminal located twenty miles offshore of Grand Isle, Louisiana. LOOP is the nation's premier facility for offloading ultra large crude carriers, which can carry up to 4.5 million barrels of crude oil.

In May of 2000, Mr. Fawcett returned to work with the Coast Guard as a civilian supervisor at the Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) in New Orleans. In this capacity, he supervised a watch team that provided vessel traffic control to the extensive lower Mississippi River and included traffic control for the busy Algiers Point area in downtown New Orleans. He also served as the training coordinator and was selected to attend the International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) Symposium in Rostock, Germany, to formulate training objectives for VTS operations worldwide. In September 2010, he accepted a position with the Investigations National Center of Expertise in New Orleans.

In 2015, Mr. Fawcett was awarded the USCG Sener Award for his work in the Mobile Offshore Drilling Rig *Kulluk* Grounding Investigation. He also served as a member of the USCG Commandant Marine Board of Investigation (MBI) for the sinking of the SS *El Faro* in Hurricane Joaquin in late 2015 and served on the MBI on the fishing vessel *Scandies Rose* in late 2019.