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Michael Karr joined the NTSB's Office of Marine Safety in June of 2008 as a Survival Factors Investigator and Investigator-in-Charge (IIC). Accident investigations include Passenger Vessels *Caribbean Fantasy*, *Insignia*, and *Carnival Triumph* fires; M/V *Gunde Maersk* engine room fire; Towing Vessels *Susan Lynn* and *Marguerite L. Terral* engine room fires; Towing Vessel *Safety Runner* and *Kirby Barges 28182* and *28194* fire and explosions; Fishing Vessel *Rose Marie* engine room fire; Towing Vessels *RC Creppel* and *Cooperative Spirit* and M/V *Glory First* collisions; the Passenger Vessel *Stretch Duck 7* sinking; and the Coast Guard vessel *CG 33118* and a 22' *Sea Ray* collision. As the NTSB IIC, he participated alongside the Coast Guard during the formal investigation public hearings into the capsizing and sinking of the Fishing Vessels *Katmai* and *Destination*.

Before coming to the NTSB, Michael Karr was a member of the Coast Guard and retired as a Captain. His Coast Guard experience was in the Prevention mission of Marine Safety as a marine inspector and investigator. He served as the Chief, Office of Vessel Activities from 2004-2008, overseeing the Coast Guard efforts in marine safety and security regulatory policies covering commercial vessels and their crews and operations for United States vessels and foreign vessels calling in the US and as the Chief, Office of Investigations and Analysis from 2000-2004, overseeing the Coast Guard's marine casualty investigation program.