



Lieutenant Commander Matthew W. Zinn

United States Coast Guard

Lieutenant Commander Matthew Zinn reported aboard as Executive Officer, Marine Safety Unit in June 2020.

LCDR Zinn is a 2007 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Operations Research and Computer Analysis in New London, CT. His first assignment was as a First Tour Marine Inspector at Sector New York in Staten Island, NY. In this role, he conducted vessel inspections at the third largest port in the United States. In 2010, LCDR Zinn assumed the role as Supervisor at Marine Safety Detachment Kodiak in Kodiak, AK. He was responsible for regulatory oversight and enforcement of federal vessel, facility, and environmental regulations. This also included managing the dockside safety program at one of the largest fishing ports in the nation. While there, LCDR Zinn earned his permanent Marine Safety Insignia in 2012.

In fall 2012, LCDR Zinn reported to the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA to begin the Coast Guard's Operations Research Postgraduate Program. Upon graduating with a Master of Science in Computer Science with specialization in Computational Operations Research, he reported aboard the Office of Workforce Forecasting and Analysis (CG-12A) in January 2014 at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. As Lead Analyst, he was responsible for developing and overseeing the active duty and reserve component enlisted workforce forecasting, planning, and management.

Following his Coast Guard Headquarters assignment, LCDR Zinn reported aboard Sector San Francisco in June 2017. As the Chief, Investigations Division, he was responsible for leading and executing the Coast Guard's maritime investigation responsibilities across Northern California and in some of the nation's most vital strategic ports. This included investigations of marine accidents, initiating Suspension & Revocation proceedings, and recommending changes to laws, regulations, or policy as necessary to promote safety, protect the environment, and prevent reoccurrence. In addition to his primary duties, LCDR Zinn qualified as Command Duty Officer, gaining experience at the busiest search and rescue unit in the nation.

LCDR Zinn is a native of Stratford, CT and currently resides in Chicago, IL. When not at work, he enjoys visiting friends and family, strength training, and looks forward to watching Cubs baseball games at Wrigley Field.