

**CAPTAIN LONNIE P. HARRISON, JR.**  
**U. S. COAST GUARD**



Captain Harrison leads CG operational forces in the execution and coordination of all maritime safety, security and environmental missions for the Maryland and National Capital Region. He also serves as the Captain of the Port (COTP); Federal On Scene Coordinator (FOSC); Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC); Officer in Charge of Marine Inspections (OCMI); and Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator (SMC).

From 2011-2015, Captain Harrison served in two separate roles at the CG Fifth District in Portsmouth, VA; Chief of Prevention and Chief of Waterways Management. In these positions, he oversaw the health of the Marine Transportation System (MTS), CG Inspections and Investigations, Bridges and CG Auxiliary forces for the Mid-Atlantic region from North Carolina to New Jersey. He also played a critical role in post-storm MTS recovery of ports damaged by hurricanes SANDY and IRENE, as well as winter storm SATURN. While assigned to the District, he was awarded the DHS Secretary's Gold Medal for his participation in the Syrian Weapons of Mass Destruction Decommissioning Task Force.

From 2008-2011, Captain Harrison was the Commanding Officer of Marine Safety Unit Savannah. He served as COTP, FOSS, FMSC, and OCMI for the state of Georgia and was instrumental in the stand-up of the 30+ agency Maritime Interagency Center for Operations.

Prior to Savannah, he was the Chief of Vessel Inspections at Sector Hampton Roads in Norfolk, Virginia (2005-2008) where he was selected to be the initial CG liaison to FEMA Region IV for Hurricane Katrina response operations. In 2007, he became the first CG officer to be professionally certified as an auditor by the International Register of Certificated Auditors and continues to serve as a U.S. representative for the United Nations International Maritime Organization, based in London, UK.

Captain Harrison served as the key U.S. delegate to the nine international maritime shipping regimes at CGHQ from 2001-2005, and led a team that helped develop national policy guidance for enforcement of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code and the Maritime Transportation Security Act. He was also instrumental as a negotiator working with the State Department for the President's Nuclear Non-Proliferation Security Initiative.

His assignments from 1993-2001 included Marine Safety Office (MSO) New Orleans and MSO Tampa, where he performed the duties of a double-ended marine inspector and marine casualty investigator. Captain Harrison's first assignment was the Assistant Engineer Officer and Damage Control Assistant aboard the Coast Guard Cutter ALERT, a 210-foot cutter home-ported in Cape May, New Jersey, which was involved in the "Perfect Storm" in October 1991 that later became a critically acclaimed novel and movie.

Captain Harrison earned his commission and a Bachelors of Science degree from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1991, and later earned a Master of Science degree from Tulane University in 1995.

He has been awarded the Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal (3), Coast Guard Commendation Medal (3), Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and has earned the Marine Safety Insignia.

He is married to the former Julie Ortolano, a teacher, and has two sons, Zachary and Jacob, ages 19 and 16.