



Lieutenant Commander John J. Christensen, USCG

LCDR Christensen is a 1999 graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy where he earned a Bachelors of Science in Marine Transportation and commission in the U.S. Navy. In 2011 he earned a Master's of Arts, with honors, in Transportation and Logistics Management from the American Military

University. He is also a licensed Merchant Marine Officer and currently holds a Second Mate (Unlimited) and 1600 GRT Master License from the U.S. Coast Guard.

LCDR Christensen began his seagoing career immediately upon graduation where he sailed First Mate for the American Canadian Caribbean Line and captain aboard various ferries throughout Rhode Island. His first military assignment was aboard USS SIDES (FFG 14), homeported in San Diego, CA as the Combat Information Center Officer and Training Officer. Upon his transfer to the U.S. Coast Guard in 2002, he reported aboard USCGC LEGARE (WMEC 912) in Portsmouth, VA as a Deck Watch Officer and Assistant Operations Officer. His other afloat assignments include serving as Operations Officer aboard USCGC TAHOMA (WMEC 908) in Portsmouth, NH followed by a tour in Valdez, AK as Commanding Officer of the "Northernmost Cutter" USCGC LONG ISLAND (WPB 1342).

His previous ashore assignments include Nautical Science Instructor at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy where he also sailed aboard USCGC EAGLE (WIX 327), and a second tour at the Coast Guard Academy as the Assistant Training Officer and Character Development Officer for the Corps of Cadets.

LCDR Christensen has been awarded four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and one Commandant's Letter of Commendation Award in addition to various other personal and unit awards. LCDR Christensen has also earned the Coast Guard's Permanent Cutterman insignia and the Navy's Surface Warfare Officer device.

LCDR Christensen is a native of Sunapee, NH and is married to the former LCDR Erin Long of Killingworth, CT. They have two daughters, Katelyn and Ashley and their dog, Otis.