

Captain Steven C. Teschendorf

Captain (CAPT) Teschendorf reported aboard as Sector Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Sault Sainte Marie, MI, in April 2013. As the Sector Commander, he is responsible for all Coast Guard missions and serves as the Captain of the Port, Officer-in-Charge of Marine Inspection, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, and Federal On-Scene Coordinator for Lake Superior, and northern Lakes Huron and Michigan. This area of responsibility includes eight Multi-Mission Small Boat Stations, two Aids to Navigation Teams, and Marine Safety Unit Duluth with over 250 Active Duty, 26 Civilian, 40 Reserve, and 400 Auxiliary members.

CAPT Teschendorf graduated with high honors from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in May 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Upon graduation, he served as Operations Officer aboard the 180-foot buoy tender USCGC SASSAFRAS in Honolulu, Hawaii. From 1993-95, CAPT Teschendorf was Executive Officer aboard USCGC BRISTOL BAY, a 140-foot icebreaker with 120-foot aids to navigation barge in Detroit, Michigan. From 1995-98, he served as Senior Command Duty Officer and Search and Rescue Coordinator at the Thirteenth Coast Guard District in Seattle, Washington. CAPT Teschendorf was then assigned as Commanding Officer of USCGC BISCAYNE BAY, a 140-foot icebreaker, in Saint Ignace, Michigan from 1998-2001. From 2001-2003, he served as Executive Officer of Vessel Traffic Service Houston/Galveston, Texas. In addition, from March through April of 2003, he performed the challenging position of temporary Commanding Officer on his former Cutter, USCGC BISCAYNE BAY, during some of the worst spring ice conditions in 25-years. In July 2003, CAPT Teschendorf assumed command of USCGC SUNDEW, a 180-foot buoy tender in Duluth, Minnesota, and carried out the duties of the Cutter's final Commanding Officer, decommissioning SUNDEW in May 2004. That summer he "cross-decked" to the Plankowner Commanding Officer of the new USCGC ALDER, also homeported in Duluth, until July 2006. CAPT Teschendorf then assumed the role as the Coast Guard Leadership Development Center's Leadership and Organizational Performance Branch Chief, where he supervised 25 instructors who taught six different leadership and management courses to over 4,000 personnel annually. In February 2008, for the second time in his career, he served as a temporary Commanding Officer of USCGC WILLOW (also a 225-foot buoy tender) in Newport, Rhode Island. In May 2008, CAPT Teschendorf transferred to the Coast Guard Liaison Officer position at the Navy Warfare Development Command, also in Newport. CAPT Teschendorf reported aboard as Deputy Sector Commander, Sector Upper Mississippi River St. Louis, Missouri, in July 2010. As the Deputy Sector Commander, he was second in command for all Coast Guard missions on over 3,800 miles of river including parts of the upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers and the entire Missouri River and helped lead responses to historic high and low water incidents of National significance.

CAPT Teschendorf has extensive command cadre (over 14-years of Commanding and Executive Officer positions, aids to navigation, icebreaking, and waterways management experience. In addition he has experience and qualifications in classroom instruction, command center operations, law enforcement, search and rescue, and vessel traffic services. He attained a Master's of Science degree in Organizational Management from Eastern Connecticut State University in 2008.