



# Outer Continental Shelf National Center of Expertise

## Staff Biographies



### **Commander Benjamin Gates, Detachment Supervisor**

In July 2015, CDR Gates transitioned to the Outer Continental Shelf National Center of Expertise. Prior Marine Safety assignments include Marine Safety Unit Duluth, Sector Honolulu, and Marine Safety Office Corpus Christi. Headquarters tours include the Office of Engineering Standards and the Marine Safety Center. Underway tours include Engineer and Deck Watch Officer aboard the CGC DALLAS.

CDR Gates is a 1998 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and holds a Bachelor of Science in Operations Research and a Master of Engineering in Naval Architecture Marine Engineering from the University of Michigan. While at the Marine Safety Center, he provided technical review of structures and stability and assisted field units in resolving complex inspection issues. As the Chief of Inspections at Sector Honolulu, he oversaw the largest fleet of small passenger vessels and 8<sup>th</sup> largest vessel activity workload in the country. Most recently, as Executive Officer in Duluth, he assisted the Captain of the Port and Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection with day to day and strategic operations for the largest 2 ports, by cargo, in the Great Lakes and the western half of Lake Superior.