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CURRICULUM VITAE

James W. Allen, CWO, USCG (Ret.) Maritime Safety Consultant

PROFILE

Mr. Allen served for thirty (30) years in the United States Coast Guard (USCG) as a Boatswains Mate and Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) and has experience in the operation, navigation, and maintenance of vessels ranging from small craft to ships including maintenance and proper use of aids to navigation. His experienced also encompasses operation and maintenance of vessels in and upon the high seas, inland waterways, western rivers, inland lakes and rivers.

Mr. Allen has been directly and indirectly involved in thousands of Search and Rescue cases and conducted a myriad of law enforcement boarding's to ensure vessels were in compliance with federal laws and safety requirements.

He has conducted appropriate investigations when necessary, as well as inspected and issued citations for vessels, marinas, chemical facilities, oil transfer stations, tow boats and barges for regulatory violations.

As a maritime safety expert, he has prepared comprehensive case files, written reports, affidavits, and provided testimony in plaintiff and defendant cases involving marine related accidents, pollution incidents, illegal immigration, and drug interdiction.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) - Member

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017 - Present **Americana Safety Associates, LLC** – Jupiter, Florida
Maritime Safety Consultant

- **Expert Witness Services** – Provides maritime safety consulting and litigation support for plaintiff and defense attorneys. Investigates and analyzes marine mishaps and personal injuries. Determines likelihood of product liability, human error, negligence, and gross negligence for litigation support. Provides expert testimony for depositions and trials throughout the United States in both state and federal courts.
- Prepares affidavits and written reports for litigation in support of cases involving negligent operation, violations of U S Coast Guard Navigation Rules, wake damage, violations of state boating laws, vessel maintenance, jet ski and wave runner mishaps, OSHA Regulations, American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) Standards, Merchant Marine Act (aka Jones Act), Longshoreman, life jackets, aids to navigation, marlinespike seamanship, docks, seawalls, safety management system, captain and crew responsibility, and warning signs that apply to a marine environment.

1992 - Present **Private Practice**, Jupiter, Florida
Maritime Safety Consultant

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

(1962 – 1992) **United States Coast Guard**

1989 – 1992 **Coast Guard Station Ft. Pierce**, Ft. Pierce, FL
Commanding Officer

Responsible for the supervision and training of personnel, search and rescue, environmental protection, alien interdiction; accident investigation, law enforcement, shore and vessel maintenance, boat crew, radio watch-standers, Officer of the Day; unit safety board, responding to all marine incidents from Florida coast to Bahamas, operation and maintenance of boats. Mr. Allen's unit responded to over 1,000 search and rescue and law enforcement missions during this time.

1985 – 1989 **Coast Guard Station Lake Worth Inlet**, West Palm Beach, FL
Commanding Officer

Commanding Officer, with identical responsibilities elaborated above. Unit responded to over 3,000 search and rescue and law enforcement missions.

1981 – 1985 **Coast Guard Station Key West**, Key West, FL
Operations Officer

Directed operations from Key Largo to Key West, quarterly inspection of all Coast Guard vessels in immediate area to ensure operational capabilities, safety, personnel performance, search and rescue, boat crew training, navigational rules training, material conformance, maintain Coast Guard compliance standards, conducted numerous marine investigations. Collateral duties, security officer, Coast Guard liaison officer with U.S. Navy Investigative Service to conduct internal affairs investigations, the safety board, aids to navigation officer, morale officer, and training officer.

1980 – 1981 **Coast Guard Cutter Hamilton**, Boston, MA
Division Officer

Accountable for deck department and all deck operations and personnel, shipboard maintenance of all decks and bulkheads, maintenance and operation of all running and standing rigging, operation of ships small boats, training of Coast Guard personnel, Officer of the Deck, and unit safety board, law enforcement boarding officer.

1978 -1980 **Coast Guard Loran Station Cape San Juan**, Fajardo, Puerto Rico
Officer-in-Charge

Responsible for all station operations, small boat operations for search and rescue, marine safety, law enforcement and offshore Aids to Navigation, station and boat maintenance.

1976 – 1978 **Marine Safety Office Paducah**, Paducah, KY
Senior Enlisted Inspector

Conducted compliance inspections and investigations related to tow boats and barges, administered written exams for the tow boat operators. Investigated and monitored chemical and oil spill cleanup. Served as a member of the unit safety board.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

1973 – 1976 **Coast Guard Light Attendant Station, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands**
Officer-in-Charge

Responsible for all on and offshore 'Aids to Navigation' in St. Thomas and St. John. Assisted the Marine Safety Office in conducting investigations related to commercial vessels, pleasure craft, and environmental protection. Performed law enforcement, search and rescue missions.

1962 – 1973 **Miscellaneous Assignments**

Coast Guard Cutter Androscoggin, Miami, FL
Coast Guard Cutter Chautauqua, Honolulu, HI
Coast Guard Loran Station Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands
Coast Guard Air Station, St. Petersburg, FL
Coast Guard Cutter Point Swift, St. Petersburg, FL
Coast Guard Loran and Light Attendant Station, Venice FL
Coast Guard Cutter Dauntless, Miami, FL
Coast Guard Air Station, Miami, FL

AVAILABILITY

Mr. Allen is available for nationwide and international assignments through Americana Safety Associates, LLC.

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