



Commandants of the U.S. Coast Guard

& Chiefs of the Revenue Marine Division

Chiefs of the Revenue Marine Bureau

(The Chiefs exercised centralized control over the Revenue Marine Bureau.)

- [1843-1848 Captain Alexander V. Fraser, USRM](#)
- 1848-1849 Captain Richard Evans, USRM

In 1849 the Revenue Marine Bureau was dissolved, and the Revenue Marine fell under the control the Commissioner of Customs until the Revenue Marine Bureau was again established in 1869.

- 1869-1871 N. Broughton Devereux
 - [1871-1878 Sumner I. Kimball](#)
 - 1878-1885 Ezra Clark
 - 1885-1889 Peter Bonnett
-

Commandants

- 1889-1895 [Captain Leonard G. Shepard, USRCS](#), Chief, Revenue Marine Division
- 1895-1905 [Captain Charles F. Shoemaker, USRCS](#), Chief, Revenue Marine Division
- 1905-1911 [Captain Worth G. Ross, USRCS](#), Captain-Commandant (the office of Captain-Commandant was first created in 1908 and Ross therefore is the "first" officer to hold that office and the title of "Captain-Commandant.")
- 1911-1919 [Commodore Ellsworth P. Bertholf](#), Captain-Commandant; Chief Division of Revenue Cutter Service (became Coast Guard in 1915)
- 1919-1924 [Rear Admiral William E. Reynolds](#), first Captain- and later Rear Admiral-Commandant. Re-appointed Commandant on 12 January 1923 with rank of Rear Admiral effective 2 October 1923. He was the first Coast Guard officer to attain this rank.
- 1924-1932 [Rear Admiral Frederick C. Billard](#)

- 1932-1936 [Rear Admiral Harry G. Hamlet](#)
- 1936-1946 [Admiral Russell R. Waesche](#). Appointed Commandant as Rear Admiral. Appointed Full Admiral 4 April 1945. First officer to attain ranks of Vice Admiral and Admiral.
- 1946-1949 [Admiral Joseph F. Farley](#)
- 1949-1954 [Vice Admiral Merlin O'Neill](#)
- 1954-1962 [Admiral Alfred C. Richmond](#). Appointed Commandant as Vice Admiral; appointed Admiral 1 June 1960 by act of 14 May 1960. Public Law 86-474, under which all Coast Guard Commandants thereafter automatically became Admirals.
- 1962-1966 [Admiral Edwin J. Roland](#)
- 1966-1970 [Admiral Willard J. Smith](#)
- 1970-1974 [Admiral Chester R. Bender](#)
- 1974-1978 [Admiral Owen W. Siler](#)
- 1978-1982 [Admiral John B. Hayes](#)
- 1982-1986 [Admiral James S. Gracey](#)
- 1986-1990 [Admiral Paul A. Yost, Jr.](#)
- 1990-1994 [Admiral J. William Kime](#)
- 1994-1998 [Admiral Robert E. Kramek](#)
- 1998-2002 [Admiral James M. Loy \(Biography & CCG Website\)](#) [First commandant with a dedicated web site.]
- 2002-2006 [Admiral Thomas H. Collins \(Biography & CCG Website\)](#)
- 2006-2010 [Admiral Thad W. Allen \(Biography & CCG Website\)](#)
- 2010-2014 [Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr. \(Biography\)](#); ([CCG Website](#))
- 2014-Present [Admiral Paul F. Zukunft](#)