



## Commander J.P. Botti

### Commanding Officer United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Duluth



Commander J.P. Botti is the Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Duluth where he is the Captain of the Port, Officer-in-Charge of Marine Inspection, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, and Federal On-Scene Coordinator for the western Lake Superior tristate area and inland waters of Northern Minnesota including the international border. In this capacity, Commander Botti leads all marine safety, security, waters ways management & pollution response operations. Furthermore, he oversees the Coast Guard's Regional Support Team 9A and all mission critical procurement for the region.



A 2009 Officer Candidate School Graduate, Commander Botti's first assignment was serving aboard the USCG DALLAS (WHEC-716) as a Deck Watch Officer and the cutter's Navigation Division Officer and Boarding Officer. Transitioning to become a Coast Guard Prevention Officer, he reported to Sector New Orleans serving an extended tour as an Apprentice Marine Inspector and then Marine Casualty Investigator. In 2018 Commander Botti was assigned as Supervisor, Marine Safety Team Maui where he was responsible for leading all Coast Guard prevention operations within the county of Maui, to include the islands of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai.

Staff assignments include the Coast Guard's International Port Security Program, where he assessed the effectiveness of antiterrorism measures implemented by U.S trading partners in foreign ports and within the Eleventh Coast Guard District's Investigations and Inspections Branch where he executed prevention program management and direction of Eleventh District subordinate units from the northern border of California to San Diego, specifically overseeing marine casualty investigations, credentialed mariner investigations, and the branch's analysis functions.

A native of Beach Haven, NJ, Commander Botti graduated from Lafayette College in Easton Pennsylvania with a bachelor's degree in Economics & Business and a bachelor's degree in Geology. Post graduate degrees include a Master's of Military Operational Art and Science with a concentration in Joint Warfare from the U.S. Air Force's Air Command and Staff College.

Commander Botti is the Coast Guard's 2022 Male Elite Athlete of the Year and 2017 recipient of the Coast Guard's Captain Domenic A Calicchio Award.