

**Captain Stephen Garrity**  
**Commander, Sector Northern New England**  
**United States Coast Guard**

Captain Steve Garrity has been Commander, Sector Northern New England since June 30, 2005, transitioning from Commanding Officer of CG MSO Portland to his present position upon establishment of the new CG command.

Captain Garrity is a Massachusetts native who graduated from Merrimack College in North Andover, MA in 1974. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1978, receiving his commission after completing Officer Candidate School at USCG Reserve Training Center Yorktown, VA. Captain Garrity also earned an M.A. in English from George Mason University in Fairfax, VA in 1981 and completed Coast Guard port safety industry training in Boston in 1988.

During his career Captain Garrity has served tours of duty at: CG Headquarters in Washington, DC; CG Captain of the Port/Group New York on Governors Island, NY; the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT; CG Marine Safety Office (MSO) Boston, MA; CG MSO Huntington, WV, where he was executive officer; and the CG First District Office in Boston, MA. Captain Garrity's last two tours of duty were as the Commanding Officer of CG MSO Detroit, MI and CG MSO Morgan City, LA.

Captain Garrity's personal awards include: two CG Meritorious Service Medals, four CG Commendation Medals, the 9/11 Medal, two CG Achievement Medals, and the Army Achievement Medal, as well as various other unit awards and service ribbons.

In his present capacity, he holds a number of regulatory titles: Captain of the Port, Northern New England, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Pre-designated Federal On Scene Coordinator, Officer in Charge Marine Inspection, and SAR Mission Coordinator. Since arriving in Maine, he has been involved in the implementation of MTSA requirements and other Coast Guard initiatives to improve safety, security, and environmental protection in our region.