

CAPTAIN T. CHRISTIAN SPAIN



Christian Spain was raised on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Bethesda Maryland. In 1994 he graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Upon graduation Christian worked in the U.S. maritime industry advancing to Master in 1999. Captain Spain sailed aboard merchant ships for two decades aboard 20 different vessels; ten years of which was as Master on 3 different classes of vessels.

Additionally, Captain Spain spent several years working for Maersk Line Limited and A.P. Moller managing a fleet of U.S. flagged vessels and as a Capacity Planner.

In 2014 Captain Spain began representing American Maritime Officers (AMO) in Washington D.C. and he is currently AMO's Vice President for Government Relations. In this capacity his primary duties include managing relationships with the Departments of Defense, Transportation, Homeland Security, State and various Federal Agencies.

Captain Spain is an active member of several maritime industry Federal Advisory Committees. He is a public member of the Merchant Marine Personnel and Merchant Marine Medical Advisory Committee. Liaising with the USCG on industry matters.

As the vice-chair of the International Transport Workers Federation's Maritime Safety Committee Captain Spain represents the world's 1.9 million merchant mariners at the International Maritime Organization (IMO). IMO regulates international maritime commerce and merchant mariners in international trade; to include their training and documentation. He is also a representative to the Maritime Safety and Maritime Environmental Protection Committees at the IMO and is an active member of several other IMO subcommittees.

Captain Spain has lived in numerous costal areas of the U.S. as well as Denmark. He currently resides on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. with his wife and daughters.

EDUCATION

United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY

Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation, June 1994

Minor: Engineering Technology

USCG License: Master, Oceans, Any Gross Tons

USCG Ratings: Qualified Member Engine Room (QMED), Pumpman,
Oiler, DEMAC, Junior Engineer, Electrician

Security Clearance: Secret

ABS Certified Auditor for ISM Code and ISO 9000

EMPLOYMENT

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National Vice President, Government Relations January 2019 – Present

National Assistant V.P. , Government Relations January 2014 – December 2018

American Maritime Officers Union, Washington DC

- AMO Executive Board Member
- Regulatory interaction with Executive Branch Agencies
- Legislative interaction with U.S. Congress
- Regulatory interaction with International Maritime Organization and International Transport Workers Federation
- Business Development
- Trustee for all AMO Plans (assets in excess of one and half billion dollars)

Naval Special Warfare Development Group, Assistant Operations Officer

Dam Neck, VA

January 2005 – March 2005

- Test and evaluate new vessels and equipment
- Provide support for Maritime Planning Group
- Provide guidance with regard to International and Maritime Law

Center Operations, Main Line Deployment/Capacity Planner

Maersk Sealand A.P. Moller, Copenhagen Denmark

June 2001 – December 2001

- Optimize the deployment of 100 Maersk Sealand owned and chartered container vessels.
- Ensure that the budget is accurate with regard to deployments.
- Schedule the phasing in of new vessels, vessels going to dry-dock and vessels changing services.
- Compile, present and explain statistics on fleet and terminal performance to senior management.
- Coordinate regional offices to optimize fleet and terminal performance.
- Review and approve all new vessel proformas with regard to feasibility.
- Vessel Operations for A.P. Moller owned and chartered fleet (300+ vessels)
- Special Projects
- Special Assistant to V.P. Technical Department

Program Manager, T-AGOS Vessels Maersk Line Limited, Norfolk VA.

September 2000 – February 2001

- Managed long term and day to day Operations of 14 TAGOS class surveillance vessels owned by the United States Navy's Military Sealift Command.
- Responsible for the development of overtime budget.
- Acted as Designated Person Ashore with direct access to CEO and President in regard to safety matters afloat.
- Provided oversight of other Port Captains and administrative staff.
- Represented Company in Union and Legal negotiations regarding shipboard staff.

Program Manager, USNS INVINCIBLE Maersk Line Limited, Norfolk VA.

March 2000 – September 2000

Job Duties

- Manage long term and day to day Operations of the USNS INVINCIBLE.
- Coordinate activities of all departments to ensure the USNS INVINCIBLE'S mission is accomplished in accordance with the MSC contract.
- Serve as MSC's primary point of contact for all operational matters concerning the USNS INVINCIBLE.

Atlantic Port Captain, T-AGOS Vessels Maersk Line Limited, Norfolk VA.

September 1999 – March 2000

Job Duties

- Serve as Military Sealift Command's point of contact for operational matters concerning the TAGOS vessels.
- Provide oversight for TAGOS vessel Masters to ensure that the TAGOS mission is successfully completed in accordance with the Military Sealift Command contract.
- Provide training for vessel Masters to ensure they are familiar with Maersk Line Limited's Quality and Payroll Systems.
- Responsible for the implementation of Maersk Line Limited's Safety Management System.
- Develop and implement quality procedures for the Operations Department.

Shipboard

As a member of the American Maritime Officers Union I have worked aboard many vessels sailing internationally as licensed officer for Maersk Line Limited based in Norfolk Virginia and Ocean Shipholdings of Houston TX.

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| Master | June 2008 – January 2014 | USNS SODERMAN |
| Second Mate | January 2008 – April 2008 | USNS POMEROY |
| Chief Mate | October 2007 – December 2007 | USNS SODERMAN |
| Master | November 2005 – September 2007 | USNS BELLATRIX |
| Chief Mate | January 2003 – October 2005 | USNS SODERMAN |
| Second Mate | June 2002 – October 2002 | USNS REDCLOUD |
| Master | February 2002 – May 2002 | USNS OBSERVATION ISLAND |
| Master | March 2001 - June 2001 | USNS CAPABLE |
| Master | March 1999 - August 1999 | USNS CAPABLE |
| Chief Mate | March 1998 - February 1999 | USNS INVINCIBLE, USNS BOLD |
| OICNW | June 1994 - February 1998 | Various Vessels |

Certificates

Advanced Marine Fire Fighting, Kongsberg Basic and Advanced Dynamic Positioning, Advanced Ships Medicine, Fast Rescue Boat, Security and Engagement Tactics, Damage Control, Small Arms, Force Protection Officer, Advanced Shiphandling for Masters, CBR-D Officer, CBRE Casualty Care, MacGregor Crane Operations, Gas Free Engineer / Competent Person, BEST Operator, MSC Network Administrator, AMMO Supervisor, Anti-Terrorism Officer, Helicopter Fire Fighting, Helicopter Operations, MSC Message Traffic Transfer, MSC EKMS, Bridge Team Management, GMDSS Radio Operator License, General Radiotelephone Operator, ARPA, Radar Observer

Member of following Organizations:

National Eagle Scout Association, U.S. Naval Institute, U.S. Navy League, Propeller Club, Society Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Council of American Master Mariners