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## **MEET AND GREET**

### **Port of Albany welcomes Captain of the Port, CAPT Jon Andrechik**

#### **WHAT:**

Albany Port District Commissioners, staff, and tenants will be meeting informally with the newly promoted U.S. Coast Guard Sector New York Commander and Captain of the Port, Captain Jonathan Andrechik.

This is the first time that the Port has hosted a visit from the Captain of the Port in CEO Rich Hendrick's tenure/memory.

33 CFR 1.01-30 Captain of the Port

Captains of the Port and their representatives enforce within their respective areas port safety and security and marine environmental protection regulations, including, without limitation, regulations for the protection and security of vessels, harbors, and waterfront facilities; anchorages; security zones; safety zones; regulated navigation areas; deepwater ports; water pollution; and ports and waterways safety.

[SOURCE: Coast Guard Captain of the Port: A brief history by Larry Brooks; Training Specialist Marine Safety Branch, Training Center Yorktown U.S. Coast Guide, [http://digitaleditions.walsworthprintgroup.com/publication/?i=513409&article\\_id=3138393&view=articleBrowser](http://digitaleditions.walsworthprintgroup.com/publication/?i=513409&article_id=3138393&view=articleBrowser)]

#### **WHEN:**

**Wednesday, May 29** | 3:00 – 4:00 pm

#### **WHERE:**

Port of Albany Administration Building, 106 Smith Blvd, Albany 12202

**BIOGRAPHY:** [Source: <https://www.uscg.mil/Biographies/Article/3779548/capt-jonathan-andrechik/>]

Captain Jonathan Andrechik assumed the duties of Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector New York, in April 2024. As the Sector Commander and Captain of the Port, he directs all Coast Guard missions in the Port of New York and New Jersey, ensuring the safety and security of one of the Nation's busiest and most economically important port complexes. Sector New York's area of responsibility spans over 6,000 square miles from 200 miles offshore and inland to Albany, NY, and includes facilities and waterways moving hundreds of billions of dollars in cargo and tens of millions of passengers annually. Prior to this assignment, Captain Andrechik served as the Deputy Commander of Sector New York.

Specializing in response operations and crisis management, Captain Andrechik has served in a variety of operational and staff assignments across the country during his 24-year career. He previously served as the Response Department Head at Sector Houston-Galveston, TX, where he directed the Coast Guard's search and rescue, maritime security, living marine resource protection, and marine environmental response operations across southeast Texas, southwest Louisiana, and the western Gulf of Mexico. In August 2017, he directed operations for the Coast Guard's historic response to Hurricane Harvey, resulting in the rescue of more than 7,500 flood victims in Houston and eight surrounding counties. His other operational assignments include Command Center Chief at Sector Houston-Galveston, TX; Chief of Incident Management at Sector Baltimore, MD; and Deck Watch Officer aboard U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Walnut in Honolulu, HI.

His previous staff assignments include serving as Chief of the Resource Management Division (LANT8) at Coast Guard Atlantic Area in Portsmouth, VA; Program Reviewer in the Office of Budget and Programs (CG-821) at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC; Ocean Policy Analyst in the Executive Office of the President (Office of Science and Technology Policy) in Washington, DC; Instructor of Marine Science at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT; and Deployable Team Leader at the Coast Guard's International Training Division in Yorktown, VA.

A native of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Captain Andrechik holds a Master of Science degree in Inter-American Defense and Security from the Inter-American Defense College, a Master of Science degree in Oceanography from Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California San Diego, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine and Environmental Sciences, with high honors, from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Captain Andrechik has also completed Spanish language immersion training in Antigua, Guatemala. His personal awards include five Meritorious Service Medals, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon. He earned the Presidential Service Badge in 2013 and the Advanced Boat Forces Insignia in 2015.

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With four transport modes -- ocean vessels, barges, freight railroads, interstate highways -- the Port of Albany is Upstate New York's largest public port/logistics hub and serves as a Port of Entry with on-site U.S. Customs office and bonded warehouse. The Port is open and active year-round and includes deep-water shipping access and approximately 450 acres of land on both sides of the Hudson River in four municipalities. The Port of Albany is located 124 nautical miles north of the Battery in New York Harbor. The facility is undertaking nearly \$100 million in maritime upgrades and investment as well as a \$700+ million Port expansion project. For more information, visit [www.portofalbany.us](http://www.portofalbany.us).