



Captain Sam S. Stephenson, J.D.  
Port Everglades State Pilot  
Master Mariner

***Litigation Support, Expert Witness, and Forensic Consultant***

Captain Sam Stephenson has been a harbor pilot in Port Everglades since 2006 and currently has over 3,000 transits in and out of the port on ships ranging from tankers to passenger ships. Previously he was captain on the United States Naval Ship Sirius from 2005-2006 and served in Operation Katrina Relief. He served as Master of the United States Training Ship Texas Clipper II and Commandant of Cadets at Texas A&M University at Galveston from 2001-2005. He holds a Master's license (unlimited tonnage, any oceans) in the U.S. Merchant Marine. He is a Captain in the U.S. Maritime Service and a Commander in the United States Naval Reserve. He has done extensive consulting with law firms around the country.

Born in New York, Captain Stephenson received his undergraduate education in Marine Transportation from Texas A&M University's Maritime Program in 1989; his Master of Science degree in Marine Management from Maine Maritime Academy in 1994; and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Miami School of Law in 1996.

Captain Stephenson obtained his sea experience on both commercial and military ships since 1990. He has served aboard a multitude of ships ranging from ammunition to passenger ships, and sailed in various capacities from third mate to master. In addition, he is an avid boater, fisherman, and sailor who skippered sailboats in the Texas Ocean Racing Circuit for several years.

His shore side experience includes both military and civilian work. He taught as a senior lecturer at Texas A&M University at Galveston in Marine Transportation teaching upper level courses in navigation, rules of the road, shiphandling, and marine safety. He has also worked at port operations at Norfolk Naval Base, Key West Naval Base, and Port Canaveral Naval Base.

Captain Stephenson can be contacted at any time for assistance with your case.

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### **Professional Qualifications**

Master (unlimited tonnage, any oceans) - U.S. Merchant Marine.  
Port Everglades State Pilot.  
Port Everglades First Class Federal Pilot.  
Captain, United States Maritime Service.  
Commander, United States Naval Reserve.

### **Education**

Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Miami School of Law (1996).  
Master of Science, Marine Management, Maine Maritime Academy (1994).  
Bachelor of Science, Marine Transportation, Texas A&M University (1989).  
Admiral Farragut Academy, Toms River, NJ (1985).

### **Sea Experience**

Port Everglades Harbor Pilot, 2006 - present. Over 3,000 ship transits in Port Everglades.  
United States Naval Ship Sirius, Master, 2005-2006 (Operation Katrina Relief - New Orleans).  
- 2006 US Merchant Marine Medal for Outstanding Achievement presented by Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta.  
United States Training Ship Texas Clipper II, Master, 2001-2005.  
Commandant of Cadets - Texas A&M University at Galveston 2001-2006.  
- 2004 NOAA award for outstanding voluntary ship observing program.  
- 2003 Award of Merit (M-Award) from the US Maritime Administrator for the most improved ship in the MARAD fleet. First time since World War II the award has been presented.  
- 2003 AOTOS Award (Admiralty of the Ocean Sea). Award for the successful rescue in 12' to 15' seas of three crewmembers aboard the sailing vessel Joy.  
- 2003 First US Training Ship to host a President of the United States aboard.  
M/V Lykes Motivator - Container, Night Mate, 2003  
M/V Royal Star - Passenger, Master, 2000.  
M/V Caribbean Responder - Oil Recovery, Mate, 1999.  
USTS Texas Clipper II - U.S. Training, Chief Mate, 1996-1999.  
M/V Royal Empress - Passenger, Chief Mate, 1997.  
USTS Texas Clipper II, U.S. Training, Third Mate, 1996.  
M/V Vegas Express - Passenger, Chief Mate, 1994-1996.  
M/V First Lieutenant Alex Bonnyman - Preposition, LT., 1994.  
USTS Texas Clipper - Second Mate, 1994.  
USNS Range Sentinel - Missile Tracking, LTJG., 1994.  
USTS Texas Clipper - U.S. Training, Second Mate, 1993.  
USS Fresno - Amphibious Assault, LTJG., 1992.  
Overseas Arctic - Crude Oil Tanker, Third Mate, 1991-1992.  
USS Yosemite - Destroyer Auxiliary Tender, Ensign, 1991.

USTS Texas Clipper - U.S. Training, Third Mate, 1991.  
SS Cape Alava - Ammunition Underway Replenishment, Third Mate, 1991.  
SS Star California - Chemical Tanker, Third Mate, 1990.

### **Certifications/Continuing Education**

- Medical Person in Charge, AMO, 2002.
- Bridge Resource Management, AMO, 2001.
- Fast Rescue Craft. TEEEX/Texas A&M University, 2001.
- Oil Boom Deployment. United States Maritime Administration, 2001.
- Basic Safety/Training. United States Merchant Marine Academy, 2000.
- Dangerous Liquid Cargo. United States Merchant Marine Academy, 2000.
- GMDSS Training. United States Merchant Marine Academy, 1999.
- National Sealift Training. United States Merchant Marine Academy, 1998.
- Radar/ARPA Course. TEEEX/Texas A&M University, 1998.
- Advanced Marine Firefighting. TEEEX/Texas A&M University, 1998.
- ISM Maritime Auditor/Lead Auditor Course. ABS Marine Services. Approved by IRCA #A9098. Certified as Provisional Auditor, 1997.
- Explosive Operator Forklift Training, US Navy, 1991.

### **Shore Side Experience**

- Expert Witness.
- Safety Training. G&H Towing - Galveston Texas, 1998.
- Texas A&M University at Galveston, 1996-1999.  
Senior Lecturer, Marine Transportation.  
Instruct: rules of the road, electronic navigation, seamanship,  
and marine orientation & lifesaving.

### **Affiliations**

The Council of American Master Mariners.  
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary - Master Instructor.  
Master Mates & Pilots.  
American Legion.