

Chief of the Coast Survey Development Laboratory: Captain Richard Brennan



Capt. Brennan has served with the NOAA Officer Corps for over 20 years, sailing on nearly every hydrographic ship in the modern NOAA fleet. He has conducted surveys throughout U.S. waters, through the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean to the Gulf of Maine, and from the Oregon coast to Chukchi Cap in the Arctic Ocean. Capt. Brennan's most recent sea assignment was as the commanding officer of the NOAA Ship *Rainier*, surveying Alaskan waters. Capt. Brennan has also served as chief of Coast Survey's Atlantic Hydrographic Branch and as the mid-Atlantic navigation manager. Earlier, Capt. Brennan pursued a Master of Science degree in ocean engineering at the University of New Hampshire's Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping, specializing in ocean mapping, acoustics, and tidal error models. After that, he led the Hydrographic Systems and Technology Program at NOAA, with a focus on transitioning new technology into fleet operations. Capt. Brennan graduated from the Citadel, in Charleston, South Carolina, with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. He completed the Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executive Fellows program in 2013.