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QUALIFICATIONS

- Many years of advocacy that I am seeking to put to good use.
 - Skills include drafting of legislation, regulations, bylaws, and the translation of complicated regulations into simple informative documents.
 - Owned and operated my own businesses, and associated responsibilities.
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BACKGROUND / WORK EXPERIENCE

Barre Supervisory Union – Barre Town Middle and Elementary School.

Paraeducator – Fifth Grade, August 2018 – Present.

Assist and support challenged students at the Middle and Elementary School level.

U.S. Marine Safety Association ([USMSA](#)), Wall Township, New Jersey

Technical Advisor, March 2012 – December 2017

Responsible for researching and developing policy and positions for the Association regarding domestic regulatory issue involving life-saving / firefighting equipment and training. Provide timely updates on all pending U.S. Coast Guard regulatory projects.

Off Sounding LLC, Vergennes, Vermont

President / Owner, 2011 – 2015

Privately held Vermont Corporation, dedicated to providing quality consulting and information services regarding vessel safety. **Specific projects include work for:**

[DNV-GI](#), Houston, Texas

Domestic Class – Fishing Vessels

Independent Consultant, December 2010 – August 2012; June 2014 to April 2015.

Assist in the development of 'rules' for the classing of commercial fishing vessel in the U.S. that are built after 1 July 2013, are over 50-feet in overall length, and operate beyond 3-nautical miles of the coast.

Environmental Defense Fund ([EDF](#)), Washington, DC

Safety Coalition & Network Coordinator March 2013 - August 2013

Provide project management, and advice regarding a project to link fishery management and fishing safety, focusing on revisions to National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) revisions to the guidelines for National Standard 10 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act ([FCMA](#)).

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

National Occupations Research Agenda (NORA), National Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Agenda

Member of NORA Fishing Safety Sector Council, 2009 – 2011

Provide input on national priorities for health and safety research for the fishing industry. Develop an agenda to lead the nation on high priority research areas and share information with government, academia, and safety and health organizations to help focus research and work in this area.

U.S. Senate, Washington, DC

Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Massachusetts

Maritime Policy Advisor, June 2009 – August 2009

Provide information and advise the Senator's staff on Coast Guard oversight of the Cape Wind project proposed for Nantucket Sound.

U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation

Senior Professional Staff, February 2007 – June 2009

Drafted legislation, legislative reports, and other Committee documents, including H. Res. 1382 "Honoring the Heritage of the United States Coast Guard"; H.R. 2830 "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007"; H.R. 2652 the "Maritime Safety Act of 2009"; H.R. 2650 the "Coast Guard Modernization Act of 2009" that became part of H.R. 3619 the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010" (P.L. 111-281); in particular Title V, Subtitle B: Workforce Expertise; and Sec. 604, Fishing Vessel Safety; Sec. 608, Safe Operations and Equipment Standards; Sec. 609, Approval of Survival Craft; Sec. 618 Associated Equipment; Sec. 619 Lifesaving Devices on Uninspected Vessels; and, Sec. 620, Study of Blended Fuels in Marine Applications.

Prepared background memorandums for hearings on: Coast Guard Budget, Fishing Vessel Safety, Challenges Facing the Coast Guard Marine Safety Program, November 2007 Oil Spill Causes and Response, Cosco Busan and Marine Casualty Investigation Program, Coast Guard and NTSB Casualty Investigation Program, Rebuilding Vessels under the Jones Act, Coast Guard Icebreaking, Oil Spill in New Orleans in July 2008 and Safety on the Inland River System.

ERE Associates Ltd. Chatham, Orleans, Massachusetts, and Waitsfield, Vermont.

President and Principal Investigator, 1991 - 2002

Privately held Massachusetts Corporation, dedicated to providing quality vessel safety and information services "without prejudice".

Specializing in the investigation and management of marine personal injury (P&I) claims, and waterways management.

Author and publisher of *Safety Notes*, a series of articles on new fishing vessel safety regulations, and other issues regarding fishing vessel operations.

Expert witness in *U.S. v. Miller* (federal criminal trial) involving loss of factory trawler *Aleutian Enterprise* and the death of nine crewmembers.

National Parks Conservation Association, 1300 19th Street, Washington, D.C. 20036

Field Representative for the Northeast Regional Office, January to October 2001

Responsible for developing and maintaining working relationships with Cape Cod National Seashore, local, state and non-governmental organizations on a variety of issues impacting the seashores, particularly motorized abuse – Personal Watercraft (PWC) – and environmental degradation.

Coordinator of the successful campaign that banned the use of PWCs in waters contiguous to the Cape Cod National Seashore in four Outer Cape Cod towns – Eastham, Orleans, Harwich and Chatham.

Drafted the local bylaws and got out the vote to insure passage in all the towns; assisted in development of arguments that persuaded state officials to approve the bylaws.

International Fishing Industry Safety and Health (IFISH) Conference

Member, International Advisory Committee, 2000

Woods Hole, Massachusetts, October 23rd -25th, 2000

U.S. Coast Guard Fishing Vessel Casualty Task Force, Industry Advisor, 1999, Washington, DC

Served as advisor to multi-agency task force on Fishing Vessel Safety.

Drafted working document on Fishing Vessel Safety Past & Present

Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee, Member, 1991 – 1998

U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC

Marine Safety Consultants, Inc., Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Marine Surveyor/Investigator and Chief of Vessel Safety, 1987–1991

Investigating marine casualties involving injury, loss of life or vessel.

Developing vessel safety recommendations and strategies for vessel owners and operators.

Marine Safety Advocate/Consultant/Instructor, 1978–1991 Chatham, Massachusetts.

Authored and published *Safety Notes for Fishermen*, a newsletter specifically for commercial fishermen. 1981-1983.

Testified before Congressional Committees on marine and fishing vessel safety. 1983.

Co-author/editor of the *Fisherman's Digest* published by First Coast Guard District, Marine Safety Division, 30,000 printed. 1983-1986.

Drafted H.R. 1836 "a bill to establish crew licensing, inspection and additional safety requirements for certain fishing industry vessels." 1987

Instructor, Hypothermia, Cold Water Survival, Emergency Rescue Equipment, and Fishing Vessel Safety, conducting classes, for over 2,200 participants, conducted in New England and Alaska for Coast Guard, Rescue Squads, fishermen and college students. 1979-1987.

U.S. Lifesaving Manufactures' Association, Executive Director, 1984–1986

(now the [U.S. Marine Safety Association](#))

Prepared statements and testified before Congressional and Coast Guard hearings on delegation of Coast Guard marine safety inspection responsibilities.

Wrote and distributed association newsletter.

Cape Cod CZM Advisory Committee, [Cape Cod Commission](#). Barnstable, Massachusetts
Founding Member 1977–1992; Chairperson 1986 – 1991.

Assisted in the development of the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Plan, and the Cape Cod Coastal Oil Spill Contingency Plan.

Continuous review of coastal issues, including offshore oil exploration on George's Bank. Reviewed grant proposals for Community Assistance / Coastal Facilities Improvement Projects.

[Waterways Committee](#) Town of Chatham, Massachusetts,

Founding member and chairperson, 1983–1987

Developed policy on construction of private piers and established 'safety zone' in major channel; drafted completely revision of Waterways Bylaws; conducted comprehensive survey/report, and recommendations, on all Town Landings; obtained Coastal Facilities Improvement grant for upgrading for four Town Landings; and, instrumental in Town acquisition of additional public waterfront accesses.

[Assistant Harbormaster](#) 1977–1987, Chatham, Massachusetts,

Maintaining and servicing over 100 seasonal and year-round private aids to navigation; regulating the placement of mooring systems for vessels in local waters; administrative duties as office manager; responsible for reports and communication; waterway law enforcement; and, oil pollution control.

Professional photographer, 1967–1979

Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, photography lab assistant, 1967– 69.

Freelance news, features and marine coverage for publications including [The Cape Codder](#), [The Cape Cod Chronicle](#), and [Soundings](#), 1969 – 1979.

EDUCATION

[Moses Brown School](#), Providence, Rhode Island, Graduated, High School diploma
[American University](#), Washington, D.C. Two years undergraduate work in government

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

- Member – Town of Ferrisburgh Energy Committee, 2012 – 2015.
- Volunteer, [Shelburne Museum](#), 2006, 2009 – 2010.
- CERT Teams in Washington and Addison Counties, Vermont, 2002-2006.
- Board of Directors, [Mad River Path Association](#), 2003 – 2005.
- Member – Waitsfield Democratic Town Committee, 2003 – 2005.
- Member – Waitsfield Planning Commission, 2003 – 2005.
- Member - [Friends of Pleasant Bay](#), 1988 – 2001. Board of Directors, 1998 – 2001
- Member - Town of Chatham, Bylaw Review Committee, 1995 – 1997.
- Member - Town of Chatham, Finance Committee, 1993 – 1995.
- Member - Barnstable County Coastal Resources Committee, 1992 – 1993.
- Member - [Friends of Chatham Waterways](#), 1988 – 1997. Board of Directors, 1991 – 1997.
- Member - Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management, Marine Sanitation Device Task Force, 1988 –1993.

- Member - Town of Chatham, Long Range Planning Committee, 1986 – 1987.
- Member Zoning Bylaw Re-write Subcommittee, 1987 – 1988.
- Member and Chairman - [Town of Chatham, Waterways Committee](#), 1983 – 1987.
- Co-Chairman - Cape Cod Seafest Committee, 1979 – 1981.
- Secretary - Chatham Fishermen's Association, Inc., 1979 – 1981.
- Town of Chatham Representative - Cape Cod Coastal Zone Management Advisory Committee, 1977 – 1992. Chairman 1986 - 1991.
- Member and Chairman - Town of Chatham, Bylaw Study Committee, 1973 – 1976.
- Executive Secretary - Cape Cod Community Council, 1972.
- Part-time Director and volunteer - Chatham Help-Line and Drop-In-Center, 1971.
- Press coordinator – Outer-Cape Co-coordinator and Photographer for STUDDS for CONGRESS COMMITTEE, 1970.