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## *PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE*

### **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 – Present)*

Provide input on national priorities for health and safety research for the agriculture, forestry, and fishing industries. 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 Advisory, June 2009 – August 2009.*

Provide information and advise the Senator and 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*

Preparation of 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.

Prepare legislation and reports, 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" and H.R. 3619 "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010"

### **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.

**Marine Safety Foundation, Inc.** Southborough, Massachusetts.

***Board of Directors (1993–2007) Vice-President (1999 – 2007)***

A national public not-for-profit foundation, formed in 1993, dedicated to advancing the safety of life and property at sea through research, education and coordination.

**International Fishing Industry Safety and Health (FISH) Conference**

***Member, International Advisory Committee***

Woods Hole, Massachusetts, October 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>, 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***

Investigated marine casualties involving injury, loss of life or vessel; developed 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**

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

Wrote and distributed association newsletter.

**Assistant Harbormaster Town of Chatham, Massachusetts, 1977–1987**

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.

**Fisherman, Lobster Vessel *Benjo*** (O.N. 559811), Chatham, Massachusetts. Paul Bergquist, owner/operator. Operated 37 foot vessel and handled 750 lobster traps, 1977–1978.

**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.

**Author** of numerous papers on fishing vessel and marine safety – for a complete list of **ARTICLES, PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS**, and **TESTIMONY** see resume at [www.offsoundings.com](http://www.offsoundings.com)

**EDUCATION**

Moses Brown School, Providence, Rhode Island, Graduated, 6 June 1964  
American University, Washington, D.C. 1964-1966  
Undergraduate work in Government

**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

Cold Water Survival and Hypothermia Workshop, Rhode Island Safe Boating Council, University of Rhode Island, Marine Advisory Service. 1979  
International Hypothermia Conference and Workshop, University of Rhode Island. 1980  
Hypothermia and Cold Water Survival Conference, American Red Cross, Westchester County Chapter, State University of New York. 1980  
Boating Safety and Boarding Officer Training Course – one week – First Coast Guard District, Boating Safety Team (BOSDAT), Coast Guard Station, Chatham. 1981  
Oil Spill Control Training Course – one week – Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Program, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Buzzards Bay. 1981  
The Nature and Treatment of Hypothermia, School of Medicine, University of Minnesota at Duluth, Duluth, Minnesota. 1981  
Search & Rescue, Small Boat Operations – two weeks – First Coast Guard District, Operations Training Team, OTIS ANGB. 1982  
Human Performance in the Cold, Naval Medicine Research and Development Command, University of Minnesota School of Medicine, AAAS, 33<sup>rd</sup> Alaska Science Conference, Fairbanks Alaska. 1982  
Harbormaster Course – one week – Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, Plymouth, Mass. 1986  
Sea Survival Seminar conducted for the U.S. Marine Safety Association, by Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA), Sitka, Alaska. 1990  
Maritime Workers Compensation in Massachusetts – eight hour – program sponsored by the National Business Institute, Boston, Massachusetts. 1990  
Boating Basics Safety Course – Certificate [EP-14933] of Training issued by Massachusetts Environmental Police, 6 June 2000. [Course approved by National Association of Boating Law Administrators.]  
National Transportation Safety Board – Accident Investigation Orientation for Marine Professionals, October 2008.

***MEMBERSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS, LICENSES***

Member, Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME)

Honorary Life-Member, U.S. Marine Safety Association (USMSA)

U.S. Coast Guard **Public Service Commendation**, August 1984, for "outstanding service to the public and the Coast Guard in promoting the protection of life and property at sea."

U.S. Coast Guard **Certificate of Merit**, September 1998, for service on the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Advisory Committee 1991 – 1998.

U.S. Coast Guard **Meritorious Team Commendation**, April 1999, "for exceptionally meritorious service ... while serving ... on the Fishing Vessel Casualty Task Force."

U. S. Coast Guard License – Master, near coastal (1981 - 1997)

FCC – Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit

FCC – Amateur Radio License, Technician, W1RCH

***Plimsoll Award*** – presented by the editors of ***Professional Mariner*** at *CMA Shipping 2007*.