




Charles H. Kinnear II

Maritime Expert Witness, Consultant, Surveyor

Experience Summary:

	5 Years: Expert Witness and Consultant		Charles H. Kinnear +1 (561) 985 0336 19255 Ship Wheel Way, Land O Lakes, FL. 34638
	6 Years: Owner - Reliable Maritime Solutions, LLC		Kinnear Maritime Services Website: KinnearMaritime.com Charlie@KinnearMaritime.com
	7 Years: Owner - Kinnear Maritime Services, LLC		Reliable Maritime Solutions Website: ReliableMaritime.com Charlie@ReliableMaritime.com
1 Year: President - Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line	5 Years: President - Celebration Cruise Line		
5 Years: President - Celebration Cruise Line	3 Years: President - Celebration Cargo Line		
3 Years: President - Celebration Cargo Line	3 Years: DNV Senior Classification Surveyor		
3 Years: DNV Senior Classification Surveyor	8 Years: U.S. Coast Guard - Senior Marine Inspector		
8 Years: U.S. Coast Guard - Senior Marine Inspector	18 Years: U.S. Coast Guard - Rescue and Law Enforcement		

Career Summary:

Charles H. Kinnear is a U.S. Mariner with 40 years of experience as a U.S. Coast Guard Officer, Classification Surveyor, Maritime Executive, independent Surveyor, and Consultant. He has one of the most unique and in-depth backgrounds in the maritime industry and a reputation of integrity and loyalty. Since 2015 Charlie has made his vast experience, dedication, and in-depth knowledge of the maritime environment available as an Expert Witness and Consultant.

1980 - Charlie enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard, and after 18 years of operational service, he joined the Marine Safety Program, launching a second USCG career that would profoundly influence him and the maritime industry. He completed 8 more years as a USCG Marine Inspector, during which time he worked closely with the U.S. Attorney to find and prosecute several criminal cases for MARPOL violations.

2006 - After 26 years of Coast Guard service, he accepted a position with the Classification Society Det Norske Veritas (DNV). With DNV, Charlie expanded his experience and knowledge of the Maritime Laws and Regulations.

2009 - Charlie accepted a position as President of Celebration Cruise Line. He managed all aspects of the operation, including regulatory compliance.

2010 - He also founded Celebration Cargo Line for the owners and served as president and general manager.

2014 - Charlie resigned from Celebration Cruise Line and formed Kinnear Maritime Services to provide consulting and surveying services to the maritime industry. However, later that year, he was asked to return to the cruise line after the company lost its only vessel to a grounding. Once again, he stepped in as president and established the new Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line, Bringing the new vessel into service in an unprecedented 45 days.

2015 - Once the new line was up and operating, Charlie resigned to form Reliable Maritime Solutions (RMS). RMS was organized to assist owners and operators of all sizes with the Maritime Authorities. He also re-organized Kinnear Maritime (KMS) to provide expert witness and consulting services to a wide variety of companies, firms, and attorneys.

Training and Qualifications:

Det Norske Veritas:

- Fully Qualified Senior Surveyor for Car Carriers, Bulk Vessels, Freight Vessels, And Passenger Vessels
- Qualified Plan Review Approval Engineer
- Senior Instructor for DNV's Training Academy and Service Manager For Major Cruise Lines.

U.S. Coast Guard:

- Fully Qualified Officer in Charge Afloat and Ashore
- Fully Qualified Senior Marine Inspector for All Major Vessel Types
- Fully Qualified Senior Instructor for The National Cruise Ship Center Of Expertise

Skills and Knowledge:

- Experienced Manager and Leader: In management and leadership positions for over 35 years.
- Received formal training in numerous areas of management, leadership, and training.
- In-depth knowledge of international and domestic regulations.
- High level of computer skills in operating systems, Microsoft Office applications and limited networking.
- Experienced Maritime Expert Witness having testified in Depos, Tribunals, Arbitrations.

Speaker and Publication:

- Conducted several live and taped television and newspaper interviews.
- Guest speaker at numerous events, including *Maritime Day* at the United Nations facility in New York.
- Published in Coast Guard publications and informational letters.
- Experienced Speaker/Instructor with hundreds of hours of podium time.

Expert Witness Summary:

- In addition to several cases working with the U.S. Department of Justice and his time in the USCG, Charlie officially took on the role as Marine Expert Witness in late 2015 and has been involved in the following cases:

Date	Case Name	Case Topic	Plaintiff	Defendant	Report	Deposition	Arbitration	Trial
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2015	Palermo v. Bright Touch	Boat Damage	X		X			
2018	PGCL v. Paul Gauguin Cruise	Charter Mitigation		X	X		X	
2019	Fulton v. Globalia	Charter Mitigation		X	X	X	X	
2020	Saridakis v. Officer Beard	MLE Use of Force	X		X	X		
2020	Hooks. v. Holland America Cruise Line	Passenger Covid-19	X		X			
2020	Bland v. Carnival Corporation	Passenger Injury Case	X		X	X		
2021	Archer v. Carnival Corporation	Passenger Covid-19	X		X			
2021	Dorety v. Princess Cruise Line	Passenger Covid-19	X		X	X		
2021	Green v. Royal Caribbean Cruises LTD.	Passenger Covid-19	X					

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