

CAPT. LANDON FERGUSON

Master Mariner · Marine Operations & Seamanship Expert

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

USCG Master Mariner with 20 years (2004–2024) of command in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico **offshore oil field** — offshore energy operations, not deep-sea trade. Sailed master on **large (to ~280-ft) DP2 offshore supply vessels** and held a **Nautical Institute Unlimited Dynamic Positioning Operator** certification. Specialized hands-on experience in DP station-keeping, ROV/subsea support, and offshore tanker mooring at the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP), across the full range of offshore support vessels (PSV, FSV, utility, line-handling). Available for retention as a liability, standard-of-care, and marine-operations expert in Jones Act, unseaworthiness, personal-injury, and marine-casualty matters.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Vessel command, watchstanding, and bridge resource management
- Dynamic Positioning (DP) operations and offshore station-keeping - including vessel-level DP training and mentorship of DPOs, and assessment of operator competence beyond certification (certification does not equal competence)
- ROV / subsea support vessel operations — DP station-keeping, launch & recovery (LARS), deck operations
- Offshore tanker mooring — LOOP / single-point mooring (SPM) / cargo-hose & line handling
- Offshore support vessel operations across classes — PSV, FSV, utility, line-handling
- Offshore oil & gas field support
- Seamanship and the marine standard of care
- Jones Act & unseaworthiness liability — vessel-owner / operator duties
- Shipboard implementation and operation of Safety Management Systems (SMS/ISM) - the master's overriding authority (ISM Section 5), near-miss / nonconformity reporting and corrective action, drills, crew familiarization, and internal audits
- Manual live-boat ship-handling alongside platforms and under crane without DP - holding station by direct engine/thruster control; qualified to assess manual recovery from DP failure and genuine ship-handling competence vs. DP dependence
- Z-drive / azimuth-drive vessel handling
- Marine casualty analysis — deck injuries, DP incidents, mooring-operation failures, heavy-weather operations
- Command authority and decision-making under client/commercial pressure - maintaining the master's final authority over vessel operations amid a client (company-representative) schedule and cost demands
- Regulatory compliance, class and flag-state audits and surveys - responsible for internal ISM audits and the vessel-side of external ABS audits, USCG and ABS annual inspections, and Port State Control inspections

USCG LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- **USCG Master, 1,600 GRT / 3,000 GT ITC, Oceans, with Offshore Supply Vessel (OSV) endorsement to 10,000 GT ITC** — License #2762109 issued 2007. Maintained in continuity; medically inactive from sailing.
 - **Formerly held — Nautical Institute Offshore Unlimited Dynamic Positioning Operator (DPO);** Certificate #21946; 10+ years DP operational command. (Certification lapsed following medical retirement from active sailing; DP revalidation requires ongoing sea time.)
 - Other credentials held: A.B. Unlimited, Management and Leadership, Vessel Security Officer, ARPA, GMDSS, Unlimited Radar, Advanced Fire Fighting, Personal Survival Craft, Medical Care Provider, Bridge Resource Management, Flashing Lights, RFPNW, Gulf Safe, Water Survival, HUET, Social Responsibility, API Advanced Rigging, OMSA Safety Orientation Program, TWIC, CPR, STCW II/1; II/2; II/3; II/4; II/5; IV/2; VI/1; VI/2; VI/3; VI/4; VI/5; IV/6
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Offshore Support Vessel Master / Mate

U.S. Gulf of Mexico · 2004–2024

- USCG Master since 2007; sailed in alternating Master / Chief Mate capacity 2007–2017; full-time Master 2017–2024.
- Commanded platform supply (PSV), fast supply (FSV), utility, and line-handling vessels supporting offshore oil-and-gas field operations and offshore tanker mooring operations.
- Conducted DP operations in support of ROV / subsea intervention — precision station-keeping, launch & recovery, and deck supervision.
- Performed offshore tanker mooring and line / cargo-hose handling support at the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP) / single-point moorings.
- Supervised crews up to 16; responsible for ISM/SMS compliance, internal and external audits and inspections (ABS, USCG, Port State Control), safety drills, incident reporting, and heavy-weather operational decision-making.

• Prior employers:

July 2024- Oct. 2024	Atlantic Oceanic LLC	New Bedford, MA
Oct. 2017- July 2024	Harvey Gulf International Marine	New Orleans, LA
Feb. 2014- Oct. 2016	Seacor Marine	Houma, LA
Jan. 2012- July 2013	C&G Boats	Golden Meadow, LA
July 2009- June 2011	Bordelon Marine Inc.	Lockport, LA
April 2007- Feb. 2009	Edison Chouest Offshore	Galliano, LA
June 2004 – April 2007	Seacor Marine (Unlicensed Engineer)	Houma, LA

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Bachelor of Science Business Administration — Western Governors University 2023 — completed online concurrent with full-time offshore employment.
- Associate of Applied Science Computer Networking - Jones County Junior College 2003
- **Hawsepipeline career progression** — advanced from entry-level deck ratings to USCG-licensed 100 Ton Master through documented sea service and USCG licensing examinations in 2007 and in July 2011 earning his Master 1,600 GRT / 3,000 GT ITC Upon Oceans and eventually Offshore Supply Vessel endorsement to 10,000 GT ITC upon Oceans. Hands-on experience in every shipboard deck function, grounds an operations-based practical expert perspective.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Nautical Institute (NI)

EXPERT TESTIMONY & CONSULTING

Available upon request. New engagement — prior testimony (past four years) disclosed under FRCP 26 as retained.