

## **Captain Eugene F. Sweeney**

Since 2003, Captain Eugene “Gene” F. Sweeney has served the Port Everglades maritime community through his voluntary services to Seafarers’ House. He started as a member of the Development Committee, was later elected to the Board of Directors where he served as Treasurer, Vice President, and today is President. Captain Sweeney has always held to the belief that successful business people must give back to that which enabled them to succeed.

Captain Sweeney has had a long and distinguished maritime career beginning with Texaco Inc., where he worked for 17 years serving in seagoing and domestic and international shore management positions, including Operations Manager of Texaco's U.S. tanker fleet.

He later joined Hvide/Seabulk International in Port Everglades, Fla., where he held a number of senior positions before becoming President, Chief Operating Officer and a member of the Board of Directors.

Captain Sweeney later became a principal of Sallyport Marine Services in Boca Raton, providing marine consulting and expert witness services. In 2003, Captain Sweeney joined International Registries Inc., the Marshall Islands Registry, as Senior Vice President, Yacht Operations. During his 12-year tenure he directed the growth of its yacht division, making it a recognized leader in flag state administration and excellence for international yachting.

Captain Sweeney completed an eight-year appointment to the Florida State Board of Pilot Commissioners in 2007 and is a member of the American Bureau of Shipping and the Marine Society of the City of New York. He also serves as a Trustee of the Coast Guard Foundation, and is a past Director of the United States Superyacht Association.

Captain Sweeney holds a U.S. Coast Guard Unlimited Master’s license and Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Nautical Sciences and Marine Transportation from the State University of New York Maritime College.

Having worked in Port Everglades for 34 years, Captain Sweeney is committed to the need for, and the success of, a vibrant welcome center for seafarers and he looks forward to a capital construction campaign that will ensure the continuing success of Seafarers’ House of Port Everglades.