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Mr. John Sabella
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Dear Mr. Sabella:

My tour at Coast Guard Headquarters and my direct involvement with the voluntary fishing vessel safety programs unfortunately conclude in early June. I am looking forward to new challenges as the Commanding Officer of the Marine Safety Office in Honolulu.

I want to take this opportunity to personally express my heartfelt gratitude for your truly outstanding professional work in developing the NPFVOA Vessel Safety Manual and the NPFVOA Safety and Survival at Sea videotapes. You have always gone the extra mile in working with us to ensure these invaluable and unique assets were the best possible. Largely due to your individual talent and efforts, we now have the solid foundation upon which training materials for voluntary commercial fishing safety programs are being based. Together we succeeded!

The Coast Guard certainly could not have, on its own, produced the high quality Vessel Safety Manual that we now have, for anywhere near the cost that you made possible. You ensured that vital input from the industry went into the manual and that the manual was geared to the fishermen. These factors are crucial to the goal of having safety guidance which is useful to those who need it. Your persistence ensured that the manual was produced without delay, an important consideration given the high casualty rate in the fishing industry.

As I depart, I am leaving the Coast Guard's voluntary commercial fishing vessel safety program in the very capable hands of my relief, Captain John Maxham, and LCDR Glenn Anderson. Both of these officers are sincerely interested and caring. I am confident that the program will continue to advance under their guidance.

It has been a real pleasure working with you these last few years and I look forward to crossing paths down the road. Best wishes for success in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. P. Fricke".

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Chief, Marine Technical and
Hazardous Materials Division
By direction of the Commandant