

CAPTAIN J.W. COSTE

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The USCGC GLACIER is under the command of Captain James W. Coste, Jr., a veteran of six polar deployments. Capt. Coste is a fifth generation Coast Guardsman, with his family roots tracing back to the Revenue Cutter Service. Graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut in 1959 with a degree in Engineering, he was assigned to the icebreaker EASTWIND in Boston for one Arctic Summer East deployment followed by participation in Deep Freeze '60 and '61. Capt. Coste circumnavigated the world on Deep Freeze '61 via the Panama and Suez Canals on EASTWIND. From 1961-1962 he commanded a 95' WPB in Florida and served as Executive Officer of ADRIANE from 1962-1963. Capt. Coste then spent 2 years at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey California, earning an electrical engineering degree. From 1965-1970 he was assigned to Headquarters, testing and development and the National Data Buoy Project. Capt. Coste then became Executive Officer of COURAGEOUS, operating out of San Juan and Cape Canaveral. From 1972-1975 he served as Chief, Electronics Engineering Branch, 11th Coast Guard District. In 1975 he became Executive Officer of GLACIER and participated in 2 Arctic Summer West deployments, and Operation Deep Freeze '76. From 1977-1980 he was Assistant Commandant of Cadets at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Capt. Coste took command of GLACIER in June, 1980.

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