

Captain Robertson P. Dinsmore (USCG, USMS, Ret.)

Captain Dinsmore entered the Coast Guard Academy in 1943 having served briefly in the Navy.

Graduating in 1946, he served on the frigate USS Muskegon, rescue cutters, weather ships and lighthouse tenders where he became captain of the Lighthouse Tender Firebush based at New London.

Coming ashore, he did graduate studies in oceanography at Scripps Institution followed by assignment to the International Iceberg Patrol based at Woods Hole and Argentia, Newfoundland. This led to Arctic studies where he headed expeditions on the icebreakers Eastwind, Northwind, and Evergreen.

Other assignments included navigator on the Cutter Duane, instructor at the Coast Guard Academy and training bark Eagle, commander of the weather ship Cook Inlet, and head of the Coast Guard's Oceanographic Unit. His expeditions to Greenland glaciers in 1967-68 found early evidence of global climate change.

Retiring from the Coast Guard in 1971 he took a position at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution where he became director of operations and occasional captain of the research ships Atlantis II and Oceanus.

Retiring again in 2001, he remained a consultant on research ship operations to the National Science Foundation and the Office of Naval Research.

He holds two Coast Guard medals for ocean rescues, the Presidents Meritorious Service Medal, and the National Science Foundation Distinguished Service Medal. He now resides in Falmouth, Massachusetts.

