

**Daniel T. Stetson**  
President and Chief Executive Officer, Ocean Institute

Dan has never had a job East of Pacific Coast Highway. He became President and CEO of the Ocean Institute in 2005, after having joined the Institute in 1992 as Director of Maritime Affairs. Under Dan's leadership, the living history programs became nationally renowned and received the inaugural *Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Maritime Education* from the National Maritime Historical Society and the *Sea Education Program of the Year* award from the American Sail Training Association. The Ocean Institute is a \$7.9 million educational non-profit organization located on the ocean in Dana Point, California that provides inspiring marine science and maritime history immersion programs for over 100,000 K-12 students annually.

Immediately prior to his 22 year tenure at the Ocean Institute, Dan consulted for the law firm of Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro in Los Angeles representing a foreign shipping company involved in an oil spill incident. This spill caused the closure of Los Angeles Harbor and turned out to be the largest oil spill in the harbor's history. Dan managed the mitigation and claims compensation resulting from the spill. He opened and trained a claims office that resolved all 2,000+ claims in three months (600 within two weeks) of the spill. While the spill was originally attributed to his client's cargo ship, Dan's efforts led to the discovery of evidence that the majority of the spill (93%) was actually from a previously unidentified ship. Dan testified as an expert witness in criminal court. In the resulting civil trial, 100% of the client's multimillion dollar clean up and claims expenses were recovered.

Dan worked his way through college as a sailing instructor. Following graduation, he started his own sailboat charter/sailing school in Ventura as a franchise operation for Calypso Marine, Inc. He soon became Vice President and General Manager for the entire company. Calypso grew to become the largest sailboat charter company on the West Coast with operations in San Diego, Newport Beach, Marina Del Rey, and Ventura. Dan oversaw the management of marinas, commercial properties, a fleet of 70 vessels, sailing schools at each location, and a membership-based sailing association with ongoing educational activities. Dan is also a veteran of the US Coast Guard and received a 100-ton Captain/Master's license.

Dan has a BA from UC Santa Barbara and an MBA from California State University, Fullerton. Dan serves on the Boards of Tall Ships America, the Orange County Forum and the Nicholas Endowment of which he is treasurer. Together with Roxanne, his wife of 28 years, who is a local special education teacher specializing in treating children with autism, Dan enjoys competitive tennis, sailing and diving.