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**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY:**

**Captain Gerry Larsson-Fedde, Hydrographer of Norway, Director General Norwegian Hydrographic Service**

Captain Gerry Larsson-Fedde was born in 1966 in Bergen , Norway, and after working for two years as an Able Seaman, studying at the Maritime Academy and at the Petty officer school , he joined the Naval Academy in Bergen Norway in 1988, graduating in 1991 with the rank of sub-lieutenant.

From 1991 until 1997 he had various assignments in the Norwegian Navy, the last two years as commanding officer.

In 1997 he left the Norwegian Navy to start working for the Norwegian Coastal Administration as a pilot apprentice, and for the next three years he worked as a pilot on the Northern Coast of Norway, during which period he also initiated a project on use of portable laptops with electronic charts for the pilots. Today all pilots in Norway and Sweden are using portable laptops with electronic charts.

He then joined Royal Caribbean Cruises in 2000 where he worked as 1<sup>st</sup> officer, Chief Officer and Staff Captain before moving into a position as Sr. Superintendent for audits and training in RCI's cooperate office in Miami. He then moved on to become Fleet Captain/Director of Nautical Operations. In 2004 he returned to sea as Captain on Mariner of the Seas and then Voyager of the Seas: two of the worlds largest cruise ships.

In 2008 he took up the position as Director General for the Norwegian Hydrographic Service.

