

# Captain Ralph G Rohena Jr

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Marco Island, Fl. 34145  
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Attn: To whom it may concern

Re: Service on the Marco Island City Council

Dear Sir, Ms.

I would like to be considered for the vacancy on the Marco Island City Council. I am a proponent of the Mackle Brothers vision of a symbiotic relationship between residents, tourists and businesses that made Marco the paradise it has become. I believe the latest election will bring an opportunity to reset our priorities and be open to innovative solutions to the issues we face.

A priority is our waterways and other marine assets. I believe this arena is the foundation of who we are. While I have written to CC long ago on the negative trends, I noticed at one point that three members of our waterways advisory committee had quit and they had not been meeting. When I volunteered to apply 22 years of waterway/harbor project experience to the committee, the CC interviewer (no longer elected) advised that the job was to "work on boating pamphlets". I was then ghosted, never to serve. That spoke volumes on the chances for successfully addressing this area that we at last have an opportunity to do now.

Not owning a business or any property other than my own home, I have no special interests, however I once had a side business of splitting homes into rental duplexes so I am cognizant of the issues surrounding the rental conflict. Having lived on the water my entire life, I have an understanding of the many complex issues surrounding this type of living. I have been successful in working on issues with Federal/State Governments, the Corp of Engineers/USCG and have worked with citizen advisory committees in high profile locations such as Valdez, Alaska. Presently I volunteer with the Naples military museum and play senior softball but those activities are flexible. Residing year round on a canal as a boat owner in such a pristine and desirable location is great motivation to help retain the nature of Marco Island while ascertaining impacts to business and residents alike. I think it is fair to try and give back to the Community.

Best Regards,  
Ralph G Rohena Jr.

# City Council Vacancy Application: Submission #14

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**Date of Application:**

2024-11-16

Your Name:

**Last Name**

Rohena Jr

**First Name**

Ralph

**Middle Name**

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Address:

**Number and Street**

[REDACTED]

**Apt. Number**

{Empty}

**City**

Marco Island

**State**

Florida

**Zip**

34145-5155

Phone Numbers:

**Home**

{Empty}

**Cell**

[REDACTED]

**Business**

{Empty}

**Email Address**

[REDACTED]

**Organization**

City Council

Background

**How long have you been a resident on Marco Island?**

5-10 Years

**Are you a qualified elector of the City?**

Yes

**Have you previously served on the City Council for more than eight [8] years?**

No

**Have you ever been convicted or found guilty of a criminal offense (any level felony or first degree misdemeanor only)?**

No

**Would you (or any organizations with which you are affiliated) potentially benefit on a personal level from decisions or recommendations made by this board?**

No

**Do you currently hold public office?**

No

**Do you now serve, or have you ever served on a Collier County or City of Marco Island board or committee?**

No

Qualifications

**Please list your community activities and positions held (Example: Civic clubs, neighborhood associations, etc.):**

Volunteer Naples Military and First Responder Museum.

Manager Marco Island Senior Softball.

Presently designing US Merchant Marine Memorial for Marco Island's Veterans Park.

Volunteer American Merchant Marine Veterans org.

Previously Court Appointed Advocate for Child Advocates Organization

Previously Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) On site responder

Previously Volunteer US Navy Memorial Foundation

**Why do you want to serve on the City Council?**

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**What issues do you think should be addressed by the City Council?**

- Culturally we have to win back trust. Our constituents with "pitchforks and torches" storming the Bastille over the trolley indicated to me that the issue was just as much a rally cry that the people had had enough. We have to win back confidence that we are working in the best interests of all. There has been only one CC member that even responds to correspondence which is the easiest manner to tell people that they matter. Obviously, our waterways including Tigertail, proposed dredging, lack of applying cost effective "low hanging fruit" initiatives etc. needs to get on track before options start to come off the table. As I wrote CC in the past, there is a point of no return.  
I have met CC's challenge to come up with better ideas to address the traffic and parking dilemma by offering one. I think the solution lies in keeping vehicles off the Island in the first place which my idea builds on. Since others likely have ideas, perhaps there is some "meat" to the trolley if coupled with keeping the cars off Island.  
The heavy use and parking at Caxambas particularly with outfitter groups is something that should be discussed as repairs are being done. Goodland's ramp is a similar nightmare. Perhaps there is a joint solution that might help both locations.  
Ensure that all Advisory Committees are utilized for what they can offer, given valuable work and respected. While the Parks and Rec Committed was exemplary in every respect including the City liaisons, the small sample with the Waterways Committee, at the time, gave me pause.  
I was impressed by the work done with the bike lane group. Since I have lived in cities where bikes were a

significant mode of daily transportation I wondered if it were viable, while there is a motivated group, to expedite making the Island completely bike friendly. Perhaps that might be a small part of traffic easing if it could be done to the extent envisioned.



# Captain Ralph G Rohena Jr

Marco Island, Fl.

## Education

Bachelor of Science degree, State University of New York 1974, Marine Transportation, Economics & Ocean Engineering. U.S. Navy Commissioned Officer.

## Profile

- Unlimited Master's License, U.S. Coast Guard issued with First Class Pilotage Endorsements for New York, San Francisco and Prince William Sound (Valdez) Ak.
- 40 Years Experience in Marine, Rail, Terminals, Regulatory Compliance & Legislative Affairs, Quality Management, Environmental and Emergency Response
- Marine Firefighting & Emergency Training Certification
- Quality Management Systems, Senior & Lead Auditor Certification
- Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (Hazwoper)
- ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISM Code and STCW Certification,
- Incident Command System-Command & Command Staff Certification
- Hazardous Cargo Handling Certification
- Lead Marine Tier 1 Emergency Response Teams
- Port Revel Shiphandling Course, Grenoble, France
- Past Court Appointed Child Advocate, Citizens Emergency Response Teams
- Marathon Runner, Karate Black Belt, Marco Island Softball League, Boat Owner
- Year Round Marco Island Resident

## Career Experience

### **Manager Marine Excellence; ConocoPhillips Marine-Houston, Tx. 2014-2015 and Retired**

- Interface with all global marine operational groups to manage strategic oversight, provide leadership to identify, evaluate and execute business opportunities efficiently
- Ensure regulatory, operational and environmental compliance to the highest standards

### **V.P. Marine Risk and Quality; Qatargas/ ConocoPhillips-Doha Qatar 2012-2014**

- Ensure that the safety management policies, processes and procedures of the Qatargas shipping fleet meet the highest global standards

- Develop regimen of risk identification, avoidance and management for all marine operations

**V.P., Regulatory Affairs & Chief Compliance Officer; Denali LLC,/ConocoPhillips-Alaska 2011**

- Manage design, evaluation, and development activity for proposed Trans Alaska Gas Pipeline and marine terminal

**Director HSE, Regulatory & Government Affairs; ConocoPhillips Commercial Marine-Houston, Tx. 2006-2011**

- Manage strategic oversight for regulatory compliance issues involving Global Marine assets
- Provide leadership to identify, evaluate, and manage Government regulatory body, Port Authority and Corp of Engineers impacts on waterway issues
- Manage all activity and memberships on marine related forums and associations

**Director Global Vetting & Audits; ConocoPhillips Marine-Houston 2003-2006**

- Manage the Vetting Marine Risk Group with offices in London, Singapore, Houston, and Stravanger
- Advisor to international and domestic marine projects in Indonesia, Australia, Mexico, Timor, Venezuela, China, Puerto Rico, British Columbia, and others

**Marine Superintendent; Emerald Shipping Corp./ConocoPhillips Marine-Houston, Tx. 2001-2003**

**Port Captain; Refining Marketing & Supply Chain; Phillips 66-Houston, Tx 1996-2001**

**Marine Superintendent; Xijiang Project-Shekou, China. ConocoPhillips China 1994-1995**

**Port Captain; NCP Chemicals/Phillips 66-Sweeny, Tx. 1993-1994**

**Marine Loss Control, Custody Transfer Supervisor; Conoco-Bartlesville, OK. 1991-1993**

**Tanker Captain and Pilot; Exxon Shipping Company-Houston, Tx. 1974-1990**