

## **Raymond Butler**

Raymond Butler grew up in Point Comfort, Texas and has spent most of his life on the Texas Coast. During high school and college he worked with his father's marine towing company. Captain Butler was the first Matagorda Bay Bar Pilot, and Raymond worked with his father on the Pilot Boat and occasionally rode ships with him. After receiving a Mechanical Engineering degree from Texas A&M, he returned home to work for Union Carbide. In 1987, he left and formed his own marine towing company, South Texas Towing, Inc. The company contracted with Kirby and Maryland Marine, and grew to include 4 vessels over a 5 year period. Raymond sold the assets of South Texas Towing to Kirby Corporation and served as Vice President of Operations and Maintenance for Kirby, and later Hollywood Marine. He is a registered professional engineer in Texas and now manages Butler Consulting, a marine engineering consulting company, and serves as Executive Director for the Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association in Houston. Raymond is married to Nita. They live in Friendswood and have two grown children, Derek and Tiffany.