



*Modern Navigation, Challenges and Opportunities*

FINAL AGENDA

**Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. Registration Open

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

**Session Leader – Mr. John Groundwater, *Executive Director*, Passenger Vessel Association**

1:00 p.m. Welcome

Mr. Alan Bernstein, *Conference Director*  
Maritime Meetings

**Panel Leader – RDML Paul Thomas, *Chief of Staff*, Fifth Coast Guard District**

Opening Remarks

RDML Paul Thomas  
*Chief of Staff*  
U.S. Coast Guard – Fifth District

LTC Robert J. Haupt  
*Deputy Commander*, Norfolk District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

CAPT Jon Swallow  
*Chief*, Navigation Services Division – Office of Coast Survey  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Mr. John Harms  
*Manager*, Atlantic Region  
American Waterway Operators (AWO)

Captain Mason Keeter  
*General Manager*  
the Vane Brothers Company

Mr. Dave Anderson  
*Vice President*  
Passenger Vessel Association

2:15 p.m.      National Ocean Policy and Marine Planning Part 1

Marine Planning & the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body  
Mr. John Walters  
*Waterways Management*  
U.S. Coast Guard – Fifth District

Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean  
Ms. Laura McKay  
*Program Manager*  
Virginia Coastal Zone Management

Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study  
Mr. Emile Benard  
*Project Manager*  
U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area

3:15 p.m.      Conference Break

3:45 p.m.      National Ocean Policy and Marine Planning Part 2

Ocean Energy Management  
Mr. Darryl Francois  
*Chief, Projects and Coordination Branch*  
Office of Renewable Energy Programs  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

America's Marine Highway Initiatives & MARAD Strong Ports Program  
Mr. Frank Mach  
*Director, DOT Maritime Administration*  
Mid-Atlantic Gateway Office – Norfolk

4:45 p.m.      Award Presentation  
• Conference Award

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.      Reception  
Sponsored by: ABS Group

**Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**MORNING SESSION**

7:30 a.m. Coffee with Exhibitors

7:30 a.m. Registration Open

**Session Leader – CAPT Jon Swallow, *Chief*, Navigation Services Division – Office of Coast Survey  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**

8:00 a.m. The Honorable Aubrey Layne  
Secretary of Transportation  
Commonwealth of Virginia

8:30 a.m. Mid-Atlantic Regional Dredging Program  
Mr. Richard Thorsen  
*Navigation Program Manager*  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - North Atlantic Division

9:15 a.m. Navigation Services

Bringing America's Waterways into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
CAPT Scott Smith  
*Deputy Director*, Marine Transportation Systems  
U.S. Coast Guard

USACE Survey Products and Services for Our Maritime Customers  
Mr. Roger Bullock  
*Chief of Navigation*  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District

Mr. Michael Anderson, P.E.  
*Chief of Design Section* –Operations Branch  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District

10:00 a.m. Nautical Chart Products are Changing with the Times  
LCDR Denise Gruccio  
*Navigation Manager* – Office of Coast Survey  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

10:20 p.m. Coastal Intelligence Tools for Safe and Efficient Navigation  
Kathryn Thompson Bosley, PhD  
*Chief of Operations* - Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

10:45 a.m. Conference Break

**Session Leader: CDR Jerry Barnes, *Chief*, Waterways Management Branch, Fifth Coast Guard District**

11:15 a.m.     Navigation Safety and Operations Management Part 1

Process Based Management Systems Approach  
Captain IJ Arora  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*  
Quality Management International, Inc.

Operational Risk and the Rescue of S/V BASTA  
LCDR James Carabin  
Air Station Elizabeth City  
U.S. Coast Guard

The Truth about Cold Water  
Mr. Mario Vittone  
*Director*, Maritime Division  
VLinc Corp

12:45 p.m.     Conference Luncheon  
RDML Paul Thomas  
*Chief of Staff*  
Fifth Coast Guard District

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

**Session Leader – Captain Mason Keeter, *General Manager*, the Vane Brothers Company**

2:15 p.m.     Navigation Safety and Operations Management Part 2

Preventing Collisions at Sea  
CDR Kevin Carroll  
*Chief*, Prevention Department  
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Hampton Roads

Distracted Operations  
Mr. Brian Curtis  
*Deputy Director* – Office of Marine Safety  
National Transportation Safety Board

Suspension and Revocation  
Mr. Christopher A. Abel, Esq.  
Willcox & Savage P.C.

3:15 p.m.     Performance Initiatives

Marine Safety: Superior Workforce Initiatives  
CAPT Andrew Tucci  
*Director of Inspections and Compliance*

U.S. Coast Guard

The New Norm  
Mr. Ike Eisentrout  
*Deputy Director* – National Maritime Center  
U.S. Coast Guard

Tow Safe: Towing Vessel Safety Initiatives  
Mr. Peter Squicciarini  
*Manager*, Towing Vessel Bridging Program  
U.S. Coast Guard – Atlantic Area

Boat Responsibly: Boater Education Initiatives  
Commodore Ev Tucker  
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
*Past National Commodore*  
Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

4:15 p.m. Conference Break

4:45 p.m. Sector Commander Update

**Panel Leader – RDML Paul Thomas, *Chief of Staff*, Fifth Coast Guard District**

CAPT Kathy Moore  
*Sector Commander*  
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Delaware Bay

CAPT Kevin Kiefer  
*Sector Commander*  
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Baltimore

CAPT Chris Keane  
*Deputy Sector Commander*  
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Hampton Roads

CAPT Sean Murtagh  
*Sector Commander*  
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector North Carolina

**Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**MORNING SESSION**

7:30 a.m. Coffee with Exhibitors

7:30 a.m. Registration Open

**Session Leader – Mr. Richard Thorsen, *Navigation Program Manager*, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - North Atlantic Division**

8:00 a.m. Regulatory or Policy Updates

Cyber Security Trends and Threats to Maritime Transportation Systems

CAPT Andrew Tucci

*Chief* - Office of Port and Facility Activities

U.S. Coast Guard

Bridge Permitting Program

Mr. Brian Dunn

Office of Bridge Programs

U.S. Coast Guard

Responder Immunity and Non-Tank Vessel Oil Spill Response Plans

Mr. Richard Fredricks

*Executive Director*

American Salvage Association

The Promise of Offshore Wind

Mr. Aviv Goldsmith

*Managing Director* – Development

Fishermen’s Energy

9:00 a.m. Marine Industry Panel

Mr. W. “Red” Gilbert, Sr.

*Chief*, Uninspected Vessel Branch

U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Hampton Roads

Mr. Pete Zohorsky

*Chief*, Inspections Division

U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Hampton Roads

9:45 a.m. State of the Ports

Mr. Jeff Florin

*Vice President of Port Development*

The Port of Virginia

10:45 a.m. Building Strategic Partnerships for the Maintenance of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway

Mr. Brad Pickel

*Executive Director*

Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association (AIWA)