



The Westin Cleveland Downtown
Orchid Ballroom, 6th Floor
February 11-12, 2020

FINAL PROGRAM

Tuesday February 11, 2020

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Alan Bernstein
Great Lakes Waterways Conference Organizer
Owner, BB Riverboats

William Friedman
President and CEO
Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority

Conference Moderator:
David Gutheil
Chief Commercial Officer
Port of Cleveland

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Viking Cruises coming to the Great Lakes

Matt Grimes
Viking Cruises
Vice President, Maritime Operations

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

U.S. Trade Policy

Moderator:
Kate Ferguson
Director of Trade and Business Development
Duluth Seaway Port Authority

Tina Kimble
U.S. Governmental and Regulatory Affairs
Tata Steel Europe

Scott Sigman
Transportation & Export Infrastructure Lead
Illinois Soybean Association

David M. Schwartz
Partner, Thompson Hine LLP
Practice Group Leader – International Trade

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Refreshment Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Shipbuilding

New Interlake Self-Unloader

Mark Barker
President
Interlake-Steamship Company

New VanEnkevort Self-Unloading Tug/Barge

Dave Groh
President
VanEnkevort Tug and Barge

Ryan Hoernke
Assistant General Manager
Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding

4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Ballast Management Update

John Morris
U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters
Environmental Standards Division (CG-OES-3)

Jack Faulk
U.S. EPA Headquarters

Carolyn Junemann
Environmental Protection Specialist
U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration

Session Moderator:
Tom Rayburn
Director of Environmental & Regulatory Affairs
Lake Carriers' Association

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Networking Reception

Grand Foyer – 6th Floor

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Admiral's Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Welcome

Master of Ceremonies

David Knight
Principal
David Larkin Knight LLC

Remarks and Awards

Captain Benjamin Cooper
Chief of Staff
Ninth U.S. Coast Guard District

Awards

Rear Admiral Jerry Achenbach
Superintendent
Great Lakes Maritime Academy

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

U.S. Corps of Engineers – District Realignment

Colonel Aaron Reisinger
Chicago District Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

U.S. Corps of Engineers - Great Lakes Navigation System Update

Marie Strum
Great Lakes Navigation Team Lead

Great Lakes Program Overview

- Soo Locks Update
- FY20 Scheduled Work and FY21 Priorities

Projects of Interest – District Operations

- Buffalo District – Josh Feldmann
- Detroit District – Cindy Jarema
- Chicago District – Adam Borrelli

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Water Levels

Great Lakes High Water Level Updates & Impacts

Keith Kompoltowicz
Detroit District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

St. Lawrence Outflow Management

Jean Aubry-Morin
Executive Vice President
The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Refreshment Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Seaway Update

Craig H. Middlebrook
Deputy Administrator
Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation/U.S. Department of
Transportation.

Terry Bowles
President and Chief Executive Officer
St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Icebreaking

Eric Peace
Director of Operations and Communications
Lake Carriers' Association

Robert Turner
Vice-President, Operations
Chamber of Marine Commerce

11:45 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Great Lakes Maritime Security Improvement Plan

Michelle Green
Maritime Security Department (MSD)
National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office (NMIO)

12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

Vanda Ballroom

1:00 p.m.

End of Conference