



Hyatt Centric French Quarter
March 20 – 21

FINAL PROGRAM

MONDAY MARCH 19, 2018

- 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Open
- 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Q&A Session: License for Merchant Mariner for the Inland Rivers**
- Captain Kirsten Martin
 Commanding Officer
 National Maritime Center
- Captain Greg Menke
 Compliance Manager
 Evansville Marine Service
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Exhibit Set-Up
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception

TUESDAY MARCH 20, 2018

MORNING SESSION

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Break – Exhibitors Booths Available for Viewing
- 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Open

MORNING SESSION – U.S. Coast Guard Sector New Orleans Color Guard

- 9:00 a.m. -9:30 a.m. Welcome/Opening Remarks
- Rear Admiral Paul Thomas
 Commanding Officer
 U.S. Coast Guard – Eighth Coast Guard District

Major General Richard Kaiser
Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Mississippi Valley Division

Mr. Norm Antrainer
Director
Florida Marine Transporters, LLC

Mr. Gus Gaspardo
President – Passenger Vessel Association
Owner – Padelford Packet Company

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Question and Answer Session with the Above Distinguished Guest Speakers

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Discussion on Economic Issues Affecting the Inland Rivers

Mr. Stephen Barnes, PhD
Director – Economics & Policy Research Group
Louisiana State University

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break – Exhibitor Booths Available for Viewing

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Current Issues

Mr. Patrick Chambers
Deputy Chief – Operations Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Mississippi Valley Division

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Infrastructure Update

Mr. Mike Toohey
President & CEO
Waterways Council Inc.

AFTERNOON SESSION

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**

Keynote Speaker:
Rear Admiral Paul F. Thomas
Commander
U.S. Coast Guard – Eighth District

- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Compliance Issues Dealing with Sub Chapter M Ruling
- Moderator:
 Mr. Matt LaGarde
 Director of Regulatory Compliance
 American Commercial Barge Line LLC
- Mr. Patrick Smith
 Regulatory Compliance Manager
 American Commercial Barge Line LLC
- Mr. Patrick McNeil
 General Manager
 Woods Towing
- Mr. Bryan Christy
 Vice President of Operations
 SCF Towing
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Break – Exhibitor Booths Available for Viewing
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. State of the Port of New Orleans
- Ms. Brandy Christian
 President and CEO
 The Port of New Orleans
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. U.S. Coast Guard Bridge Administration Update
- Mr. Eric Washburn
 Bridge Administrator
 U.S. Coast Guard – Eighth Coast Guard District
- Mr. Douglas Blakemore
 Bridge Administrator
 U.S. Coast Guard – Eighth Coast Guard District
- WEDNESDAY MARCH 21, 2018**
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Registration Open
- MORNING SESSION**
- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Break – Exhibitors Booths Available for Viewing

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Sector Commander Panel Update

CAPT Wayne Arguin
Sector Commander
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector New Orleans

CAPT Scott Stoermer
Sector Commander
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Upper Mississippi River

CAPT Roxanne Tamez
Sector Commander
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Lower Mississippi River

CAPT Michael Zamperini
Sector Commander
U.S. Coast Guard – Sector Ohio Valley

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Current Issues

Mr. Kareem El-Naggar, P.E.
Deputy Operations Chief / Navigation Business Line Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Lakes & Rivers Division+

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Sub Chapter M: Auditor Panel

Ms. Tava Foret
Executive Vice President, Operations
Towing Vessel Inspection Bureau

Mr. Robert Keister
Manager, Compliance and Special Projects
Sabine Surveyors, LTD

Mr. Paul Hite
Operations Coordinator – Subchapter M
ABS

Mr. Rafael Riva
Marine & Offshore Business Development Manager
Lloyd's Register

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