



## AGENDAS – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

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### **Keynote Address from RADM Paul Thomas**

*8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.*

Keynote address and Q&A session with RADM Paul Thomas, Commander of the Eighth Coast Guard District.

### **Subchapter M Seminar:**

#### **Beyond July 20**

*9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.*

Subchapter M is now in effect, but the transition to towing vessel inspection is far from over. Authorities from the Coast Guard's Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance and Sector Houston-Galveston will join AWO member experts in a panel discussion to share the latest policy guidance and other helpful information, discuss compliance challenges and how to resolve them, offer real-world examples to help you navigate the certification process and more. Come ready to ask our panelists all your questions about making the inspection transition a success for your company!

### **Scheduled Break (10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)**

#### **Cyber Security:**

#### **A New Frontier in Risk Management**

*10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

Like the rest of the world, the tugboat, towboat and barge industry is increasingly reliant on cyber systems to carry out our important work. When these systems are compromised, either maliciously or unintentionally, the consequences can be costly—but it can be hard to know where to start to protect your company from cyber attack or disruption. Learn how to shore up your cyber defenses with recognized cyber experts and members of the Coast Guard-AWO Cyber Risk Management Quality Action Team, which has developed cyber best practices for the towing industry.

### **Break for Lunch (12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)**



**Advocacy Issues Forum:  
National and Regional Priority Updates  
and Member-Guided Discussion**

*1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.*

Around the country in 30 minutes or less! Your AWO staff will provide brief issue updates on key legislative, regulatory and regional issues affecting AWO members. Afterward, members will have the chance to discuss the issues in small groups and ask questions of the staff in a free-flowing, town-hall format. Have questions or comments about issues not currently on the priority list that are important to your company, your sector or your region? Ask anyway! We want to hear from you.

**Scheduled Break (2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

**Advocacy Issues Focus:  
The Jones Act & Federal Preemption**

*3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

AWO members have spoken: ensuring the integrity of the Jones Act and preventing a patchwork of state regulations that impede the efficiency of maritime commerce are make-or-break issues that affect the very viability of maritime commerce. Take an hour-long deep dive into recent developments, current work and future prospects on these issues with presentations from issue experts and opportunity for Q&A.

**Learning from Data:  
What the Safety Statistics Reveal About Industry Trends**

*4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

The future of safety hinges on metrics and data. The AWO Safety Statistics Reporting Program tracks data submitted by AWO members on towing vessel crew man hours, crew fatalities, recordable injuries, lost-time injuries, falls overboard, and spills, while the U.S. Coast Guard-AWO Safety Report tracks crew fatalities, oil spilled from tank barges, vessel casualties and crew injuries based on Coast Guard data for the entire tugboat, towboat and barge industry. Join us for a presentation of recent trends, followed by small- and large-group discussion of how they relate to your company's experience and perspective.