



The American Waterways Operators

AGENDA

Thursday, October 13, 2022
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM EDT
Great Hall 1 – 3rd Floor Convention Center

8:00 – 9:00 am **Breakfast**

9:00 – 12:00 pm **EDUCATION SESSION** – *Discussions on challenges critical to our industry, including labor and workforce, technological opportunities to improve vessel efficiency and environmental performance, as well as waterways management and infrastructure.*

Welcome and Introductions

Safety Briefing

People: Growing and Recruiting the Mariner Workforce – *Mariner shortages are on everyone's mind and our industry is increasingly competing against shoreside industries. Learn from a panel of experts how you can bolster the work of outreach programs in growing the number of individuals seeking future careers on the water and engage with training institutions to provide opportunities for cadets and graduates seeking to enter today's workforce.*

Vessels: Going Green, Saving Green: Operational Efficiencies to Reduce Both Fuel Costs and Greenhouse Gas Emissions - *While much attention has been paid to innovative, capital-intensive projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through alternative fuels or propulsion systems, there are many ways to maximize the efficiency of traditionally powered equipment that also save money over time. We've convened a diverse panel who will share their expertise on voyage planning, fuel optimization, and everything in between.*

Waterways: Navigating a More Complex System – *There is a greater variety of operations happening on America's waterways now than at any other time in our history. This brings great opportunity but also increasing complexity and safety risk. Join us for a conversation with the U.S. Coast Guard to learn how they are stepping up to meet this 21st century challenge.*

Case Study: Smart Shipping Initiatives – *The waterways offer tremendous opportunity for partnerships among stakeholders, from vessel operators to ports and terminals to government regulators. Learn how one organization, the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers, is leveraging partnerships to explore smart shipping initiatives to improve the capacity, efficiency and sustainability of the waterway.*

Concluding Remarks

12:00 – 2:00 pm **Lunch on Your Own**



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2:00 – 5:00 pm **SECTOR BREAKOUT SESSION** - *Chairs and Vice Chairs from each of the four sectors will lead discussions on the needs and concerns of members operating equipment in or serving each operational sector.*

Inland Liquid Sector (2:00 pm)

Inland Dry Sector (2:45 pm)

Harbor Services Sector (3:30 pm)

Coastal Sector (4:15 pm)

5:30 – 7:00 pm **Reception**

7:30 – 9:00 pm **Social Dinner** – *GG's Waterfront*

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