



Become a part of the tugboat, towboat and barge industry's united voice for safe, sustainable and efficient transportation on America's waterways, oceans and coasts.

AWO CARRIER MEMBER BENEFITS

ADVOCACY: Protecting Your Company

- Building strong, bipartisan support for the Jones Act
- Working with government to keep commerce moving safely and efficiently
- Partnering with the Coast Guard for proactive enforcement and consistent application of Subchapter M
- Achieving sensible regulatory reform without compromising safety
- Fighting for uniform, consistent federal rules for commercial navigation
- Securing investment in waterways infrastructure
- Promoting workforce development and telling our industry's story

SAFETY AND SECURITY ASSETS: Making Your Company Stronger and Safer

- Responsible Carrier Program: Serving as your Coast Guard-accepted Towing Safety Management System to meet Subchapter M requirements
- Alternative Security Program: Providing you with expert-crafted, Coast Guard-accepted policies and procedures to meet federal security requirements
- Alternative Planning Criterion: Providing you with a Coast Guard-approved, streamlined approach to compliance with emergency towing requirements
- Safety Statistics Reporting Program: Allowing you to confidentially benchmark your company's safety performance

ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL CONTENT on issues that matter to your company

- AWO Newsletter and alerts
- Online searchable education library
- AWO mobile app
- Presentation opportunities at AWO events
- Working groups and task forces
- Inclusion in member service directories

AWO EVENTS: Networking, Advocating, and Growing Knowledge

- Annual Conventions and Regional Meetings to connect with members and government stakeholders
- Regional Roundtables to connect with members in a smaller setting and interface with the Coast Guard on issues of local concern
- Annual Capitol Hill "Barge-In" to advocate for our industry in the nation's capital
- Political Action Committee (PAC) events to educate legislators on industry priorities
- Safety meetings to exchange knowledge and learn from safety experts
- Webinars to share ideas and lessons-learned on issues facing our industry, without leaving your office

AWO IMPACT

ADVOCATE

- Secured legislation suspending user fees for TSMS-option vessels, saving \$1,030 annually per vessel
- Worked with allies to exempt towing vessels from New York Petroleum Business Tax, saving operators \$2 million per year
- Repealed Canadian pilotage regulation, saving operators \$80,000 per roundtrip on transits to Alaska through British Columbia waters
- Produced nearly 50 media and public affairs appearances to raise the industry's profile and elevate policy priorities in 2022



JOIN AWO

Advocating for the industry. Elevating your company. Working for you.





Here's what other industry leaders say about the value of AWO membership.

AWO IMPACT

RESOURCE

- Facilitated Subchapter M COI phase-in period with 4,523 towing vessels certificated
- Created video about industry's value, impact and career appeal that generated nearly 235,000 views
- Created searchable online educational resource library

UNITED VOICE

- Facilitated meetings for 160 AWO members with 141 Members of Congress and staff at annual Barge-In in 2022
- Welcomed 25 new members in 2022 to strengthen AWO's role as a united industry voice



"We find value in... AWO's partnerships with industry [players], especially the Coast Guard and the Corps of Engineers. We're able to sit down with them at Roundtables and have frank, good discussions with them about policy."

MATT FRENCH

American River Transportation Company (ARTCo), St. Louis, MO

"Our company doesn't want to keep someone in Washington to solve all the problems that our industry faces so we're much happier to have AWO have people there to take care of all the problems that government regulators bring about. We think that money is well spent."

BRIAN HUGHES

Hughes Bros., Inc. Edison, NJ

"What I personally like most about AWO is the educational and training opportunities it gives to me and my company. When I attend meetings, I hear about hot button issues and I'm able to take those back to my company and help to build our strategic plan about how to face those issues."

SARAH PERRY MCGEE

James Transportation LLC, Paducah, KY

"We have almost 50 mariners on the water and their safety is absolutely paramount to us. And the relationships we build at AWO meetings, the safety information that we can [implement, and] the help we get from the RCP (Responsible Carrier Program) really helps."

SHAWN BENNETT

Baydelta Maritime, San Francisco, CA

"The true value of being an AWO member comes from actively participating in the organization. Collaborating with team members and peers who face the same issues that I face with my organization and have the same challenges that we have is very refreshing."

ANGIE FAY

Blessey Marine Services, Inc., Harahan, LA

