

# AWO Midwest Region Chicago Roundtable and U.S. Coast Guard Luncheon

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*August 12, 2025*

**9:00-11:45 CST** (AWO member roundtable)

**12:00-1:30 CST** (lunch with MSU Chicago)

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## **Member Roundtable: Open Forum**

- **Safety Briefing**
- **Introductions and Welcome** (*Mr. Justin Lampert*)

AWO Midwest Region Chair **Bill Hanson** and AWO Midwest Region Vice Chair **Aaron Halcomb**

- **Regional Updates** (*Mr. Justin Lampert and Mr. Kyle Burleson*)
  - *What emerging issues are most poised to impact your operations locally?*
  - *Update on USCG lunch discussion. Future issues to raise to local USCG units?*
  - *Deregulatory discussion/ideas*
- **Legislative & Regulatory Developments** (*Mr. Craig Montesano and Ms. Caitlyn Stewart*)
  - *Coast Guard Authorization Act status report*
  - *Safer Seas Act of 2022 advocacy update*
  - *Update on AWO deregulatory advocacy agenda*
  - *Brief on Coast Guard leadership changes and check-in on Coast Guard-AWO relationship*
  - *Are there any other issues on the advocacy priorities list that you'd like to discuss?*
  - *Are there any emerging issues that need Congressional or Administration action?*
- **Safety & Sustainability** (*Mr. Michael Breslin*)
  - *What safety, sustainability or compliance challenges impacting your operations does AWO need to understand or address?*
  - *SIRE, SSRP, Subcommittee updates*
  - *Bridge Issues*
- **Political Affairs Update** (*Mr. Joe Manion*)
- **Open Discussion** (all)