



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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| 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Welcome Reception <i>All Members and Guests Welcome</i> | Grand Foyer |
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Wednesday, May 10, 2023

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| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Capitol Fun Run/Walk | Meet in Lobby |
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| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Breakfast | Constitution |
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| 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Annual Membership and Board of Directors Meeting (link) <i>All Members Welcome</i> | Constitution |
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| 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Spring Convention Education Session <i>All Members and Guests Welcome</i> | Constitution |
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| 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Welcome Remarks and Introductions |
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Keynote Address - The Jones Act: Countering China’s Global Maritime Ambitions

Mr. Bryan Clark, Hudson Institute

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| 2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | <p>The People’s Republic of China increasingly seeks dominance over the global maritime supply chain. From state-supported shipping companies and shipyards to direct operation of port infrastructure throughout the world, these commercial investments are now being leveraged by China’s government and military to gather intelligence, secure resources, and project power. What does that mean for U.S. national security? In this keynote session, we will be joined by Bryan Clark, senior fellow and director of the Hudson Institute’s Center for Defense Concepts and Technology, who will draw from his expertise in naval operations, military competition, and wargaming to share his views on the challenges posed by China’s maritime ambitions and the role of a robust domestic maritime industry, with the Jones Act as its foundation, in countering those challenges.</p> |
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The American Maritime Security Initiative

Mr. Mike Roberts, Hudson Institute

2:45 p.m. –
2:55 p.m.

Longstanding American maritime policies did not contemplate the growing geopolitical threat from the People’s Republic of China and the massive buildup of its commercial maritime industries. The current size of America’s domestic maritime industrial base limits our ability to deter Chinese military action, and China’s growing dominance over shipbuilding and global maritime logistics give this communist government increasing control over America’s commercial supply chains. Michael Roberts, former Crowley Maritime executive and past president of the American Maritime Partnership, will discuss the American Maritime Security Initiative (AMSI), a joint project of the Hudson Institute’s Center for Defense Concepts and Technology and the Navy League’s Center for Maritime Strategy. AMSI’s purpose is to research and bring public awareness to the concerns flowing from these developments and to explore options for changes in U.S. commercial maritime policy that will advance American economic and military security interests in this sector.

The Decarbonization Drive’s Impact on the Maritime Industry: Views from Key Federal Agencies

Mr. Michael Carter, U.S. Maritime Administration

Ms. Sarah Froman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Kevin Stork, U.S. Department of Energy

Ms. Caitlyn Stewart, The American Waterways Operators

2:55 p.m. –
3:35 p.m.

Tugboats, towboats, and barges are the most sustainable way to move freight today, with a much smaller carbon footprint than truck or rail transportation. But what does the Biden Administration’s push to decarbonize the U.S. transportation sector mean for the maritime industry, and how can we partner with the federal government to maximize the utilization and efficiency of the marine transportation system as alternative fuels and propulsion systems are developed and introduced to the fleet? We will be joined by Michael Carter, the Maritime Administration’s Associate Administrator for Environment and Compliance; Sarah Froman, who leads the EPA Ports Initiative Team at the Environmental Protection Agency; and Kevin Stork with the Advanced Combustion Systems and Fuels Research and Development Program at the Department of Energy to discuss their agencies’ activities and hear their views on the opportunities that lie ahead for AWO member companies to continue to lead.

What’s Next for Waterways Infrastructure?

Mr. Geoff Bowman, Van Scoyoc Associates

3:35 p.m. –
4:05 p.m.

Geoff Bowman, Vice President at Van Scoyoc Associates, will lend his many years of experience on the front lines of crafting several Water Resources Development Acts to discuss implementation of the WRDA 2022 legislation, how the Corps of Engineers is managing the funds allocated by Congress for waterways infrastructure projects, the pace of new construction and maintenance, and what’s ahead for WRDA 2024.

Barge-In Prep Session

Mr. Craig Montesano, The American Waterways Operators

Mr. Joe Manion, The American Waterways Operators

4:05 p.m. –
4:55 p.m.

All you need to know to get ready for a productive – and enjoyable! – day of advocacy on Capitol Hill, including an opportunity to meet with your team members and prepare for the day ahead.

4:55 p.m. –
5:00 p.m.

Closing Announcements

5:00 p.m. –
6:30 p.m.

Spring Convention Reception
All Members and Guests Welcome

Grand Foyer

7:00 p.m. –
10:00 p.m.

Social Dinner
RSVP is required. Note, there is an additional cost to attend that is invoiced following the event

Bobby Van’s Grill
1201 New York Ave.

Thursday, May 11, 2023

7:00 a.m. –
9:00 a.m.

Grab-N-Go Breakfast

Constitution

9:00 a.m. –
5:00 p.m.

Barge-In

Capitol Hill

4:00 p.m. –
7:00 p.m.

Closing Reception
All Members and Guests Welcome

The Observatory
300 New Jersey Ave.

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