

2012 Mid-Atlantic Waterways Conference— Exploring the Issues that Impact Us All... ...From Philadelphia to the Carolinas

The 2012 Mid-Atlantic Waterways Conference, scheduled April 23-25 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott in Norfolk, VA is the region's newest and most focused maritime industry conference.

This important new conference is hosted jointly by the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It brings together a wide gathering of maritime industry players from the Mid-Atlantic region, across all segments of the waterfront—including port authorities, operators of cargo vessels in international and coastwise trades, shippers, shipyards, regulators, passenger vessel operators, tug and towboat operators, marine suppliers and others—and key government officials to examine and discuss pressing issues and trends that affect all involved in the maritime community.

Attendees will also have a chance to interact with exhibitors who will showcase the latest products and services for the maritime industry.

Join these industry leaders in a discussion of this region's challenges and opportunities:

Monday, April 23

Conference Opening Remarks

RADM William "Dean" Lee, Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District, United States Coast Guard

Monday, April 23

Opening Conference Lunch Keynote

Transportation Challenges: Planning and Funding for the Future

The Honorable Sean Connaughton, Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia

Tuesday, April 24

Conference Lunch Keynote

The Way Ahead for the Coast Guard

RADM Kevin Cook, Deputy Commander, Atlantic Area, United States Coast Guard

Highlights of the agenda follow:

- Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study
- Tunnels, Bridges and Highways: The Way Ahead
- Distractions in the Wheel House
- Mid-Atlantic Navigation and Waterways Management Issues
- Coast Guard NMC Update: Mariner Licensing
- Maritime Legislative Issues Update
- Intercoastal Waterways Issues
- Coast Guard Sector Commander Panel Discussions
- Dredging and Channel Maintenance
- Marine Traffic Issues
- Captain's Panel "The View from the Bridge"
- The Economy and Its Impacts on the Maritime Industry

For conference program, registration and hotel information, go to www.midatlanticwaterwaysconference.com.

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