



Conference of Professional Operators for Response Towing
32nd Conference and Membership Meeting
Wyndham Lake Buena Vista, Orlando, FL
November 11-November 12, 2018

Saturday, November 10
1:00 PM- 5:00 PM
Spring Lake

C-PORT Board of Directors Meeting (C-PORT Directors Only)

Sunday, November 11

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM
Meet in Lobby

Fitness with Terry!
Start your day with fellow fitness enthusiasts

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM
Spring Lake

*C-PORT Board of Directors Pre-Meeting
(C-PORT Directors Only)*

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
Spring Lake

*C-PORT Insurance Program Meeting
(C-PORT Board of Directors and Insurance Program Partners Only)*

10:15 AM – 11:45 AM
Spring Lake

*US Coast Guard and C-PORT Partnership Meeting
(C-PORT Board of Directors and USCG Committee Members, and
USCG Partners Only)*

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch on own

12:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Horizons Salons Foyer

INDUSTRY VENDOR EXHIBITS OPEN

**1:00 PM – CONFERENCE
OPENS**
Horizons Salons 3-5

Welcome! – John Ward, Chairman, C-PORT

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Horizons Salons 3-5

GAR 2.0 – Operational Risk Management Recertification
LT Derek Wallin, Commanding Officer, USCG Station Fort Lauderdale
Mr. Jeff Wheeler, Deputy Chief, Office of Boat Forces, USCG

Coast Guard operations are inherently complex, dynamic, dangerous, and, by nature, involve the acceptance of some level of risk. The potential gains of conducting the activity or mission must justify, or warrant, the expected risk exposure. This is also true of commercial assistance towing and salvage operations. This course provides guidance on what are acceptable risks given specific operational gains. The value and utility of this guidance relies upon each member's ability to properly exercise risk management.

2:00 PM- 3:00 PM
Horizons Salons 3-5

Lessons Learned Case Study
Phil LeBlanc, NASBLA Certified Instructor; Co-owner Safe Sea
John Donaldson, Owner Sentinel Marine Services

What did we learn? Using the instruction provided by GAR 2.0, this session will discuss a commercial assistance case and apply the doctrines taught in the previous session. *Attendance at both sessions are required to receive a Risk Management Recertification Certificate.*

Sunday, November 11, cont.

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Horizons Salons Foyer

Break

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM
Horizons Salons 3-5

Legal Thoughts

Andrew D. Craven, Esq., *Partner, The Chartwell Law Offices*
Marcus G. Mahfood, Esq., *Partner, The Chartwell Law Offices*

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Lakeview East

C-PORT CONFERENCE Welcome Reception (All attendees and guests)

Monday, November 12

6:00 AM – 7:00 AM
Meet in Lobby

Fitness with Terry!

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8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Horizons Salons Foyer

INDUSTRY VENDOR EXHIBITS OPEN

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Horizons Salons Foyer

Continental Breakfast with Vendors

8:30 AM
Horizons Salons 3-5

Morning Welcome – John Ward, *Chairman, C-PORT*

8:35 AM – 10:30 AM
Horizons Salons 3-5

Interoperability and Communications

CAPT Christopher Keane, *Chief, Office of Shore Forces USCG*

Search and Rescue Operations

CDR Aurora Fleming, *Deputy Chief, Office of Search and Rescue USCG*

Safe Operations

Mr. Jeff Wheeler, *Deputy Chief, Office of Boat Forces USCG*

10:30 AM – 10:50 AM
Horizons Salons Foyer

Break

10:50 AM – 11:40 AM
Horizons Salons 3-5

A Call for Partnership Under the OPA-90 Regulations

Rebecca Garcia-Malone, *Assistant Director, Vessel Services, T&T Salvage LLC*

The OPA-90 regulations require vessel owner/operators calling US Waters (with vessels greater than 400GT) to develop and maintain vessel response plans. This presentation discusses how the national SMFF providers could potentially look to C-PORT member companies for assistance in emergency response cases – and conversely, be made available to them, if ever needed.

11:40 AM – 12:00 PM
Horizons Salons 3-5

Exhibitors Present-

Simrad-Navico

West Marine Pro

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Lakeview West

C-PORT Awards Luncheon

C-PORT Distinguished Service Awards

C-PORT Meritorious Service Awards

C-PORT Membership Anniversary Celebration

Monday, November 12, cont.

1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Horizons Salons 3-5

(Includes Break)

6:30 PM- 7:30 PM

Horizons Salons Foyer

7:30 PM- 10:30 PM

Horizons Salons 3-5

C-PORT Membership Meeting (C-PORT Members Only) –

C-PORT Committee Reports

C-PORT Board of Directors Election

C-PORT Members Open Forum

C-PORT Gala Reception

C-PORT Awards Banquet and Gala- Celebrate our industry!

AFRAS-C-PORT Lifesaving Award

C-PORT Members Anniversary Recognition