

AGENDA

GICA 114th Annual Seminar

August 7-9 2019 - New Orleans, LA

InterContinental, New Orleans

All sessions in the La Salle Ballroom except as noted below

8.5.19

Wednesday, August 7

- 8:00-12:00 **Golf Tournament** - Tee Time – 8:00 AM – Lakewood Golf Club, New Orleans (Algiers)
- 2:00 -6:00 **Registration Desk Open** (*La Salle Pre Function Area*)
- 3:30-5:30 **GICA Board of Directors' Meeting** (*Acadian I/II 3rdFloor*)
- 6:00-7:30 **Welcome Reception** – (*La Salle Ballroom B/C - Open Bar and Hors d'oeuvres*)

Thursday, August 8

- 7:30 **Breakfast Buffet** (*La Salle B/C*) **Registration Desk Open** (*La Salle Pre Function Area*)

Welcome Session - Jim Stark, President GICA Presiding

- 8:15-8:30 **Welcome** – Tom Marian, GICA Board Chairman and Jim Stark, President
- 8:30-8:45 **Opening Address** – **U.S. Senator John Kennedy (R-LA)**
- 8:45-9:45 **Washington Perspective** - Infrastructure Funding and Regulatory Outlook – Mike Toohey, Waterways Council Inc. and Craig Montesano, American Waterways Operators
- 9:45-10:00** **Break** - *Spouses meet in Lobby - Depart for Aquarium of The Americas Visit*
- 10:00-11:00 **Tow Industry CEO Panel** – Leadership's Perspectives on GIWW Business, Operations, Challenges, Issues - **Moderator, Tom Marian, GICA Board Chairman**; Jerry Clower, Harbor Towing; Merritt Lane, Canal Barge; Steve Golding, Golding Barge; Pat Studdert; Buffalo Marine
- 11:00-12:00 **USACE Panel** – Joe Hrametz, Galveston; COL Stephen Murphy, New Orleans; Wynne Fuller, Mobile
- 12:00-1:30** **Luncheon** – (*LaSalle B/C - Address by RADM John Nadeau, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District*)
- 1:30-2:30 **GIWW Resiliency** –Houston ITC Spill Review Panel – **Moderator, CAPT Kevin Oditt, USCG**; Nate Hough, Kirby Corp.; Jerry Torok, ACBL; James Prazak, Tricon International
- 2:30-3:30 **Brownwater Industry Education** – Community College Maritime Opportunities – **Moderator, John Arenstam SCI**; John Stauffer, San Jacinto Maritime; Rick Schwab, Delgado CC; Randy Savoie, North Shore Tech CC; Mike Marshall, Turn Services
- 3:30-3:45** **Break**
- 3:45-4:15 **Towing Vessel National Center of Excellence Update** – CDR Andrew Bender, CO, TVNCOE
- 4:15-5:30 **USCG Chief of Inspections Panel** – CIDs address Sub M Consistency across Sector Offices – **Moderator, Mark Wright, AWO**; LCDR Melvin Torres, Corpus Christi ; LCDR Joseph Hart, New Orleans; LT Tammy Bolin, Port Arthur; CDR Jason Franz, Mobile, LCDR Patrick Grizzle, Houma; LCDR Tim Tilghman, Houston
- 6:00-7:30** **Evening Reception** (*LaSalle Ballroom B/C - Open Bar and Hors d'oeuvres*)

Friday, August 9

- 8:00-8:30 **Breakfast Buffet** (*La Salle Ballroom B/C*)
- 8:30-8:45 **GICA Membership Business Meeting**– Board Chairman, Tom Marian, Presiding
- 8:45-9:30 **GIWW Towboat Operators' Panel** – **Moderator David Abney, GICA Board & ACBL**; Captains Tracy Cheramie, FMT; Dallas Theriot, Savage; Robert Tackett, ACBL; Todd Hundley, Golding Barge
- 9:30-10:15 **Economic Impacts of the GIWW - MarTrec Study** – Brianne Glover, Texas Transportation Institute
- 10:15-10:45 **Inland Waterways Users Board Priorities** – GIWW IWUB Representative – Spencer Murphy, Canal Barge
- 10:30-11:00 **Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center Reporting** –John Dubberley USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistics Ctr.
- 12:00** **Adjourn** – Safe Travels – Thank you! **SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR AT OUR 115th**