

UP COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2026

No scheduled events but will email if anything impromptu added!

FEBRUARY 2026

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

NYC Speaker Lunch in Collaboration with the Society of Maritime Arbitrators (SMA)

Speaker:

Carleen Lyden Walker, CEO, Morgan Marketing & Communications, IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador (among many other roles), longtime CMA Member (and maritime industry Superstar!)

Revitalizing the US Maritime Industry:

Where we ARE and where we NEED to be

Cash Bar Opens at Noon and remains open through lunch for purchase of alcoholic beverages

12:30 PM Luncheon

3 West Club

3 West 51st Street, New York, NY 10019

Cost: \$75 SMA Members, CMA Members and Friends & Supporters
\$80 All Other Guests

Registration and Sign-Up through the SMA and info will come by email soon

MARCH 2026

Tuesday, March 10 –

Thursday, March 12, 2026

CMA SHIPPING 2026

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Stamford, CT

<https://www.cmashippingevent.com/>

Email Lorraine at LParsons@marinemoney.com for more details/reservations for any event.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Dear Members:

As we kick off 2026, I couldn't be more excited about what's ahead for our CMA community. Our 41st Annual Trade Show & Exhibition is just eight weeks away—March 10-12—and it promises to be our best yet.

I'm particularly thrilled to share that Dag von Appen has graciously accepted our invitation to receive this year's Jim Lawrence Commodore Award. For those who may have missed our November announcement, this is truly a tremendous honor, and we're looking forward to celebrating Dag's remarkable contributions to our industry.

We have much more to share in next month's newsletter, but in the meantime, stay connected with us on the CMA Shipping LinkedIn page for the latest updates and announcements.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Best Wishes,

John Lindquist, CMA President

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

We are pleased to welcome the following new CMA Members:

Marshall Adams, Commercial, Capes Shipping Agency, Metairie, Louisiana

Evan Curt, Vice President – Maritime Security, IRI/ The Marshall Islands Registry, Reston, Virginia

Rodell Duff, Regional Manager – West Gulf, Capes Shipping Agency, League City, Texas

Christopher Penney, Vessel Operator, Pangaea Logistics Solutions, Newport, Rhode Island

Bobby Scott, Director of Business Development, Capes Shipping Agency, Norfolk, Virginia

Welcome aboard! We look forward to seeing you at a CMA event soon.

Lorraine Parsons, Chair, Membership Committee

CMA MEMBERSHIP –

COMPANIES WITH MOST MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 2025

Here is an update of the latest rankings! Thank you to all our leading member companies and to everyone that is a member of the CMA – we couldn't do it without you!

There is a shift at the top as we wait for a bunch of renewals from Moran Towing and MOL Chemical Tankers takes the company lead for December 2025, SUNY Maritime College, Maersk Tankers and IRI / The Marshall Islands Registry round out the top five with the latter increasing to 10 members.

Thank you all!

Note: Table on the following page.

No of CMA Members	Company Name
17	MOL Chemical Tankers
16	Moran Towing
14	SUNY Maritime College
13	Maersk Tankers
10	IRI / The Marshall Islands Registry
9	Lauritzen, Pangaea Logistics Solutions
8	BRS, Hudson Structured Capital Management, Oldendorff Carriers, SSY
7	ADM, The Plaza Marine Group
6	All Marine Spares, Jim Lawrence Companies (IMS/Marine Money, MTI Network), Monjasa, Pioneer Navigation, Ultrabulk
5	Genco Shipping & Trading, International Seaways, John F. Dillon & Co., Lennon, Murphy & Phillips, Minerva Bunkering, StormGeo

as of 1/7/2026





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March 10 - 12, 2026
DoubleTree by Hilton
Stamford, Connecticut, USA

LOCAL COMPANY NEWS – EXCITING NEWS FROM MARINE MONEY!

MARINE
M O N E Y

diversified

Dear CMA Friends,

I'm writing to share some exciting news. On Monday, January 12th, Marine Money was acquired by Diversified, a third-generation, family-owned global B2B events and media company based in Portland, Maine. Diversified and Marine Money are a uniquely great combination and we are enormously excited!

This process began a few years ago, when Jim, Mike, and I started thinking carefully about the ideal partner to support Marine Money's next phase of growth and modernization. Our goal has always been to better serve our ship finance community through enhanced digital technology, expanded event platforms and formats, and new opportunities for engagement across the global maritime finance sector—including training, content, data, networking, and growth, both organic and through acquisitions.

From the outset, our highest priority was to preserve the special culture, leadership, and trusted relationships that have defined Marine Money since Jim Lawrence founded the business more than three decades ago. That's why we feel truly fortunate to be joining Diversified.

We've known the Diversified team for many years through their ownership of the International WorkBoat Show and have always enjoyed a strong relationship with them. They are great. Diversified also owns other maritime-related events and platforms, including Seafood Expo Global in Barcelona and Seafood Expo North America in Boston, as well as Pacific Marine Expo, WorkBoat Magazine and National Fisherman, which many of you will know. Beyond their scale and infrastructure, Diversified's family-owned culture and client-first approach make them a natural fit for Marine Money.

As we begin a new year, I want to thank you sincerely for your support over the years—and for what's to come. And while there are many exciting things to look forward to, many things will seem unchanged and everyone/anyone you have interacted with at Marine Money will, as they have always been, be at the ready for your emails, calls, etc.

We are energized and excited and looking forward to 2026 and beyond!

Warm regards, Matt McCleery

Matt McCleery
President, Marine Money



The SMA will offer its popular, comprehensive seminar:

Maritime Arbitration in New York

As an ONLINE ZOOM PROGRAM in February and March 2026

The program will consist of live interactive Zoom video sessions with Professor Weiss and the SMA Education Committee.

This seminar is offered to help further and promote the fair, just, ethical and cost - effective resolution of charter party and other maritime contract disputes by arbitration in New York.

The seminar provides 12 hours of CLE and will be offered over four weekly three hour live Zoom video sessions.

DATES:

Sessions will be held on four consecutive Fridays:

February 27

March 6

March 13

March 20

PURPOSE:

This course is offered to help further and promote the fair, just, ethical and cost effective resolution of charter-party and other maritime contract disputes by arbitration in New York.

INSTRUCTOR:

Jeffrey Weiss, Esq., Professor of Maritime Law at New York Maritime College, with over 30 years of college and graduate-level teaching experience, will again be the lead instructor.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

This course will be especially valuable to business professionals who are users of the arbitration process from issues arising under their company's contracts and charter parties. Attendees from shipowners, charterers, vessel operators, maritime claims adjusters, salvors, ship brokers, oil and chemical companies, insurers, traders and export/import companies should find the course an efficient way to gain an understanding of the current practices in New York maritime arbitration proceedings.

Attorneys: The course will also be uniquely beneficial to newly admitted maritime attorneys or lawyers with less than two years practice experience or those seeking a more comprehensive understanding of the process.

KEY INFORMATION:

Cost: \$1,290.00

RSVP: Responses and payment due by February 23, 2026

Patricia Leahy, SMA Office Manager, pleahy@smay.org

Send Payment to:

Society of Maritime Arbitrators, Inc.

157 New Hyde Park Road, Franklin Square, NY 11010, Phone: 212-786-7404, Web: www.smay.org

FULL DETAILS:

[Click here](#) for Maritime Arbitration in New York Flyer

January 2026

Plunge into volunteering with the CMA EF in the New Year! If doing good and feeling good are on your to do list for 2026, please join us as we help students pursue their maritime dreams. Volunteer your time, talent and /or treasure with the CMA EF in any of the following ways. You'll feel good.

- participate in the maritime career day at Brien McMahon High School in Norwalk, CT on February 11. Come for an hour or spend the day sharing about your career and/or company with the future generation.
- read student scholarship essays and join the scholarship selection committee,
- mentor a student
- host an intern
- assist the CMA EF with social media, articles or content
- join the fundraising committee
- help raise money or silent auction items for the annual Spring Splash fundraiser in May
- donate at www.cma-edu.org to support scholarships and internships.

Here are some of the CMA EF's 2026 plans:

January – Business of Shipping Student Research Papers are due to Professor Yahalom at syahalom@sunymaritime.edu. Winners will present at CMA Shipping 2026 and \$5,000 in cash prizes are sponsored by d'Amico Shipping

February 10 – Jim Lawrence Memorial Scholarship applications are due. Scholarship Committee begins reading applications.

February 11 – Maritime Career Day at Brien McMahon High School in Norwalk, CT

March 10-12 – CMA Shipping Conference & Expo, visit the CMA EF booth, Business of Shipping winning Student Papers are Presented during the conference, Jim Lawrence Memorial Scholarship is awarded.

March 22 – General Maritime Scholarship applications are due. Scholarship Committee begins reading applications

May –Spring Splash Fundraiser

July – 50-50 Raffle at the CMA Picnic

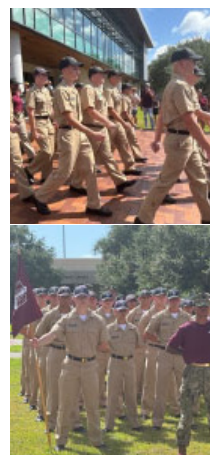
Thank you very much to all those who donated to the CMA EF at the Holiday Party on December 9. The event was a big success for both the Toys for Tots program and the CMA EF. We appreciate your generosity and support of the mission to support maritime education. Please know your donations make a difference. Just days ago, I received the following from one of our 2025 scholarship recipients:



"I just returned to campus for my spring semester at Texas A&M Maritime Academy. I am so happy with my decision to pursue a degree and career in marine transportation. My fall semester went well. I adjusted pretty quickly to being so far away from my family in Connecticut. I'm happy my family came to visit during family weekend. I had a little trouble with some of the material in my fall classes, but I took advantage of the academic resources on campus in order to understand the coursework better. I am looking forward to the classes I am taking in the spring which include maritime law and terrestrial navigation. I would not have been able to have this great experience without the support of CMA so I want to thank you and the association for helping me achieve success. Here are a few pictures from my fall semester. I will send more during the spring.

Thank you again.

Jack O'Brien "



In addition to our general maritime scholarships the Foundation is pleased to announce two new scholarships in 2026. These are made possible by the generous donations of our collective maritime community members. The Jim Lawrence Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the legacy of Jim Lawrence, a maritime entrepreneur (Marine Money, MTI Network, International Marketing Strategies, Inc), founding member of the Connecticut Maritime Association (CMA) and the CMA Shipping Conference, Director of the CMA Education Foundation and ambassador for the global maritime community. The Castrol Engineering Scholarship supports marine engineering students at SUNY Maritime College and was made possible through a partnership with Castrol. Our thanks to Lorenzo Renda and Thaddeus Bielecki Mendez. **Students, please visit www.cma-edu.org for all scholarship information, eligibility requirements and to download the application.**



***Partnering to support
the next generation of marine engineers***

The CMA Education Foundation is pleased to partner with Castrol to support future marine engineers at SUNY Maritime College with scholarships. Interested students should visit www.cma-edu.org for scholarship details, applications, and eligibility requirements.

*Castrol is driving onward, upward and forward with a commitment to help the next generation. The CMA Education Foundation is pleased to partner with them so we can all **sea the future** for maritime professionals.*

CMA Education Foundation (www.cma-edu.org) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit charitable organization with a mission to promote and support maritime education. Castrol (www.castrol.com) provides lubricants and related services to the marine, automotive, and industrial sectors.

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Instagram ([cmaeducationfoundation](https://www.instagram.com/cmaeducationfoundation)) and our website www.cma-edu.org.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! Cheers to 2026!

Beth Wilson-Jordan
Executive Director
CMA Education Chair
Beth@cma-edu.org

A promotional banner for CMA Shipping 2026. It features a man in a blue suit and a woman in a dark uniform standing in front of an American flag. The text "Join the voyage to CMA Shipping 2026" is prominently displayed. In the top right corner, it says "March 10 - 12 2026" and "DoubleTree by Hilton Stamford, Connecticut". In the bottom right corner, there is a blue button that says "Sign up today!". The CMA Shipping logo is in the top left corner.

**Join the voyage to
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Sign up today!

Just a reminder that any CMA Member signing up as a conference delegate for CMA Shipping 2026 is entitled to a special \$150 discount for CMA Members for a three day delegate pass – note adjusted pricing for this year's event.

Use Code: **FKT4223IMCMA150**

Or the direct link to bookings (with the code already input) is:

https://informaconnect.com/cma-shipping/purchase/select-package/?vip_code=FKT4223IMCMA150

We hope to see you there!

EMPLOYMENT HUB

The CMA Employment Hub is designed to match qualified candidates with good positions.

Over the years, this service has proven to be extremely valuable to both job seekers and potential employers.

Ads seeking to fill positions will run for two months at a rate of \$300. Candidates seeking employment must be a

CMA member at a rate of \$100 per year or \$40 per year for students.

To become part of the Employment Hub please call (203) 406-0109 ext. 3717 or email: LParsons@marinemoney.com

The latest Employment Hub is always accessible on the CMA website at: <https://cmashipping.org/>

AVAILABLE POSITION

Position B – DRY BULK SHIP BROKER

CHARTERING

BRS USA in Stamford CT is looking to hire DRY BULK SHIP BROKER(S) with or without experience on a full time basis.

The right candidate will be one who is: self-confident, team player, willing to work hard and have the desire to succeed.

He or She must live within 30 minutes commute from Stamford CT.

Competitive salary and good healthcare plan.

Applications by email only.

Company: BRS USA LLC

Address: 850 Canal Street, Stamford, CT 06902

Telephone: 203-487-7014

E-Mail: george.kulaguz.p@brsbrokers.com

Website: www.brsbrokers.com

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AVAILABLE TALENT

Candidate 1 – CHARTERING MANAGER

I'm a Chartering Manager looking to relocate to the tri-state area (NY-NJ-CT) for a challenging role preferably in the dry bulk industry. Over the last two decades I have gained substantial experience both as an Owner/Operator and as an industrial charterer. I also have a background in breakbulk, refrigerated and containerized cargoes. In addition to Chartering I have spent some years working in vessel Operations.

I am sure that I can add value to any trading/owner/operator team on several levels including risk management. I have extensive contacts throughout the industry with relationships developed and maintained over the years. I can be available to join a new company on relatively short notice. I am available for further discussion at your convenience.

You can contact me at: tbnpro3@gmail.com

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Candidate 2 – COPYWRITING SERVICES

As a maritime professional, your business takes place in the world's harshest, most treacherous environment. And today's volatile shipping and trading markets are just as unpredictable! In the raging tumult of daily commerce, you continually plot your course to success – to generate leads, to win new customers and to keep your current clients serviced and satisfied.

I can help you deliver your message with written print and digital copy that converts your prospects to buyers and keeps you on your customers' radar, generating follow-on business. Build leads with ads, white papers, and case studies. Draw traffic to your website and social channels. Grow sales and retain customers with email campaigns, blog posts and newsletters.

If you're looking to build your marine business – chartering, ship management, naval architecture, engineering, or bunkers, lubes, and supplies – or you need to prepare highly refined technical reports or documents, drop me a line. Don Gale at Marinespeak Copywriting, telephone +1 914 471 0376 or email me at dvgale@optonline.net. And let's successfully navigate these rough waters together.

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Candidate 3 – SEEKING SHORESIDE EMPLOYMENT

My name is Brendan Pezzulo, and I am currently sailing as a Deck Officer aboard container vessels and ro-ro vessels. In addition to this, I have my 2nd Mate License. Recently, I graduated in May 2025 with a Master's Degree in Shipping and Logistics from SUNY Maritime.

After several years at sea and completing my graduate studies, I'm now looking to transition into the shoreside side of the maritime industry. I'm particularly interested in roles that allow me to apply my operational experience and academic background to areas like chartering, vessel operations, or logistics.

Please contact me for my complete resume. Thank you.

Brendan Pezzulo bpezzulo1@gmail.com

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