

UP COMING EVENTS

MAY 2026

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

**Come Join Us and Celebrate the
CMA Education Foundation**

**Spring Splash
Cocktail Reception Fundraiser**

6:00-PM-8:00 PM

Greenwich Water Club

49 River Road, Cos Cob, CT

\$125 per person includes Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres with
proceeds to benefit the CMA EF Scholarship Fund
Ripple, Splash and Wave Sponsorships Available!

See Page 8 for more info!

JULY 2026

Thursday, July 16, 2026

**CMA Annual Summer
Picnic/Lobster Bake**

5:30 pm-9:00 pm

Stamford Yacht Club

97 Ocean Drive West, Stamford, CT

Members - \$135

Non-Members - \$235

(includes a one year CMA membership - \$100 value)

Save the Date – more info coming soon!

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

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Dear Members:

I hope you're enjoying the warmer weather and longer days
as we move deeper into spring.

Our Annual General Meeting on April 23rd in Darien was a
resounding success — we had over 70 members joining us
for lunch. It's energizing to see that kind of turnout, and a
reminder of how engaged this community remains.

I'm pleased to share the results of our elections. We wel-
comed Phil Hughes to the Board as Social Chair and offi-
cially elected Lily Holl of Weathernews Inc. as E-Media
Chair. Per Barre of Maritime Partners was re-elected as
Treasurer, and I am honored to continue serving as your
President for another term. Thank you for your continued
confidence and support.

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May has been equally active. Our Annual Golf Outing on Monday the 11th was another fantastic day — great turnout, great company, and decent weather. Be sure to check out the photos on LinkedIn and in the June newsletter. And coming up on Tuesday, May 19th, the CMA Education Foundation's Spring Splash in Greenwich is a not-to-miss event. A big thank you as always to Beth Wilson-Jordan and her team for continuing to bring our community together in such meaningful ways.

We look forward to seeing you at another Happy Hour in June - stay tuned for details soon!

Best Wishes,
John Lindquist, CMA President

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

We are pleased to welcome the following new CMA Members:

March New Members

Tim Abbott, Assistant Director of High School Education, SoundWaters, Stamford, Connecticut

Julio Augusto, President & CEO, Golden Logistic, Brooklyn, New York

Camille Bakker, Membership Development Coordinator, NAMEPA, Weston, Connecticut

Eva Bartush, Marine Science Academy Coordinator, Brien McMahon High School, Norwalk, Connecticut

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Rachel McClosky, Operations and Communications
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Peter Neave, Executive VP, Seapath Group, New York,
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Cam Rathborne, Executive VP, Keystone Shipping
Company, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania

Alexander Smith, Trader, Monjasa, New York, New York

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

Lorraine Parsons, Chair, Membership Committee

April New Members

Clare Cashell, Director of Administration, Sail 250 NYC
Inc., Bethpage, New York

Han Deng, Partner, Reed Smith LLP, New York, New York

Elton Endress, Student, SUNY Maritime College, Bronx,
New York

CMA MEMBERSHIP –

COMPANIES WITH MOST MEMBERS AS OF APRIL 2026

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!

No real changes this month, but more new members for SUNY Maritime, taking them into second place, so a very robust top company list this month.

Thank you all!

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

as of 5/7/2026

SPECIAL DISCOUNT FOR SELECT NATIONAL MARITIME WEEK EVENTS FOR CMA MEMBERS

The CMA is pleased to be a supporter of National Maritime Week - thank you Carleen Lyden-Walker for spearheading this great initiative.

The CMA's engagement plays an important role in helping strengthen awareness of the maritime industry and advancing the conversations, collaboration, and leadership that National Maritime Week is designed to foster, as it brings together stakeholders from across the maritime community.

As a token of appreciation for being a Supporting Organization, we have been extended an exclusive 20% discount for our CMA Members to attend the following upcoming events:

- [SHIPPINGInsight in Partnership with AMIC's Leadership Roundtable: Revitalizing the U.S. Maritime Industry](#)
- [NAMEPA Regional Workshop: Building the Maritime Workforce System through Collaboration](#)
- [NAMEPA Safety at Sea Seminar and AMVER & Benkert Awards](#)

These programs offer valuable opportunities for industry engagement, professional development, and meaningful dialogue on the issues shaping the future of maritime.

Each of the events are linked, and please use code: **SUPORG26** at each checkout to receive your exclusive discount.

We hope you will consider joining these upcoming events.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

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\$125 per person

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Proceeds to benefit the CMA Education
Foundation Scholarship Fund

RSVP to Beth@cma-edu.org or

Lparsonse@marinemoney.com



SPRING SPLASH SPONSORSHIPS

Ripple-\$1,000 includes 2 tickets

Splash-\$2,500 includes 4 tickets

Wave-\$5,000 includes 6 tickets

Proceeds to benefit the
CMA Education Foundation
Scholarship Fund

Contact Beth or Lorraine at

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NATIONAL MARITIME WEEK

May 18th - 22nd, 2026 | Washington, D.C.

Each year, the United States celebrates National Maritime Day on May 22, commemorating the maiden transatlantic voyage of the SS Savannah in 1819. This day recognizes the vital role of the American maritime industry in supporting the nation's economy and security while honoring those dedicated to the sector. Recognizing that a single day is not enough to reflect the industry's vast impact, National Maritime Week was launched in 2024 to foster unity and progress across the maritime community. By bringing together leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders, the initiative promotes collaboration and innovation to strengthen the industry's future.

MAY 19 | TUESDAY

Day of Innovation and Collaboration

- 0900-1300: U.S. Center for Maritime Innovation*
- 1300-1600: Blue Sky Maritime Coalition: Working Discussion*

MAY 20 | WEDNESDAY

- 0900 - 1300: SHIPPINGInsight's Leadership Roundtable: Revitalizing the U.S. Maritime Industry*
- 1330 - 1530: NAMEPA's Washington D.C. Regional Gathering and Workshop: Workforce Development*

MAY 21 | THURSDAY

- 1300 - 1700: NAMEPA's Safety at Sea Seminar & AMVER Awards*

MAY 22 | FRIDAY

- 10:00 am: MARAD's National Maritime Day Celebration

(*) indicates that the event will be held at ABS Offices, 80 M St SE Washington DC

HOSTED BY:  **ABS**



Inside Maritime Week

DAY 1: MAY 19TH

Innovation Day

Morning Session: Center for Maritime Innovation: Hosted by the Center for Maritime Innovation, this event will focus on industry advancements and leadership. We plan to see key industry and government officials join in on the conversation.

Afternoon Session: Roundtable Workshop: Blue Sky Maritime Coalition will host small group discussions to exchange information and build relationships.

DAY 2: MAY 20TH

Morning Session: SHIPPINGInsight will host a session featuring the current legislation being considered to revitalize our US maritime industry. This is a continuation of the success of 2025's Leadership Roundtable. This session will include AMIC's founders, along with other key industry leaders, working together to revitalize the US maritime industry

Afternoon Session: The U.S. Maritime Action Plan (MAP) emphasizes enhancing maritime workforce education and training. This session will showcase collaboration among industry, education, and training organizations to strengthen the maritime workforce pipeline, highlighting contributions from NAMEPA and others aligned with MAP's national priorities.

DAY 3: MAY 21ST

NAMEPA's Safety at Sea Seminar, starting at 1:00 pm, is a cornerstone event highlighting critical maritime safety discussions. This gathering will feature the presentation of the USCG's AMVER Awards, recognizing the exceptional commitment of the shipping community to safety and rescue at sea, along with the prestigious Benkert Award, awarded to those who excel in marine preservation.

DAY 4: MAY 22ND

NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

National Maritime Day's celebrations will begin at 10 am, held at MARAD.

Join industry stakeholders for a week of exploration and collaboration to advance the future of Maritime!

ALL SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

Previous & Current





CMA ANNUAL MEETING LUNCH RECAP

Thank you to the 72 members that joined us at The Water's Edge at Giovanni's on April 23rd for our Annual Meeting, CMA Board Elections and for a very well received presentation from Josh Shapiro, President & CEO of Liberty Maritime Corporation.

We listened to a State of the CMA Address from the CMA President, John Lindquist, an update on upcoming events from John and also from Beth Wilson-Jordan, CMA Education Chair and Executive Director of the CMA Education Foundation an introduction of the new Castrol Marine Engineering Scholarship for SUNY Maritime students and the award of its first \$2,500 scholarship to Cadet Elton Endress by Castrol Marine US & Canada Account Manager, Thaddeus Bielecki Mendez. In addition, we heard from Carleen Lyden-Walker on the National Maritime Week initiative in DC in mid-May.

After conducting an on-line Board Elections vote prior to the meeting, with over 60 members not in attendance at the lunch voting, and then with the in-person vote, the new Board was approved and welcomed.

President	John Lindquist, Stabilis Solutions - Incumbent
Treasurer	Per Barre, Maritime Partners - Incumbent
Social	Phil Hughes
E-Media	Lily Holl, Weathernews Inc.

As the CMA by-laws are being re-written, Beth Wilson-Jordan's Education Chair came to an end, but we are waiting for the by-law revision to make the next decision regarding an Education representative on the CMA Board. Beth has been a great addition to the board, and her contributions are widely acknowledged.

The keynote presentation on the current state of the U.S. flag fleet by Josh was excellent and we really appreciate that he made the time to join us. Thanks to our Communication Chair, James Lightbourn, for inviting Josh and pulling it all together!

Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who voted on-line also! The CMA remains in good hands!

Lorraine Parsons





May 2026 – Spring Splash and National Maritime Week!

Spring Splash -Tuesday, May 19, 2026-Forecast: Warm and Sunny, Waterside.

We'll raise a glass and celebrate National Maritime Day at the Spring Splash! Join us at the Greenwich Water Club for the annual **CMA EF Spring Splash on Tuesday, May 19, 2025**. Enjoy refreshing drinks, delicious hors d'oeuvres, water views and conversation with like-minded individuals supporting maritime education and our future maritime workforce. Ripple, Splash, Wave sponsorships (\$1,000, \$2,500 and \$5,000 respectively) and individual tickets (\$125) are available. All donations are tax deductible, and proceeds from the event are used for student scholarships and internship stipends. Sponsorships will be acknowledged in this newsletter before and after the event, on the screens and tables night of the event and on the CMA EF website. Thank you to **The American Club, Clear Ocean Partners, Cozen O'Connor, IRI / The Marshall Islands Registry, Moran Towing, The Joyce & Bernie Zimmerman Foundation and Womar Tankers** for their Ripple sponsorships and to **Moran Towing, Jess Yoemans, Giovanni's at the Water's Edge, Columbus Park Trattoria, Pickleball America, Sterling Farms Golf Course, Norton Rose Fulbright, Seastreak, The Stamford Diner, The Royal Green, and The Stillery** for their generous silent auction items.



In addition to the Jim Lawrence Memorial Scholarship applicants, we received 44 general maritime scholarship applications this year. My sincere thanks to the Scholarship Committee of Molly McCafferty, Sean Durkin, Lorraine Parsons, Jonathan Chia, Laura Sherman, Kathy Haines and Ian Workman for your efforts in joining me in reading and reviewing the Jim Lawrence Memorial and/or General Maritime Scholarships applications. Thank you all very much! If you're interested in serving on next year's scholarship committee reach out.

We've awarded the first Jim Lawrence Memorial Scholarship for \$20,000 to Leith Elzie (Great Lakes Maritime) in March and the Castrol Engineering Scholarship for \$2,500 to Elton Endress (SUNY Maritime) in April. The remainder of our 2026 general maritime scholarship award winners will be announced very soon!

The Foundation not only provides scholarships but also supports students with internship stipends. We have several students interning this summer. You can support our next future maritime workforce by donating or attending the Spring Splash. Donations are always accepted via the website (www.cma-edu.org), when renewing your CMA membership or by mailing a check to CMA Education Foundation 50 Locust Ave, Suite 7, New Canaan, CT 06840.

Beth Wilson-Jordan
Executive Director
Beth@cma-edu.org





MALTA MARITIME SUMMIT

Charting a new course for maritime
through cross-sector collaboration

5th - 9th October 2026



*Empowering Leaders, Innovators, and
Policymakers for 10 Years*

THE BLUE WORKING ENVIRONMENT SURVEY 2026

The CMA and CMA Education Foundation is pleased to support this initiative from The Ocean Opportunity Lab (TOOL) with Maritime SheEO, as a Collaboration Partner.

Join our blue working environment survey, as we explore the perspectives of ocean industry professionals of the future, present and past. You are hereby invited you to share your views and experiences related to the culture & work environment of the ocean industries. We welcome response from any gender and age group, across land and sea.

The survey will take between 5-15 minutes to complete, with some optional areas to provide additional input.



What we ask

- Survey length: **5–15 minutes**
- Fully **anonymous & GDPR-compliant**
- Open to all roles across land and sea



Survey link: <https://forms.gle/oSEq1JMrqxZRNGtz8>

Sharing is caring!

By sharing your insights, you enable better understanding of how the ocean industry work environments are perceived and experienced - and how we can support change.

This survey enable a safe, anonymous channel to gather insights, experiences and suggestions. We focus on bridging the gap between perspectives from youth, current and former professionals and the industry organisations, exploring;

- What motivates people to enter our industries - which sectors/areas are most attractive?
- How do people perceive our industry, our work culture and the speed of change?
- What do youth and employers consider key skills and opportunities of the future?
- Which skill gaps and challenges do we face?
- How many leave our industries for reasons we could have prevented?
- How is our industry culture evolving - is sexual harassment or bullying an issue of the past?
- Which ideas do people have for creating change?

GDPR: This survey is fully anonymous, and your answers cannot be traced back to you. All data is handled in line with European law. Results will be used for further research on ocean industry work environment, following standard ethical guidelines. By participating in this survey, you approve of your responses being included and used for research purposes.

CMA SHIPPING

**Join the voyage
to CMA Shipping
Houston 2027**

Sign up today!

March 16 - 18, 2027
The Royal Sonesta
Houston Galleria,
Texas - USA

Win one-on-one mentoring from industry leaders, owners and founders:

To make participation worth your while, we have recruited a number of trailblazers from across the ocean industries, who will each mentor a respondent for a year. This is a unique chance to learn from the powerhouses and build personal connections - and a great opportunity for reverse mentoring.

In order to compete for a mentor while still keeping your response input anonymous: Follow TOOL on [LinkedIn](#) or [Instagram](#), create your own post with the survey link, telling your network that you've participated and encouraging them to do the same (remember to tag our account so we can keep track).

Step aboard — your voice can help shape the future!

Warm regards,

[Birgit M. Liodden](#)

[Sanjam S. Gupta](#)

Founder & Chief Mermaid

Founder

The Ocean Opportunity Lab (TOOL)

Maritime SheEO

<https://community.toolspawn.com>

<https://maritimesheeo.com>

INVOLVED STAKEHOLDERS:

Organisers: The Ocean Opportunity Lab (TOOL) with Maritime SheEO

Collaboration Partners: Connecticut Maritime Association, CMA Education Foundation, International Association of Maritime Clusters (US), YES Forum (Greece), YoungShip & WISTA (Monaco), SHE Community, Propellers Club (Norway)

Professors & Researchers from: University of Southern Norway, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Erasmus University Rotterdam

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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 TALENT

Candidate 1 – TRAINEE BROKER / CHARTERING / VESSEL OPERATIONS

My name is Vishal Kumar, and I am seeking opportunities in the NY–NJ–CT area. I am available to join on a short notice and have over 15 years of experience in the maritime industry, including 7 years at sea as a Second Mate with Wilhelmsen Ship Management on tanker vessels.

I am currently working with MSC as a Vessel Planning Manager. Previously, I worked with Maersk, Cargill, and TORM Shipping, handling vessel operations, port planning, demurrage, and post-fixture. Through these roles, I have built relationships with chartering managers that I can leverage to help generate business. My combined sea and shore experience gives me a strong understanding of both technical and commercial shipping. I am hard working, love building relations and a strong Team player.

I have completed my Master's in Business and am currently pursuing the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS) PQE (expected 2026). I am now looking to move into the commercial side in roles such as Trainee Ship Broker, Trainee Chartering, or Vessel Operations. I am open to both bulk and tanker companies, willing to relocate, and ready to start immediately. Please feel free to contact me at vishalprov1414@gmail.com or +1 (843) 499-3885.

(C05-26)

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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