CONNECTICUT MARITIME ASSOCIATION, INC.

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# Up Coming Events

## APRIL 2026

### Thursday, April 23, 2026

## CMA Annual Meeting Lunch

**Voting for Board Elections, State of the CMA address and a keynote speaker – open to all CMA Members in good standing.**

**Time:** from 12 Noon for Cash Bar Reception
Seating for lunch at 12:45 pm

**Venue:** The Water's Edge at Giovanni's, 2748 Boston Post Road, Darien, CT close to the Stamford line – easy access from CT and NY – Exit 9 off I-95

**Cost:** Complimentary to CMA Members in good standing

**Lunch Program:**

**Keynote Speaker**: **Joshua M. Shapiro, President & CEO, Liberty Maritime Corporation**

State of the CMA Address

CMA Board Election Vote

**RSVPs needed by Tuesday, April 21st – thank you!**

## MAY 2026

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11:45 AM-8 PM

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## 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!

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

# President's Notes

Dear Members:

For those who celebrated Easter - I hope you had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. Spring is fully upon us!

First, I'm pleased to welcome Lily Holl as CMA's new E-Media Chair. Lily brings a fresh digital perspective and public relations expertise to the role, and I'm confident she'll help us continue to strengthen our online presence and member engagement. Thank you, Lily, for stepping up over CMA Shipping week.

I also wish to highlight that the CMA Education Foundation led by Beth Wilson-Jordan held another tremendous career day at Brien McMahon High School in Norwalk. Eighteen volunteers from across the maritime industry spent their day helping over 200 young people better understand a career path in Shipping. As Beth noted, "these volunteers

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planted seeds, cultivated curiosity, and helped grow awareness of our global industry." Thank you so much to those volunteers and I would encourage you to learn more about the career day in our newsletter.

Looking ahead, our Annual General Meeting is set for April 23rd over lunch in Darien, at our usual favorite location! This is always a valuable opportunity to gather as members, to stay up to date about the association's direction, and to make your voice heard. We are pleased to have Joshua M. Shapiro, President & CEO of Liberty Maritime Corporation, provide a keynote presentation. Thanks for your continued engagement and I look forward to seeing many of you in Darien.

Best Wishes,
John

## CMA Board Elections 2026

We are pleased to announce that the CMA Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of candidates for the upcoming elections in accordance with Article 4, Section 4.1.b. and c. of the By-Laws

The committee consists of Denise Knudsen (J. Lauritzen (U.S.A.) Inc.), Julie Lubas (Pangaea Logistics Solutions), Ian Workman (Nautical Supply International (NSI)), Ted Panourgias (All Marine Spares International LLC) and is Chaired by Andrea Bähr (SSY Stamford) and CMA Planning & Administration Chair.

On April 23rd, the Education Chair on the Board of Governors will be up for election. As noted below, the CMA by-laws are being rewritten to adjust the Education Chair in some capacity, but will not be complete until the end of April, so for the moment we are leaving the Education Chair open.

In addition, we will be re-electing John Lindquist as President and Per Barre as Treasurer and voting in the following two, Phil Hughes and Lily Holl, who stepped in as board members for those that had to step down for various reasons during the year.

The full slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee is as follows:

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| President | John Lindquist, Stabilis Solutions - Incumbent |
| Treasurer | Per Barre, Maritime Partners - Incumbent |
| Education | The CMA by-laws are being rewritten to adjust the Education Chair in some capacity, but will not be complete until the end of April, so for the moment leaving the Education Chair open |
| Social | Phil Hughes |
| E-Media | Lily Holl, Weathernews Inc. |

The Annual General Meeting will be a live event, but similarly to 2025, in order to guarantee the required quorum “of at least fifty (50) members plus five (5) Governors, two of who shall be Officers”, in accordance with the By-Laws, a voting link will be made available for members that are unable to attend in-person. Instructions and link will be provided prior to the AGM.

Please join us on Thursday, April 23rd as we elect the CMA Board of Governors for 2026 and say goodbye to our departing Board Member, Beth Wilson-Jordan, who has given so much of her time and energy to the CMA Board over the years, and who continues as Executive Director of the CMA Education Foundation.

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# Calling CMA Golfers - CMA Spring Golf Outing…..

**Monday afternoon, May 11, 2026**
**Sterling Farms Golf Course**
**1349 Newfield Avenue**
**Stamford, CT 06905**
**Website: http://www.sterlingfarmsgc.com**

Mark this date in your calendar for our CMA Spring Golf Outing – **Monday afternoon, May 11**. After hibernation in this snowy winter, a nice afternoon of golf, on hopefully a lovely day, will be a great reward!

After the successful hosting of our Spring Golf Outing last May we are planning for our Spring one this year.
**Foursomes are going quickly so reserve now to be part of a great day!**

**Note slightly earlier timings this year for lunch and the shotgun start!!**

Registration/Lunch commences at **11:45 AM**
Shotgun start at **1:00 PM (The Golf Authority has asked that all golfers be in their carts promptly at 12:45 PM for announcements and start!)**
Dinner in the tent directly following the afternoon of golf at around 6:00 PM.

We will stay with the “Simple Scramble” format. This means it is in essence a team event, but be assured that, as always, we will have plenty of prizes to give out at the end of the day.

The First Place Team will be presented with the “Graydon Michael Webster”. It is confirmed that our 2025 Champions **Moran Towing (led by Henry Rich)** will return to defend their crown for the fourth time!

To participate in this year’s Spring Golf Outing, the cost is as in 2025 - $280 per person ($1,120 for a Foursome) and includes green fees, golf carts, lunch, dinner, open bar, beverage carts and, of course, lots of great prizes.

**The outing is always full, so please register early by calling to reserve your place and then sending your checks in ASAP to secure your spot.**

We hope to have around 100 golfers total, so 25 foursomes or more – aim is to have a large but manageable number to keep it on track timewise!

Each foursome must have at least one CMA Member in good standing.
Please make checks payable to "CMA" and mail to:
Lorraine Parsons, Event Director
Connecticut Maritime Association
50 Locust Avenue, Suite 7
New Canaan, CT 06840

Email Lorraine at LParsons@marinemoney.com if you have any questions at all or if you prefer to pay with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express)

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES……**

A great deal of our past success can be attributed to the generous "Hole Sponsorship" of our members. It provides for the great prizes that are presented at the dinner, which are numerous and always so popular.

So come on and sponsor a hole at this year's outing. You will receive a custom-made hole sign, praise at the dinner, an acknowledgement in our newsletter, and of course, the great appreciation of all the golfers and the CMA Board of Directors. Hole sponsorships are priced at $250 each and again make checks payable to "CMA" and send to our address noted above or call for credit card payments.

Other Sponsorships for the Golf Outing are also available such as, Player Prizes or anything else you might want to dream up!

We are pleased to report that **Moran Towing** will once again generously sponsor the two Beverage Carts that ply the Greens offering drinks and snacks throughout the tournament. **Our sincere thanks Henry, Brendan and all at Moran Towing!**

We hope that you will join us on May 11 for another great and welcome afternoon of CMA golf.

Best wishes,
Lorraine Parsons, CMA Event Director

## Free Course for Boaters

The CT Port Authority is sponsoring a FREE **"Suddenly in Command"** course by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary on Saturday, **April 25th** from 9am-12pm at our office in Old Saybrook.

It's for anyone who might need to step in when the captain can't operate the boat.

Feel free to share this with fellow boaters - there are only 25 spots and they're going fast!

Sign up here:
https://ctportauthority.com/2026/03/10/suddenly-in-command-course-open-for-registration/

If demand is high, we'll add another date.

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Connecticut Port Authority
455 Boston Post Rd., Suite 204
Old Saybrook, CT 06475
Phone: 860-577-5174 , info@ctportauthority.com

# 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*

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# 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*

AAPA ESSENTIAL. RESILIENT. UNITED. SEAPORTS DELIVER · ABS · Actualidad Marítima y Portuaria · AMO · The American Waterways Operators · Association of Ship Brokers & Agents (USA) Inc. · BIMCO · BLUE SKY MARITIME COALITION · CMA Connecticut Maritime Association, Inc. · CSA Chamber of Shipping of America · CRSOA Columbia River Steamship Operators' Association · INTERTANKO · MAR · MarineLink · maritimeTV · MIRAID · MORGAN Marketing & Communications · NAMEPA · NAWE · OPA 90 Forum · SHIPPINGInsight · WISTA USA · INTERNATIONAL WORKBOAT SHOW

**April 2026 –Cheers to Spring!**

In the spirit of Spring, on March 26, our volunteers planted seeds, cultivated curiosity and grew awareness of the global maritime industry by sharing about their companies and careers with over 200 students at Brien McMahon High School. Our sincere thanks to the following

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| Alex | Jeraci | Hudson Structured Capital |
| Ann | Feltch | Dorian LPG |
| Bengt | Nergaard | Dorian LPG - In House Counsel Maritime Attorney |
| Camille | Bakker | NAMEPA - Membership Development Coordinator |
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| Malcolm | Blackwell | SUNY Maritime Student BMHS alumnus |
| Natalie | Koetsier | Webb Institute |
| Omar | Nokta | Clarksons Securities - Equity Research Analyst |
| Rachel | McCloskey | NAMEPA Operations and Communications Director |
| Tamara | Hoffman | Moran Towing Operations Coordinator |
| Ted | Young | Dorian LPG (USA) - CFO |
| Tim | Brennan | Maersk Tankers |
| Tim | Abbott | Sound Waters Harbor Corps |
| Travis | Leatherwood | Third Mate, USMMA graduate |

Thank you for giving so generously of your time.

**Joining or Renewing Your CMA Membership?**

Thank you to all who donated to the CMA EF when joining the CMA or renewing their annual memberships. Your donations help fund scholarships and internships stipends and are greatly appreciated.

**Spring Splash -Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

Join us at the Greenwich Water Club for the annual **CMA EF Spring Splash Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 19, 2026**. Enjoy refreshing drinks, delicious hors d'oeuvres, water views and conversation with like-minded individuals supporting maritime education. 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 **Moran Towing** for making a Ripple sponsorship and donating Mets tickets including the new ferry from Stamford to the game for the silent auction, and to **IRI / The Marshall Islands Registry** for their Ripple sponsorship.

We received 40 general maritime scholarship applications again this year. Your help in meeting these needs by donating or attending the Spring Splash is greatly appreciated. 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.

Our 2026 scholarship award winners will be announced soon!

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

# 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 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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