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*The Maritime Industry
The Driving Force Behind the Global Economy*

**Captain Alan H. Moore, USCG
Keynote Speaker**



Captain Alan H. Moore will address the CAMM membership at the 2024 AGM. Captain Moore serves as the Chief of the Eighth Coast Guard District's Prevention Division, which is responsible for providing Marine Inspections, Marine Investigations, and Auxiliary workforce mission support to seven Sectors, nine Marine Safety Units, and ten Marine Safety Detachments. His district's area of responsibility spans 26 states, including the coastline from Florida to Mexico, the adjacent offshore waters of the Gulf, and the inland waterways of the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, and Tennessee River systems.

Mr. Bruce Lambert – Gateway Director – MARAD, Central Gulf & Southern Rivers Gateway (New Orleans)



Mr. Lambert worked as the Executive Director at the Institute for Trade and Transportation Studies, conducting and coordinating research for State Departments of Transportation in the Southeast. His work focused on freight policy, planning, and market assessments for State Departments of Transportation. At the Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mr. Lambert worked on general maritime policy and planning while serving as the Secretary to the U.S. Section of the International Navigation Association (PIANC) and on technology exchanges with the Latin American maritime community. After receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree from Louisiana State University, Mr. Lambert earned a Master of Science Degree from the University of Tennessee. He is currently a Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Antwerp in Applied Economics.

Captain Jeanne Ferrer, Commissioner Port of New Orleans



Captain Jeanne E. Ferrer is a native of St. Bernard Parish and in 2006 graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy as a Logistics and Intermodal Transportation major. She holds a U. S. Naval Reserve Officer Commission, a USCG unlimited Masters license and a First-Class Pilot License, unlimited tonnage, for the Lower Mississippi River. After a decade aboard deep-sea cargo vessels and offshore supply vessels, Captain Ferrer came ashore to serve as a Louisiana State Commissioned Crescent River Port Pilot. She also served as a Commissioner for the St. Bernard Port Terminal and Harbor District. A member of the Lower Mississippi River Navigation Technical Committee, she collaborates with local and federal agencies to grow the Lower Mississippi River's navigation resources. She recently worked to expand the Lower Mississippi River anchorages which streamlined the supply chain during the river's 50-foot deepening project. Captain Ferrer gives back to the industry as a mentor for Open Waters Louisiana . Women Offshore and serves on the advisory board for Riverworks Discovery. She takes pride in developing the maritime industry's next generation.

Mr. Jeremy Hope, Vice-President, International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots



Mr. Hope is the Vice President, Gulf Ports and Government contracts at the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots. Previously he served as the MM&P's Agent for the Pacific Ports. He is a graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy and served as a licensed deck officer for almost 14 years before coming ashore.

Ms. Ashleigh Higgs, President of Tulane Maritime Law Society



Ms. Ashleigh Higgs is a third-year law student at the Tulane Law School in New Orleans, Louisiana where she is the Editor in Chief of the Tulane Maritime Law Journal and the President of the Maritime Law Society. She will obtain her Juris Doctorate degree with a certificate in Admiralty and Maritime Law in May, take the Washington D.C. bar exam in July. In the fall she will begin her job as a Maritime Associate in the International Trade Group of Holland & Knight in Washington D.C.

Ashleigh fell in love with maritime law during her studies at Tulane. She has worked for the Federal Maritime Commission's Office of Administrative Law Judges, the Seamen's Church Institute, and the marine insurance team at Clyde & Co in New York City. Ashleigh graduated from Boston University with a bachelor's degree in international relations and Spanish in 2021, and hails from Muskegon, Michigan

Liam McCarthy, Tulane Maritime Law Journal



With a wholehearted dedication to both maritime law and seafaring pursuits, Liam McCarthy boasts a 50-ton USCG Master (captain's) license and had a distinguished collegiate sailing career as a two-year captain of the St. Mary's College of Maryland Sailing Team, where he was an Honorable Mention All-American and the College Sailing Sportsman of the Year. Prior to delving into the field of maritime law, Liam embarked on a professional sailing journey, competing in renowned races such as the Transpac and Pineapple Cup, and numerous voyages spanning throughout the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. Liam has raced from Los Angeles to Hawaii, up and down the East Coast, Mexico, and the Caribbean. He is now finishing up his second year at Tulane Law School, actively participating in the Tulane Maritime Law Journal and the Maritime Law Society as Vice President. Liam cannot wait to get out and start practicing maritime law right here in New Orleans!
