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The Inland Marine Expo is returning to Nashville. #IMX2024 invites maritime and logistics professionals to collaborate on making marine transportation even more cost-effective, safe, and environmentally friendly. This event is perfect for teams of all sizes working along inland rivers, lakes, and intracoastal waterways of the United States. The Inland Marine Expo provides dedicated time and space for our industry to come together and connect on common waters.

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All-inclusive attendee registration covers:

Tradeshow Floor Access • Education Sessions • Welcome Reception Line Throwing & Competition • Networking • Awards Ceremony

IMX2024

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 29		
7:00am-8:00pm	Registration	
8:00am-4:30pm	Exhibitor Move-In	
8:00am-6:00pm	Private Meetings – Contact Emily Tintera to inquire at emily@wjinc.net	
6:00pm-8:00pm	Opening Party on the Full Tradeshow Floor featuring Maritime Throwdown AARWINE 8 ROSE POINT	

Thursday, May 30		
7:30am-5:30pm	Registration	
9:00am-5:00pm	Exhibits Open	
9:15am	Opening Session – Low Water Lessons Learned Statement Company Operators	
10:15am-11:00am	Marine Future Fuels on the Path to Decarbonization	
11:15am-11:45am	American Waterways HERO Award Video Presentation 📟	
12:00-1:00pm	Sponsored Lunch on the Tradeshow Floor	
1:30pm-2:15pm	Federal Funding Opportunities and Forecasting for America's Shipyards	
2:30pm-3:15pm	Compliance Pitfalls for Subchapter M TSMS Option Operators 🐠	
3:45pm-4:45pm	D.E.I: The Good, the Bad and the Path Forward ®	
	Evening on your Own	

Friday, May 31		
8:30am-3:00pm	Registration	
9:00am-2:00pm	Exhibits Open	
9:15am-10:00am	State of the Industry	
10:15am-11:00am	Expansion of the Capital Construction Fund Program	
11:15am-12:00pm	Current Trends Facing Ports	
12:30pm-2:00pm	Class of 2024 – 40 Under 40 Awards Lunch and Presentation of the Mike Rushing Legacy Service Award	
2:00pm-8:00pm	Exhibitor Move-Out	





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OPENING PARTY

on the Full Tradeshow Floor





Wednesday, May 29 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Spend your evening with IMX and Maritime Throwdown. Complimentary food, with Nashville flair, and drinks will be available as the MTD Final Competition unfolds at Music City Center.

Maritime Throwdown is the industry's premier line-handling and life-saving skills competition, pushing mariners toward professional excellence and safe operations. IMX attendees will witness fierce competition and learn about the all-new MTD Incentivized Training Program for towing operations, aimed at enhancing safety and developing skills for mariners of all levels, from green deckhands to the wheelhouse.

STATE OF THE **INDUSTRY**

Friday, May 31 9:15 - 10:00 am

Ken Eriksen from Polaris Analytics and Consulting will explore the current state of the barge and towboat fleet, the demand for barge transport, what is driving the commodity outlook, and where the industry is headed in the second half of 2024 and into 2025.



Ken Eriksen Senior Leader and Strategic Advisor in Commodities, Supply Chain, Logistics and Transportation

Polaris Analytics and Consulting

40 UNDER **40 AWARDS**

Class of 2024 - 40 Under 40 Awards Lunch and Presentation of the Mike **Rushing Legacy Service Award**



Friday, May 31 12:30 - 2:00 pm

IMX 2024 concludes with an awards ceremony honoring both young leaders and a person who has already left a mark on the maritime industry. The session will begin with the IMX 40 Under 40 leadership awards, which recognize rising stars in the maritime industry. Whether you're working on a vessel or onshore, in sales or maintenance or construction, in economic development or for a government agency, together you make up an industry that's essential, vibrant and honorable. The 40 Under 40 award is our way of recognizing the young leaders who will shape the industry for years to come. Then, in closing, the Mike Rushing Legacy Award, presented by TVIB, will go to a legend who has already left an impact on the maritime industry.



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EDUCATION SESSIONS

★ THURSDAY, MAY 30 ★

HERO

Opening Keynote Session

Low Water Lessons Learned 10:00 am

Leaders from the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the towboat and barge industry will share lessons learned from recent record-setting low-water seasons, along with how to prepare for future drought conditions.

Marine Future Fuels on the Path to Decarbonization 10:15 am

What fuels are now available to marine operators? What is the pathway to decarbonization, theoretically and practically, in terms of both availability and acceptance by engine manufacturers? This session will answer those questions, while also considering the typical challenges vessel operators and fuel suppliers face for achieving decarbonization goals.

Anthony Odak, Chief Operating Officer, John W. Stone Oil Distributor, LLC

American Waterways HERO Award Video Presentation 11:15 am

AWO's American Waterways Honor & Excellence in Rescue Operations (American Waterways HERO) Award documents and recognizes rescues undertaken by AWO member company employees that demonstrate selflessness, skill and bravery. In this IMX feature, AWO will present a special retrospective video presentation highlighting the completion of the Award's first year and honor the heroism of its recipients.

Kelly Teichman, Chairman of the Board, T&T Marine Salvage, Inc. and Vice Chair, AWO Board of Directors



Federal Funding Opportunities and Forecasting for America's Shipyards 1:30 pm



In this session, Dave Matsuda, director of the Small Shipyard Grant Coalition and former U.S. Maritime Administrator, will discuss federal grant opportunities for shipyards, including best practices for success in the Maritime Administration's Small Shipyard Grant Program. This grant opportunity can provide more than \$1 million toward shipyard modernization projects, including new U.S.-built equipment and worker training programs.

Moderator: Dave Matsuda, Principal, Matsuda & Associates, LLC

Compliance Pitfalls for Subchapter M TSMS Option Operators 2:30 pm



For towing vessel operators, Subchapter M is the rule of the road, but what are some common pitfalls for compliance? In this session, representatives from the Towing Vessel Inspection Bureau (TVIB) will take a closer look at how new crew members and trip pilots can affect compliance. Panelists will also look at the benefits of the annual management review and its connection to internal audits, corrective and preventive action programs (CAPA) and incident investigations. Finally, the panel will discuss how to document periodically taking a vessel out of commercial operations.

Moderator: Tava Foret, President & Co-Founder, Towing Vessel Inspection Bureau

Robert Keister, CDR, USCG (Ret.), Vice President, Sabine Surveyors Ltd. John Hazel, Vice President, Safety, Marquette Transportation Company Jason Soutiere, Regional Director of Operations – North America, ABS

D.E.I: The Good, the Bad and the Path Forward 3:45 pm

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives have taken business and higher education by storm, but many consider DEI a controversial topic. During this session, leaders from WIMOs Association, a nonprofit supporting Women in Maritime Operations, will share their positions on DEI, while also discussing its history, current societal scrutiny and the impact it's having on the maritime industry. Panelists will consider the good and the bad of DEI initiatives and how WIMOs Association is working to pave an agreeable and mutually-beneficial path forward for the industry.

Moderator: Kasey Eckstein, President, Eckstein Trade & Transport and Founder & Executive Director of WIMOs

Taylor Dickerson, Vice President of Project Manager, Kirby and National President of WIMOs

Jenna Gaudet, Executive Vice President, Eckstein Trade & Transport and Co-Founder of WIMOs

Liz Dassouki, Sales, Compass Maritime and Director of Development of

★ FRIDAY, MAY 31 ★

Expansion of the Capital Construction Fund Program 10:15 am

The Maritime Administration's Capital Construction Fund (CCF) was recently amended to make the tax deferral program available to more U.S.-flag vessel owners and operators, in particular those who work on the inland waterways. This session will overview regulatory changes to the program for inland vessel owners and operations, an explanation of the program's tax-deferral provisions, and a description of pending legislative initiatives to extend the program to marine facilities.

Jim Kearns, Special Counsel, Jones Walker LLP Travis Black, Director, Inland Waterways Gateway - St. Louis, Maritime Administration Bill Finnecy, Managing Tax Director, FORVIS

Current Trends Facing Ports 11:15 am

In this session, Aimee Andres, executive director of Inland River, Ports & Terminals Inc. (IRPT), along with colleagues Errin Howard and Tessa Andres, will discuss challenges facing ports and terminals today, including ongoing and planned channel deepening projects, unscheduled lock closures, workforce issues, the impacts of artificial intelligence and cybersecurity threats, and the future of containerized cargos.

Aimee Andres, AMPE, Executive Director, Inland Rivers, Port and Terminals Inc. Tessa Andres, Administrative Assistant, Inland Rivers, Port and Terminals Inc. Errin Howard, Program Director, Inland Rivers, Port and Terminals Inc. -We Work the Waterways





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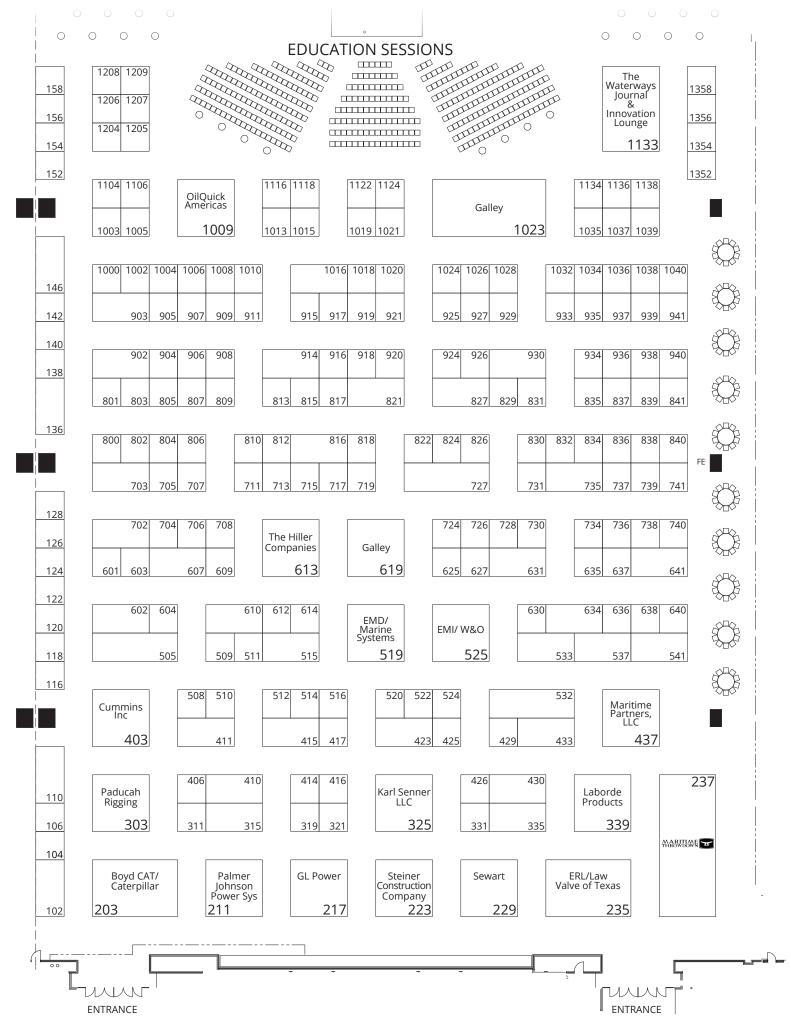
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