



Conference of Professional Operators for Response Towing
39th Conference and Membership Meeting
January 26 – January 28, 2026

Monday, January 26

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	<i>C-PORT Board of Directors Meeting (C-PORT Directors Only)</i>
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	<i>C-PORT Insurance Program Meeting (C-PORT Board of Directors and Insurance Program Partners Only)</i>
10:20 AM – 12:00 PM	<i>US Coast Guard/C-PORT Partnership Meeting (C-PORT Board of Directors, C-PORT USCG Committee Members, and USCG Partners Only)</i>
12:00 PM – 3:30 PM	<i>C-PORT Board of Directors Meeting (C-PORT Directors Only)</i>
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Conference Registration Open!
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	C-PORT Conference Welcome Reception

Tuesday, January 28

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	INDUSTRY VENDOR SHOWCASE OPEN
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast with the Vendors in the Exhibit Area
8:35 AM	Welcome! <i>Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT Chairman Tina Cardone, C-PORT Executive Director</i>
8:50 AM	U.S. Coast Guard - Unity of Command <i>CAPT Mathew Fine, Chief, Office of Shore Forces, USCG CAPT Michael “Mac” McCarthy, Chief, Office of Boat Forces, USCG TBD, Office of Search and Rescue, USCG Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing, invited</i>
10:10 AM – 10:40 AM	Break with our Exhibitors
10:45 AM	C-PORT Reports - Government and Legislative Affairs Team <i>Panel Committee Report Phil LeBlanc – USCG Partnership Terry Hill – NENA/911 Project Tina Cardone – Federal Advocacy David LaMontagne – State Advocacy</i>
11:00 AM	How to Diversify Your Towing Business <i>A Panel Discussion: Keep your assets working</i>
11:45 AM	Notice to Members <i>Presentation of Awards and Prizes Life Jacket preview- Lili Colby, Mustang Survival</i>

Tuesday, January 28, cont.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

C-PORT Luncheon

1:15 PM

C-PORT Reports - Programs and Education Updates

Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT Chairman

Tina Cardone, C-PORT Executive Director

1:30 PM

Keynote Address

Mr. Jeffrey Wheeler

Deputy Chief Office of Boat Forces, USCG (Ret)

Chief Warrant Officer, USCG (Ret)

2:15 PM

Risk Management Guidance - Communication

"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place."– George Bernard Shaw. Using case information, we will delve into the importance of the exchange of information that takes place between you and your customer, before and during the job.

(A certificate of completion will be sent to those successfully completing the course requirements.)

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Break with our Exhibitors

3:50 PM

C-PORT Marine Assistance Company Membership Meeting – Closed

Membership Meeting Call to Order

Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT Chairman

Insurance Partners Program Update

C-PORT Board of Director Elections

Membership Report

C-PORT Notices and Information

Members Open Forum- General Q&A

6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

C-PORT Gala Reception

7:00 PM- 10:00 PM

C-PORT Gala Awards Banquet

Member Anniversary Celebration

AFRAS Lifesaving Award

Wednesday, January 28

Salvage Day!

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

INDUSTRY VENDOR SHOWCASE OPEN

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast with Vendors in Exhibit Area

8:35 AM

Notice to Members - Reflection

C-PORT Chairman

8:45 AM

Legal Perspective

Negligent Salvage - What is it? How to avoid it.

John Fulweiler, Esq., Fulweiler, llc

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM

Break with our Exhibitors

10:15 AM

TBD

11:00 AM

Salvage Demonstration: Join us poolside!

Salvage Techniques – Facilitated by Phil LeBlanc, Safe Sea

Life Jackets and Dual Buoyancy – Lili Colby, Mustang Survival