



Conference of Professional Operators for Response Towing
38th Conference and Membership Meeting
January 27 – January 29, 2025

Monday, January 27

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM <i>Provence 3</i>	C-PORT Board of Directors Meeting (C-PORT Directors Only) <i>Call To Order</i>
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM <i>Provence 3</i>	C-PORT Insurance Program Meeting (C-PORT Board of Directors and Insurance Program Partners Only)
10:20 AM – 12:00 PM <i>Provence 3</i>	US Coast Guard/C-PORT Partnership Meeting (C-PORT Board of Directors, C-PORT USCG Committee Members, and USCG Partners Only)
12:00 PM – 3:30 PM <i>Provence 3</i>	C-PORT Board of Directors Meeting (C-PORT Directors Only) <i>Lunch included</i>
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM <i>Provence Foyer</i>	Conference Registration Open!
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM <i>Provence 1-2</i>	C-PORT Conference Welcome Reception

Tuesday, January 28

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM <i>Normandy 1</i>	INDUSTRY VENDOR EXHIBITS OPEN
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM <i>Normandy 1</i>	Continental Breakfast with the Vendors in the Exhibit Area
8:35 AM <i>Normandy 3</i>	C-PORT: 40 Years in the Making! <i>Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT Chairman</i> <i>Tina Cardone, C-PORT Executive Director</i> Notice to Members - What is MSAP...exactly? <i>Tina Cardone, C-PORT Executive Director</i>
9:00 AM <i>Normandy 3</i>	U.S. Coast Guard - Unity of Command <i>CAPT Todd Behney, Chief, Office of Search and Rescue, USCG</i> <i>CAPT Matt Fine, Chief, Office of Shore Forces, USCG</i> <i>Mr. Jeff Wheeler, Deputy Chief, Office of Boat Forces, USCG</i> <i>LT Justin Dadlani, Commanding Officer, USCG Station Fort Lauderdale</i>
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM <i>Normandy 1</i>	Break with our Exhibitors
10:50 AM <i>Normandy 3</i>	C-PORT Reports - Government and Legislative Affairs Team <i>Panel Committee Report - Tina Cardone, C-PORT Executive Director, Facilitator</i> <i>Phil LeBlanc – USCG Partnership</i> <i>Richard Paul and Jeff Dziedzic – Federal Advocacy</i> <i>David LaMontagne – State Advocacy</i> <i>Terry Hill – NENA/911 Project</i>
11:20 AM <i>Normandy 3</i>	Insurance Corner Who should be Named Insured on company insurance policies? <i>Travelers and Starkweather & Shepley - Invited</i>



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Tuesday, January 28, cont.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Provence 1-2-3

C-PORT Luncheon

1:00 PM

Normandy 3

C-PORT Reports

Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT Chairman

Tina Cardone, C-PORT Executive Director

Membership Report

Presentation of Awards and Prizes

Programs and Education Updates

1:30 PM

Normandy 3

Inflatable Life Jacket Maintenance

Lili Colby, Industry and Non-Profit Relations Specialist, Mustang Survival

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM

Normandy 1

Break with our Exhibitors

2:50 PM

Normandy 3

Operational Risk Management: Core Principles

Presented by USCG Office of Boat Forces

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

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Normandy 3

C-PORT Marine Assistance Company Membership Meeting - Closed

C-PORT Insurance Partners - Program Update

Starkweather & Shepley Insurance

Membership Meeting Call to Order

Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT Chairman

C-PORT Board of Director Elections

C-PORT Notices and Information

Members Open Forum- General Q&A

6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Provence 1-2-3

C-PORT Gala Reception

7:00 PM- 10:00 PM

Provence 1-2-3

C-PORT Gala Awards Banquet

Member Anniversary Celebration

AFRAS Lifesaving Award

CDR Gary M. Thomas, USCG (Ret.),

Vice President, History & Heritage, AFRAS



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Wednesday, January 29

Salvage Day!

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Normandy 1

INDUSTRY VENDOR EXHIBITS OPEN

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Normandy 1

Continental Breakfast with Vendors in Exhibit Area

8:35 AM
Normandy 3

Notice to Members – Salvage Safety
Panel Discussion – Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT Chairman, Facilitator
Terry Hill, Owner, Potomac Marine
Richard Lenardson, Owner, Great Lakes Marine Services

9:00 AM
Normandy 3

Legal Perspective: Negligent Salvage - What is it? How to avoid it.
John Fulweiler, Esq., Fulweiler, llc

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Normandy 1

Break with our Exhibitors

10:35 AM
Normandy 3

Salvage Trailer: Equipment and Set Up
Phil LeBlanc, Co-owner, Safe Sea

11:00 AM
Normandy 3

Lift Bag Workshop
TBD

11:50 AM – 12:00 PM
Normandy 3

Notice to Members - Closing Thoughts
Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT Chairman