



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>Rock Lake</i>	<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 <i>Solar Foyer</i>	Conference Registration Open!
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM <i>Lakeview West</i>	C-PORT Conference Welcome Reception <i>Sponsored by Big Bay Marine Services TowBoatU.S. San Diego</i>

Tuesday, January 27

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM <i>Horizons Salons</i>	INDUSTRY VENDOR SHOWCASE OPEN
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM <i>Horizons Salons</i>	Continental Breakfast with the Vendors in the Exhibit Area <i>Sponsored by Travelers Insurance/Ocean Marine Starkweather & Shepley Insurance Brokerage</i>
8:35 AM <i>Horizons Ballroom</i>	Welcome to the 39th C-PORT Conference! <i>Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT Chairman Tina Cardone, C-PORT Executive Director</i>
	C-PORT Reports - U.S. Coast Guard Partnership
9:10 AM <i>Horizons Ballroom</i>	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</i>
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM <i>Horizons Salons</i>	Break with our Exhibitors <i>Sponsored by Marine Towing & Salvage of SWFL TowBoatU.S. Cape Coral Reynolds Towing & Marine Service TowBoatU.S. Bayshore</i>
10:35 AM <i>Horizons Ballroom</i>	Insurance Corner – Contractual Risk Transfer <i>Panel Presentation by Starkweather & Shepley Insurance Nate Oberg, Commercial Account Executive, Marine Practice Group Sara Mariani, Account Manager, Marine Practice Group Charlie Pugliese, Marine Consultant</i>
11:20 AM <i>Horizons Ballroom</i>	C-PORT Reports - Government and Legislative Affairs Team <i>Panel Committee Report Terry Hill – NENA/911 Project Tina Cardone – Federal Advocacy David LaMontagne – State Advocacy</i>
11:40 AM <i>Horizons Ballroom</i>	Notice to Members <i>Life Jacket preview- Lili Colby, Mustang Survival Presentation of Awards and Prizes Dave Delano Mentor Prize sponsored by the Delano Family</i>

<p>Tuesday, January 27, cont. 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM <i>Lakeview West</i></p>	<p>C-PORT Luncheon <i>Sponsored by</i> Compass Marine Services</p>
<p>1:00 PM <i>Horizons Ballroom</i></p> <p>1:15 PM <i>Horizons Ballroom</i></p> <p>2:00 PM <i>Horizons Ballroom</i> (A certificate of completion will be sent to those successfully completing the course requirements.)</p> <p>3:00 PM – 3:30 PM <i>Horizons Salons</i></p> <p>3:35 PM <i>Horizons Ballroom</i></p> <p>6:00 PM- 10:00 PM <i>Lakeview West- Reception</i> <i>Horizons Ballroom- Dinner</i></p>	<p>C-PORT Reports - Programs and Education Updates <i>Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT Chairman</i> <i>Tina Cardone, C-PORT Executive Director</i></p> <p>Keynote Address <i>Mr. Jeffrey Wheeler, CEO Anchor Business Solutions LLC</i> <i>Deputy Chief Office of Boat Forces, USCG (Ret.)</i> <i>Chief Warrant Officer, USCG (Ret.)</i></p> <p>Risk Management Guidance – Electrical Shock Drowning (ESD) A silent killer caused by faulty boat/dock wiring leaking current into the water. It can paralyze the diver. This session focuses on prevention and managing the risk. <i>Phil LeBlanc, Co-owner, Safe/Sea; NASBLA Certified Instructor</i> <i>Terry Hill, President and Instructor, Marine Emergency Response Group; NASBLA Certified Instructor</i></p> <p>Break with our Exhibitors <i>Sponsored by</i> Miller's Towing & Salvage TowBoatU.S. Sandy Hook</p> <p>C-PORT Marine Assistance Company Membership Meeting – Closed Insurance Partners Program Update C-PORT Board of Director Elections Membership Report C-PORT Notices Members Open Forum- General Q&A</p> <p>C-PORT Reception and Awards Banquet <i>Sponsored by</i> GEICO/BoatU.S. Member Anniversary Celebration John D. Andrews Founder's Award AFRAS Lifesaving Award <i>RADM James C. Olson, USCG (Ret.); AFRAS Board of Directors</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, January 28</p>	<p>Salvage Day!</p>
<p>8:00 AM – 12:00 PM 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM <i>Horizons Salons</i></p> <p>8:35 AM <i>Horizons Ballroom</i></p> <p>9:00 AM <i>Horizons Ballroom</i></p> <p>10:00 AM – 10:30 AM <i>Horizons Salons</i></p> <p>10:35 AM <i>Horizons Ballroom</i></p> <p>11:00 AM <i>Fire Pit Patio/Poolside</i></p>	<p>INDUSTRY VENDOR SHOWCASE OPEN Continental Breakfast with Vendors in Exhibit Area <i>Sponsored by</i> Safe/Sea TowBoatU.S. Narragansett</p> <p>The Importance of Communication- A Case Study The importance of the exchange of information that takes place between you and your customer, before and during the job.</p> <p>A Legal Perspective- Negligent Salvage. What is it? How to avoid it. <i>John Fulweiler, Esq., Fulweiler, llc</i></p> <p>Break with our Exhibitors <i>Sponsored by</i> Biscayne Towing & Salvage TowBoatU.S. Miami</p> <p>Salvage Techniques <i>Facilitated by Phil LeBlanc, Safe Sea</i></p> <p>Salvage Demonstration <i>Salvage Techniques – Facilitated by Phil LeBlanc, Safe Sea</i> <i>Life Jackets and Dual Buoyancy – Lili Colby, Mustang Survival</i></p>