



Conference of Professional Operators for Response Towing  
39<sup>th</sup> 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>	<b>Conference Registration Open!</b>
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM <i>Lakeview West</i>	<b>C-PORT Conference Welcome Reception</b> <i>Sponsored by</i> <b>Big Bay Marine Services TowBoatU.S. San Diego</b>

**Tuesday, January 27**

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

**Tuesday, January 27, cont.****12:00 PM – 1:15 PM***Lakeview West***1:00 PM***Horizons Ballroom***1:15 PM***Horizons Ballroom***2:00 PM***Horizons Ballroom*

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

**3:00 PM – 3:30 PM***Horizons Salons***3:35 PM***Horizons Ballroom***6:00 PM- 10:00 PM***Lakeview West- Reception  
Horizons Ballroom- Dinner***C-PORT Luncheon***Sponsored by**Compass Marine Services***C-PORT Reports - Programs and Education Updates***Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT Chairman**Tina Cardone, C-PORT Executive Director***Keynote Address***Mr. Jeffrey Wheeler, CEO Anchor Business Solutions LLC**Deputy Chief Office of Boat Forces, USCG (Ret.)**Chief Warrant Officer, USCG (Ret.)***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.

*Phil LeBlanc, Co-owner, Safe/Sea; NASBLA Certified Instructor**Terry Hill, President and Instructor, Marine Emergency Response Group;  
NASBLA Certified Instructor***Break with our Exhibitors***Sponsored by**Miller's Towing & Salvage TowBoatU.S. Sandy Hook***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

**C-PORT Reception and Awards Banquet***Sponsored by**GEICO/BoatU.S.*

Member Anniversary Celebration

John D. Andrews Founder's Award

AFRAS Lifesaving Award

*RADM James C. Olson, USCG (Ret.); AFRAS Board of Directors***Wednesday, January 28****Salvage Day!****8:00 AM – 12:00 PM****8:00 AM – 8:30 AM**  
*Horizons Salons***8:35 AM***Horizons Ballroom***9:00 AM***Horizons Ballroom***10:00 AM – 10:30 AM***Horizons Salons***10:35 AM***Horizons Ballroom***11:00 AM***Fire Pit Patio/Poolside***INDUSTRY VENDOR SHOWCASE OPEN****Continental Breakfast with Vendors in Exhibit Area***Sponsored by**Safe/Sea TowBoatU.S. Narragansett***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.

**A Legal Perspective- Negligent Salvage. What is it? How to avoid it.***John Fulweiler, Esq., Fulweiler, llc***Break with our Exhibitors***Sponsored by**Biscayne Towing & Salvage TowBoatU.S. Miami***Salvage Techniques***Facilitated by Phil LeBlanc, Safe Sea***Salvage Demonstration***Salvage Techniques – Facilitated by Phil LeBlanc, Safe Sea**Life Jackets and Dual Buoyancy – Lili Colby, Mustang Survival*