



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

Monday, January 26

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| 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM | C-PORT Board of Directors Meeting (C-PORT Directors Only) |
| 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM | C-PORT Insurance Program Meeting (C-PORT Board of Directors and Insurance Program Partners Only) |
| 10:20 AM – 12:00 PM | 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 | C-PORT Board of Directors Meeting (C-PORT Directors Only) |
| 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | Conference Registration Open! |
| 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM | C-PORT Conference Welcome Reception |

Tuesday, January 28

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| 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</i> <i>Tina Cardone, C-PORT Executive Director</i> |
| 9:00 AM | U.S. Coast Guard - Unity of Command <i>CAPT Mathew Fine, Chief, Office of Shore Forces, USCG</i> <i>CAPT Michael “Mac” McCarthy, Chief, Office of Boat Forces, USCG</i> <i>Office of Search and Rescue, USCG, invited</i> |
| 10:15 AM – 10:45 AM | Break with our Exhibitors |
| 10:50 AM | TBD |
| 11:30 AM | C-PORT Reports - Government and Legislative Affairs Team <i>Panel Committee Report</i> <i>Phil LeBlanc – USCG Partnership</i> <i>Terry Hill – NENA/911 Project</i> <i>Tina Cardone – Federal Advocacy</i> <i>David LaMontagne – State Advocacy</i> |

Tuesday, January 28, cont.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

C-PORT Luncheon

1:00 PM

C-PORT Reports

Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT Chairman

Tina Cardone, C-PORT Executive Director

Programs and Education Updates

Presentation of Awards and Prizes

Life Jacket preview

1:30 PM

Keynote Address

Mr. Jeff Wheeler

Deputy Chief Office of Boat Forces, USCG (Ret)

Chief Warrant Officer, USCG (Ret)

2:00 PM

Risk Management Guidance

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

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Break with our Exhibitors

3:35 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 – Salvage Safety

9:00 AM

Legal Perspective

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

John Fulweiler, Esq., Fulweiler, llc

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Break with our Exhibitors

10:35 AM

Notice to Members - Reflection

C-PORT Chairman

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

In-Water Salvage Demonstration!

Pool

Life Jackets and Neutral Buoyancy – Lili Colby, Mustang Survival

Salvage Techniques – Facilitated by Phil LeBlanc, Safe Sea