



Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate at The International Maritime Center
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An Invigorating Morning of Networking, Sumptuous Food, Music, and Informative Discussion

WORLD MARITIME DAY MARITIME BUSINESS CONNECTIONS BREAKFAST



NAVIGATING
THE FUTURE:
SAFETY FIRST!

Thursday, September 26, 2024
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

International Maritime Center
Berth 40 Port of Oakland
4001 7th Street Oakland CA 94607

A Maritime Business Connections Gathering

CELEBRATE WORLD MARITIME DAY AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE 50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION OF 1974 SOLAS CONVENTION. Established by the United Nations in 1978, World Maritime Day is meant to raise awareness about the important and vital contribution of the shipping industry to the world. The 2024 World Maritime Day theme – is **Navigating the Future: Safety First.** SOLAS - **The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea** is the key international maritime treaty regulating maritime safety with standards in the construction, equipment, and operation of merchant ships.

LEARN AND DISCUSS A panel of maritime experts including U. S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Andrew Sugimoto and Brian Brandes, Port of Oakland will discuss **Seafarer Welfare, Maritime Business and Public Safety in a Time of Climate Change, Rising Seas and Decarbonization.** Stas Margaronis, West Coast Ports Correspondence at the American Journal of Transportation will moderate the panel.

SUPPORT SEAFARERS who are at the crux of maritime. Hear more about the essential role of maritime welfare organizations, like SMGG-at-the-IMC, and their *Full Speed Ahead Agenda for Seafarers Welfare and Maritime Promotion.* Life at sea is hard, risky, and stressful. Many seafarers regularly complete long-term voyages isolated from friends, family and loved ones for up to nine months at a time. We owe them a lot. Maritime Welfare Organizations help give them what they deserve.

PLEASE RSVP AT WWW.SMGG.ORG/NEWS-EVENTS BY SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

HOST COMMITTEE: **Bob Butchart**, - California Office of Emergency Services, Maritime; **MeeSun Boice**, - Cofounder/Partner, Mersea and Hurrica Restaurants; **Dr. Colin Dewey**, California State University Maritime Academy; **Stanley Hebert, III** – Vice President, Carol H. Williams Advertising; **Capt. Anne McIntyre** – Business Director, San Francisco Bar Pilots; **Christopher Mourgos**, West Coast Regional Manager, Norton Lilly International; **Richard Ozer, CEO**, Office Information Systems, Inc; **Amy Tharpe**, Director of Social Responsibility, Port of Oakland

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