2015 NWWWS
National Working Waterfronts & Waterways Symposium

November 16-19, 2015
Tampa, FL USA
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About 2015 NWWWS

The National Working Waterfronts & Waterways Symposium is the crown jewel of the National Working Waterfront Network. People from across the United States attend the symposium to connect with one another and showcase (and initiate) innovative solutions to their waterfront issues. The ultimate goal of the symposium, and the Network, is to increase the capacity of saltwater- and freshwater-based coastal communities and stakeholders to make informed decisions, balance diverse uses, ensure access, and plan for the future of their working waterfronts. Working waterfronts include waterfront lands, waterfront infrastructure, and waterways that are used for water-dependent activities, such as ports, marinas, small recreational boat harbors, fishing docks and hundreds of other places across the country where people use and access the water.

By design, the triennial symposium moves around the country to highlight the diversity of our nation’s working waterfronts, to foster a cross-fertilization of ideas, knowledge and solutions, and to generate strategic partnerships. The 1st symposium was held in Virginia, the 2nd in Maine, and the 3rd in Washington State. The 4th symposium will shine a light on Gulf Coast communities and their waterfrotns. The Gulf region comprises five (1/6th) of the thirty U.S. coastal (and Great Lakes) states, yet accounts for about 24% of ocean-related jobs, 29% of ocean-related wages, and 35% of the nation’s ocean-related Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Florida Sea Grant, the National Sea Grant Law Center, and the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium are sponsoring the 4th National Symposium. We are pleased to announce that the symposium will also incorporate the third edition of Florida’s reoccurring state conference: Stem to Stern: Boating and Waterway Management in Florida.

We hope that you will add your voice to those of your working waterfront colleagues by attending the 4th National Working Waterfronts & Waterways Symposium scheduled for November 16-19, 2015 in Tampa, Florida.

About Stem to Stern

From Stem to Stern is a statewide conference that is organized every two to three years in the state of Florida. Its primary goal is to provide an opportunity for planners, resource managers, waterway users, marina operators, industry representatives, harbor masters, city managers, elected officials, law enforcement, policymakers, attorneys, consultants, educators, and researchers to learn and discuss boating and waterways issues, and to network with colleagues in the area.

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About NWWN
The National Working Waterfront Network (NWWN) is a nationwide network of businesses, industry associations, nonprofits, local governments and communities, state and federal agencies, universities, Sea Grant programs, and individuals dedicated to supporting, preserving, and enhancing our nation’s working waterfronts and waterways. Participation in the NWWN is open to all individuals and organizations involved in working waterfront issues at the federal, state, and local level. Our mission is to increase the capacity of coastal communities and stakeholders to make informed decisions, balance diverse uses, ensure access, and plan for the future of their working waterfronts and waterways.

Purpose of Symposium
- To connect and unite stakeholders from across the U.S., and to showcase (and initiate) innovative, successful, and timely solutions to waterfront and waterway issues
- To provide attendees an opportunity to network with others who are involved in the same types of professional issues and, together, develop strategies, timelines, funding sources, and regional alliances to address them.

Program Structure
The 2015 Symposium will utilize several presentation formats to create an educational and interactive forum where emerging ideas, best practices, and information may be shared.

The conference will be comprised of:
- Plenary Sessions, which will feature leaders and keynote presenters from the working waterfronts and waterways community.
- Traditional Concurrent Sessions, which will be comprised of 20 minute speaker talks accompanied by PowerPoint Presentations. Concurrent sessions will either be pre-organized from submitted proposals, or arranged from individual abstracts submitted on similar topics.
- Formal Poster Session, which will feature all NWWWS poster presentations.
- Strategic Planning Meeting, which will take advantage of our time together to collaborate and develop strategic plans for the working waterfronts and waterways community moving forward.
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Symposium Topics

Presentations selected for the 4th National Working Waterfronts & Waterways Symposium will be those that serve to increase the capacity of coastal communities and stakeholders to make informed decisions about the future of their working waterfronts and waterways. The presentations will inform private and public decision-makers, waterfront land owners and users, communities, businesses, local and state governments, and others seeking to preserve and enhance the commercial, recreational, and ecological value of working waterfronts and waterways. With the authors’ permission, the best examples will be incorporated into the online Sustainable Working Waterfronts Toolkit to live on as models for others.

We anticipate that symposium presentations will address a range of issues and topics. Examples from previous symposia include the following:

Accessing Capital                      Derelict vessels                      Maritime Heritage
Aids to Navigation                    Disaster Preparedness                 Maritime Industry
Anchoring                              Disaster Response                      Mooring Fields
Aquaculture                            Dredge Material Management          Ocean Energy
Artificial Reefs                       Economic Development                 Permitting Process
Boat Building & Shipyards              Education & Outreach                 Planning
Boating Access                         Emergency Planning                   Ports & Harbors
Boating Economics                     Engineering & Design                 Public Waterway Access
Boating Safety                         Environmental Impacts               Recreational Boating
Climate Change Adaptation             Habitats (e.g., seagrass)             Recreational Waterfront Uses
Coalition Building                     Historic Preservation                Resilience
Coastal Hazards                        Land Use                              Resource Management
Coastal Tourism                        Marinas                              Resource Protection
Commercial Access                      Marine Debris                         Tourism
Commercial Fishing                     Marine Spatial Planning               Waterfront Development
Community Development                  Marine Trades                         Waterway Maintenance
Data & Technology                      Maritime Culture

Examples of tools and approaches presented at previous symposia include the following:

Advocacy & Lobbying                    Land Acquisition                      Policy & Regulation
Best Management Practices             Land Conservation                      Preservation Strategies
Building Markets                      Land Transfer                         Private Agreements
Case Studies                          Land Use Policy                       Public / Private Investment
Coalition Building                    Legislative Initiatives                Public Participation
Community Fishing Associations        Mapping                              Research Studies
Community/Stakeholder Engagement     Mapping & Visualization               Storytelling
Conflict Resolution                   Marine Planning                       Taxation policy
Economic Analyses                     Mixed Uses                            Technical Assistance
Economic Development Zones            Networking                            Telling Success Stories
Education / Outreach                  Non-Regulatory Approaches            Vision and Value Statements
Financing                              Oral Histories                        Waterfront Festivals
Incentives                             Partnerships                          Waterfront Revitalization
Inventories                           Permit Banking                        Zoning
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Benefits of Participating

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- Cultivate and strengthen industry relationships
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- Showcase your organization to governmental, private, non-profit and contracting organizations
- Increase brand awareness within niche community
- Enhance your prominence as a community leader

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Benefits of Attending
Being in the company of people who share similar passions is invigorating: particularly when they include knowledgeable and solution-oriented individuals. Being in the company of hundreds of such like-minded souls can be downright transformative! This describes the atmosphere when people gather during a National Working Waterfronts & Waterways Symposium.

Symposia attendees are dedicated champions of local working waterfronts and they come from throughout the U.S. (and elsewhere) to share ideas and solutions and to learn about new approaches. They come because waterfront communities, whether rural, urban, recreational, commercial or industrialized, have been subject to economic, technological, ecological, and demographic changes that challenge their continued existence or development.

Attendees attend the 4th National Working Waterfronts & Waterways Symposium:
- To listen to, learn from, and interact with people from around the country who represent a diversity of working waterfronts, both small and large.
- To learn about local, state and national level initiatives, management approaches and tools to address issues of water access and water dependent industries.
- To help build on a national dialog that grew out of the three previous symposia and has resulted in a National Working Waterfront Network and a Sustainable Working Waterfront Toolkit.
- To help define future research, outreach, education and policy needs for working waterfronts.
- To learn how other communities and industries are resolving their problems.
- To take advantage of ample networking opportunities, including breaks, meal times, ice-breaker and reception.
Who Attends NWWWS?

NWWWS attendees are as versatile as the waterways and waterfronts they work with. Past symposiums have united attendees from 32 U.S. states, 5 countries, and 330 organizations to showcase and initiate innovative, successful, and timely solutions to waterfront and waterway issues. This versatility will allow the 2015 Symposium to provide its attendee base with unique opportunities to network with others who are involved in the same types of professional issues so they can collaboratively develop strategies, timelines, funding sources, and regional alliances to address them.

The 2015 Symposium’s target audience includes planners, managers, attorneys, policy makers, elected/appointed officials, waterway and waterfront advocates, users and developers, property and business owners, researchers and students, and others from the following entities:

- Federal, tribal, state, county and municipal governments
- Navigation districts and port authorities
- Citizen marine advisory committees and harbor boards
- Local, regional, state, tribal and federal government organizations
- Environmental and maritime consultancies
- Marine, boating, fishing, aquaculture and tourism industries
- Coastal and marine oriented non-profit organizations
- Educational organizations

Symposia attendees stem from a wide range of backgrounds and affiliations which can be broken down into the following categories:

- 7% Business/Industry
- 7% Consulting/Engineering/Legal Firm
- 3% Harbor/Port/Navigation/Authority/District
- 10% Industry/User Group Association
- 30% Municipal/County/State/Federal Agency
- 5% Municipal/County/State/Federal Government
- 6% NGO/Non-Profit
- 23% Sea Grant
- 9% University/Research/Education
What Past Attendees Have Said About NWWWS

"It really was an excellent symposium: very well organized, excellent attendees and speakers. Congratulations on a job well done.

"I was pleased with the content, organization, and networking opportunities. I'll look forward to attending another one!"

"Very well-run program. Very impressed with attention to details."

"Excellent organization for event - everything went smoothly and it was clear there was a strong commitment from the organizing committees to do this right."

"I think all the organizers of the 2013 symposium did a really great job putting it together and helping it to run so smoothly."

"I just wanted to thank you for a great conference last week. I thought it was very organized and ran very smoothly. You did a great job. I received a lot of questions and positive feedback regarding our agency so I’m glad I was able to attend and participate. I’m looking forward to the next conference."

"I just wanted to compliment you all on your successful conference. It was an honor to be a part of the panel for this conference. Out of my entire career with the Corps I have never attended such a well-organized, informative and diverse conference. Well done. Thank you."

"First, I want to congratulate you and the entire team who created this symposium. It was well-run, informative and very pleasant."
Attendee Organizations

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