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

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

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

Benefits of Sponsorship
- Cultivate and strengthen industry relationships
- Interact with key decision makers
- Reinforce your continued commitment to ecosystem restoration
- Showcase your organization to governmental, private, non-profit and contracting organizations
- Increase brand awareness within niche community
- Enhance your prominence as a community leader

Please note: Sponsorships will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis and upon receipt of payment. Payment must be received by October 12, 2015 to be recognized in print.

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 waterways.
- 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?
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

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

Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission
AECOM
Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association
Alaska Marine Conservation Council
Alaska Sea Grant
American Gold Seafoods
American Underwater Contractors, Inc.
American Watercraft Association
Anchor QEA
Andrew Willner, Inc.
Art Anderson Associates
Association of Marina Industries
Atkins North America
Auburn University Marine Center
Baker Design Consultants
Bay County Board of Commissioners
Berger Partnership
Blake Boatworks
Boat Owners Association of the United States
Boat U.S.
Bornstein Seafoods, Inc.
Brevard County
Broward County Marine Advisory Committee
Bryant Christie, Inc.
CA Maritime Infrastructure Authority
California Sea Grant
Cascadia Consulting Group
Center for Urban Waters, University of Washington
Center of Excellence for Global Trade & Supply Chain Mgmt.
Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program
Charter Boat Captains Association, MS
Citizens for Florida Waterways
Citrus County BOCC - Aquatic Services
City of Aberdeen, WA
City of Ashland
City of Clearwater, FL
City of Cocoa, FL
City of Crystal River, FL
City of Dania Beach, FL
City of Duluth, MN
City of Everett, WA
City of Fort Lauderdale, FL
City of Fort Pierce, FL
City of Gig Harbor, WA
City of Gloucester, MA
City of Holly Hill, FL
City of Jacksonville, FL
City of Madeira Beach, FL
City of Marathon, FL
City of Milton, FL
City of Monterey, CA
City of Morro Bay, CA
City of Mukilteo, WA
City of Naples, FL
City of Newport, OR
City of Pacific, WA
City of Port Angeles, WA
City of Port Townsend, WA
City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, OR
City of Portland, Maine
City of Portland, Oregon
City of Tacoma, WA
City of Titusville, FL
City of Vero Beach, FL
CMar Consulting, LLC
Coastal Engineering Consultants, Inc.
Coastal Enterprises, Inc.
Coastal Resources Center, RI
Coastal Systems International
Coastal Technology Corporation
Collier County Government
Collins Woerman
Confluence Environmental Company
Congresswoman Pingree
Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
Connecticut Sea Grant
Dan Hellin Consulting
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
Debate Solutions LLC
Delaware Sea Grant
Department of Ecology
Department of Fisheries
Department of Health
Department of Natural Resources
E.J. Pontiff Real Estate
E.J. Prescott Inc.
Economic Development Administration
Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County
Ecotrust
Ellen Johnck Consulting
Environmental Planning & Design, LLC
Escambia County BCC
Evergreen State College - Shellfish Club
F/V Pescadero
Farm Credit of Maine
FDA Pacific Region
Fernandina Harbor Marina
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Florida Inland Navigation District
Florida Keys National Sanctuary - Advisory Council
Florida Ports Council - Public Affairs
Florida Sea Grant
Floyd Snider
Foss Waterway Management
FWC - Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
GeoEngineers, Inc.
Georgia Strait Alliance
Gerald M Ward, P.E.
Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority
Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Greenberg Traurig
Gulf of Maine Research Institute
Hart Crowser, Inc.
Hawaii Sea Grant
Hopping Green & Sams
House Chair-Marine Resources Committee, ME
Humboldt Bay Harbor District
Humboldt State University
Icicle Seafoods, Inc.
Integra Realty Resources-Miami
Island Institute
J.A. Brennan Associates, PLLC
Jacksonville Marine Association
Jacksonville Marine Transportation Exchange
Jeju Sea Grant Center
Kinder Morgan
KPFF Consulting Engineers
Landing Studio
Lauderdale Marine Center
Law Office of Andrew Dickman, P.A.
Lisa Wise Consulting, Inc.
Loggerhead Marina
Louisiana Sea Grant
Lower Colorado River Authority
LSU AgCenter
Maine Aquaculture Association
Maine Coastal Planning Office
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Maine Department of Transportation
Maine Revenue Services
Maine Sea Grant
Maine Working Waterfront Coalition
MAKERS
Manatee County - Attorney’s Office
Manatee County - Natural Resources Department
Manatee County - Sheriff’s Office
Marine Industries Association of Collier County
Marine Industries Association of Florida
Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County
Marine Max
Marshfield Police Department
Martin County - Utilities & Solid Waste
Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Boating Services
Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Chesapeake & Coastal Service
Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management
Miami-Dade County - Dept. of Environmental Resources Mgmt.
Michael P. Haymans Attorney at Law, P.A.
Michigan Sea Grant
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
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- San Diego Fishermen’s Working Group
- San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission
- San Mateo County Harbor District
- Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation
- Sarasota County
- Scheda Ecological Associates, Inc.
- Scituate Harbormaster, MA
- Sebastian Inlet District
- Seder Architecture + Urban Design
- SF Marina Systems USA
- Simon Fraser University
- Sound Experience - Adventuress
- SoundEarth Strategies, Inc.
- South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium
- Squaxin Island Tribe
- St. Petersburg Municipal Marina
- St. Thomas University School of Law
- Sunrise Marina - Grills Riverside
- Surfrider Foundation
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Tampa Port Authority
- Tampa Yacht & Country Club
- Taylor County
- Taylor Shellfish Farms
- Technomarine USA
- Texas Sea Grant
- The Baldwin Group, Inc.
- The Center for Wooden Boats
- The Evergreen State College
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Russell Family Foundation
- The Times-Picayune
- The Trust for Public Land
- Tridec Technologies, LCC
- Trinidad Rancheria
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Economic Development Administration
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree, ME
- University of Florida
- University of Florida Extension
- University of Maine
- University of Maine Cooperative Extension
- University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Southern California
- University of Southern Maine
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin Sea Grant
- Urban Harbors Institute UMass Boston
- Urban Realty Solutions
- US Sailing
- USDOC-Economic Development Administration
- UW Program on the Environment
- UW School of Marine and Environmental Affairs
- UW Tacoma
- Van Ness Feldman GordonDerr
- Venice Police Department
- Vigor Industrial
- Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program
- Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
- Virginia Institute of Marine Science
- Virginia Sea Grant
- Virginia Sea Grant Marine Extension
- Voices from the Fisheries Project
- Volusia County - Environmental Management
- Washington Department of Commerce
- Washington Department of Ecology - SEA Program
- Washington Sea Grant
- Washington State Department of Ecology
- Washington State Department of Natural Resources
- Washington State Parks
- Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve
- West Coast Ecosystem-Based Management Network
- Westbay Marina Associates
- Western Michigan University
- Western Regional Aquaculture Center
- Whiticar Boat Works, Inc.
- Wisconsin Sea Grant
- Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County
- York Harbor Board