



# GREAT LAKES MARITIME TASK FORCE

## 2015 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

11:00 a.m., November 12, 2015, National Museum of the Great Lakes  
1701 Front Street, Toledo, Ohio 43605

Working lunch served at 12:30.

Dress: Business Casual

### SESSION I AGENDA - ISSUES

ITEM	PRESENTER(S)
1) <b><u>Ballast Water</u></b> Review developments at Federal and state level, status of Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (S. 373), and potential for Canada to propose ballast water regulations that include a transit standard.	Jim Weakley
2) <b><u>Dredging Crisis</u></b> Review Corps dredging program in 2015 and discuss continuing efforts to ensure 1) funding is increased per WRRDA14; and 2) that Lakes get their fair share of increased funding.	Marie Strum, USACE Mike O'Bryan, USACE Jim Weakley
3) <b><u>Forecast of 2015/2016 Ice Season</u></b> U.S. Coast Guard to recap last winter and review plans to meet needs of commerce during 2015/2016 ice season. Also update on Service Life Extension Program for 140-foot-long icebreaking tugs.	CDR Maffia LCDR Kingsley Ninth District USCG
4) <b><u>Icebreaking Resources</u></b> Discuss efforts to build a second U.S. heavy icebreaker for the Lakes and update on efforts to bolster Canadian icebreaking resources.	Jim Weakley
5) <b><u>Second Poe-Sized Lock</u></b> Discuss ongoing efforts to get benefit/cost ratio re-evaluated and review impacts of 20-day closure of MacArthur Lock this summer. View video on need for lock produced by Int'l Assoc. of Machinists & Aerospace Workers.	Jim Weakley Tom Rayburn (LCA) Ed Kuss (IAMAW)
6) <b><u>Proposed Marine Sanctuaries on Lakes Michigan and Erie</u></b> NOAA has officially proposed that 875 square miles of Lake Michigan off Port Washington, Sheboygan and Manitowoc be designated a marine sanctuary. Efforts are also underway to designate the waters off Erie, Pennsylvania a marine sanctuary.	Tom Rayburn
7) <b><u>Governors' Maritime Transportation System Strategy</u></b> The Great Lakes governors and premiers have created a maritime strategy to enable the system to meet 21 <sup>st</sup> century needs and capitalize on 21 <sup>st</sup> century opportunities.	Steve Fisher
8) <b><u>Great Lakes Seaway Partnership</u></b> The Great Lakes Seaway Partnership has been founded to enhance public understanding of and appreciation for the benefits of commercial shipping on the Inland Seas.	Steve Fisher
9) <b><u>Construction of Feeder/Short Sea Vessels for U.S. coastal trade</u></b> Green Shipping Line is partnering with GLMTF member Moran Iron Works to build Jones Act qualified vessels and one of the proposed trades is between Monroe, Michigan, Cleveland, and Port Colborne, Ontario.	Kirsten Daniels
10) <b><u>Funding Current Meter in Cuyahoga River</u></b> The current meter in the Cuyahoga River is approaching the end of its useful life. LCA, Fettes Shipping and Canadian Shipowners Association are considering funding its upkeep going forward. Other current meters are also aging. Current meters tell the ship's Captain how fast the current is running in a waterway, knowledge that is critical to a safe passage.	Tom Rayburn

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### **SESSION II AGENDA TASK FORCE BUSINESS**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PRESENTER(S)</b>
1) <b><u>Review of 2016 Policy Statement and Position Papers</u></b>	Glen Nekvasil
2) <b><u>Financial Reports</u></b> a) Recap of Projected 2015 Expenses b) Review Proposed Budget for 2016 c) Approve 2016 Budget and Dues	Glen Nekvasil Katie Gumeny
3) <b><u>2016 Great Lakes Legislator of the Year Award</u></b> a) Discuss and select Legislator of the Year.	Jim Weakley
4) <b><u>Election of Officers for 2016</u></b> Nominated are: President – Tom Curelli, Fraser Shipyards 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President – Brian Krus, American Maritime Officers 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Jim Weakley, LCA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President – John Baker, ILA Secretary/Treasurer – Glen Nekvasil	Glen Nekvasil
5) <b><u>Other Business</u></b>	