

AGENDA



APP'S 111TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

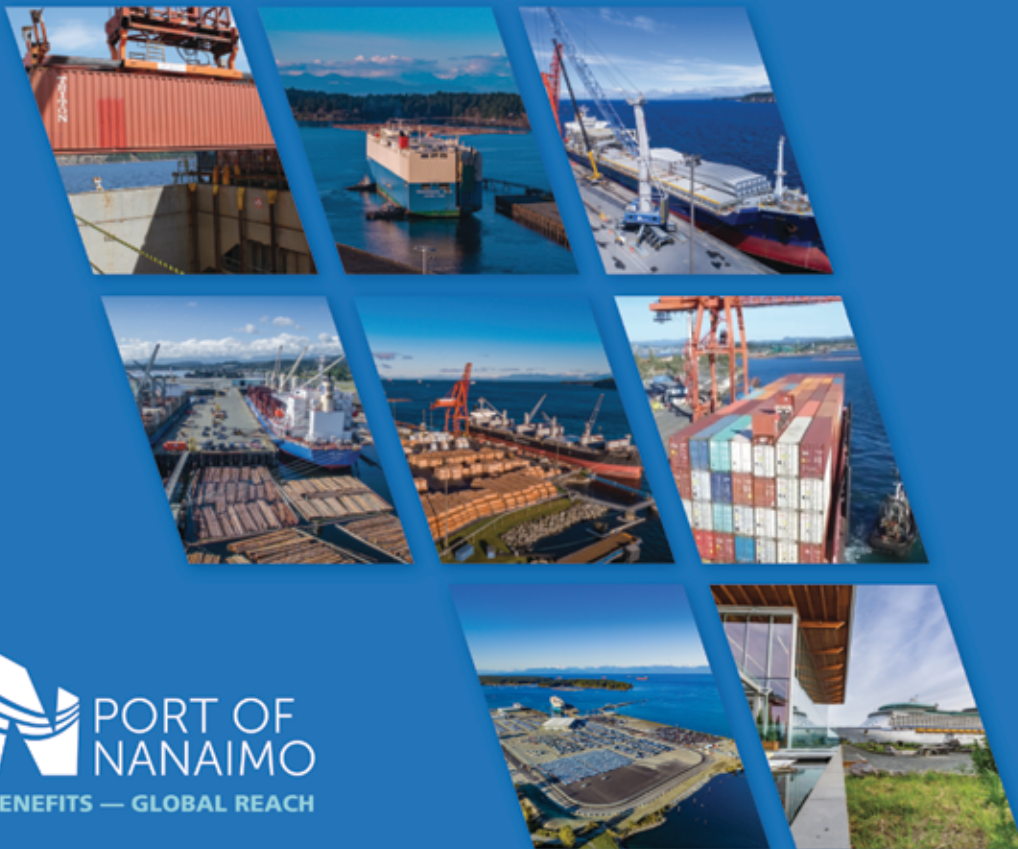
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Welcome to the APP's 111th Annual Conference

As president of the Association of Pacific Ports (APP), it is both a pleasure and an honour to welcome you to our 111th annual conference. I am also pleased to welcome you to Nanaimo, B.C., in my role as president and CEO of the Port of Nanaimo.

This year's agenda reflects key priorities of the association.

Our plenary sessions are designed to encourage meaningful discussions. These sessions offer a platform to hear from our peers, reflect on experiences, and participate in conversations, particularly during the Port Updates.

In keeping with the APP's focus on building relationships, the program includes several networking opportunities. These events — including Monday night's traditional salmon bake and Tuesday's dinner cruise — provide an informal way to connect. We look forward to hosting you in our beautiful community.

A highlight for me is Tuesday's focus on the Port of Nanaimo's local and regional partnerships. Our team has invested considerable effort in bringing together trusted colleagues and subject matter experts to explore best practices in what our Port does best: community engagement, supply chain diversification, workforce development and collaboration — insights that are relevant to ports of all sizes.

One of the exciting events for the Port of Nanaimo this week will be the signing of a Sister Port Agreement with the Port of Kaohsiung, part of the Taiwan International Ports Corporation. This agreement affirms our shared commitment to capacity building and mutual prosperity, and includes collaboration in port planning, infrastructure, safety, cybersecurity, and other key operational areas.

At its core, the APP is about sharing knowledge and building long-lasting relationships. I encourage you to take full advantage of your time here.

Finally, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been an honour. I look forward to supporting our incoming president, Conchita Taitano of the Port Authority of Guam.



*Ian Marr, President, APP /
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COMPANION PROGRAM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

6:00 to 8:00 pm

Welcome Reception: Coast Bastion Hotel (Malaspina Room)

Sponsored by Xanatos Marine and Nanaimo Prosperity Corporation

Kicking off the APP's 111th Annual Conference, your first opportunity to meet new acquaintances, catch up with friends, and enjoy the view of Nanaimo Harbour with refreshments and appetizers.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00 to 9:00 am

Breakfast (Vancouver Island Conference Centre — Mt. Benson Ballroom A/B)

Sponsored by BC Coast Pilots with support from Vector Corrosion Technologies and Don Young Port of Alaska

9:00 am — Pick up from Vancouver Island Conference Centre

#1: Malahat Skywalk

The ultimate Island experience where explorers of all ages can enjoy breathtaking views and adventure, high among the trees and surrounded by the sea.

#2: Lunch at Unsworth Vineyards

#3: Guided Tour back to Nanaimo

Returned to hotels by 2:30 pm.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00 to 9:00 am

Breakfast (Vancouver Island Conference Centre — Mt. Benson Ballroom A/B)

Sponsored by Port of Umatilla with support from Global Container Terminals

9:00 am — Pick up from Vancouver Island Conference Centre

#1: Cathedral Grove Provincial Park

Visitors can stroll through a network of trails under the shadow of towering ancient Douglas fir trees, majestic pillars untouched by the modern world, some more than 800 years old.

#2: Coombs' Village Market

A landmark of Coombs, with gifts, groceries, great food, and goats...!

#3: Lunch at Coomb's Italian Restaurant

#4: Tour back to Nanaimo

Returned to hotels by 2:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00 to 9:00 am

Breakfast (Vancouver Island Conference Centre — Mt. Benson Ballroom A/B)

Sponsored by Port of Stockton

9:00 am — Pick up from Vancouver Island Conference Centre

#1: Yellow Point Cranberry Farm

A tour of the 43-acre family run farm, including a visit to the farm kitchen, and tasting room where guests can sample some of the 30 different cranberry products that are produced on site.

#2: Nanaimo's Downtown Arts District

A creative playground where independent spirits, trailblazers, and nonconformists come to create, challenge, and inspire!

#3: Lunch at Crow & Gate Pub

Returned to hotels by 1:00 pm.

The graphic features the Xanatos Marine logo at the top, followed by the text 'MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS SOLUTIONS' and a subtitle 'IMPROVING THE SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE MOVEMENT OF VESSELS THROUGH A MODERN, MULTI-SENSOR INTEGRATED SYSTEM.' Below this is a large circular diagram with a central image of a person at a computer monitor. Five smaller circular images are connected to the center by lines, each representing a different solution: 'TITAN SENTINEL' (described as a comprehensive VTMS solution with AI integrated surveillance and anomaly detection), 'AIS MONITORING', 'COASTAL SURVEILLANCE', 'PMIS' (Port Management Information System), and 'SENSOR SYSTEM'. At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with the text 'marketing@xanatosmarine.com' and 'www.xanatosmarine.com', and a tagline 'ACCELERATING PORT DIGITALIZATION THROUGH INNOVATION'.

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AGENDA SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

10:00 am to Noon APP Executive Committee Meeting

(Douglas Rispin Room)

Association business for the APP Executive Committee.

1:00 to 4:00 pm Registration (Located in the Newcastle Island lobby)

1:30 to 5:00 pm Golf: Nanaimo Golf Club

Sponsored by SSA Marine, Wylie-Crump Ltd. and Nanaimo Airport Commission

A spectacular 18-hole semi-private course, with full practice facilities and Pro Shop. At 6,700 yards from its championship tees, the course is a test for low handicap golfers to produce long, straight drives to reach the greens in regulation. At the same time, the five other sets of tees on each hole allow middle and high handicap players to find a level of play suited to their game.

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7:00 to 9:00 am

Breakfast (Vancouver Island Conference Centre — Mt. Benson Ballroom A/B)

Sponsored by BC Coast Pilots with support from Vector Corrosion Technologies and Don Young Port of Alaska

7:30 am to 3:30 pm

Registration desk (Located in the Newcastle Island lobby)

8:30 to 8:45 am

Welcome Remarks (Mt. Benson Ballroom C)

Ian Marr, APP President and President, Port of Nanaimo will call the conference to order. We are honoured to have Elder Sandra Good from the Snuneymuxw First Nation offer a blessing which will be followed by remarks from Deputy Minister of Transport Canada Arun Thangaraj, BC Parliamentary Secretary George Anderson, and Nanaimo Mayor Leonard Krog.

8:45 to 9:00 am

Sister Port Agreement Signing Ceremony

Join us in celebrating the Sister Port Agreement between the Nanaimo Port Authority and the Port of Kaohsiung. The agreement reaffirms the desire of both ports to collaborate on best practices.

9:00 to 9:30 am

Keynote Speaker: Maksim Mihic, DP World

DP World's Maksim Mihic, Global Executive Vice President, Operations and Engineering, explores the advancement of operational standards in today's modern terminal. From decarbonization to digitalization and the impact of AI, Mihic highlights the efficiencies and sustainable practices that can be achieved to create some of the world's most advanced terminals.

9:30 to 10:30 am

Terminals: Innovations and Efficiencies

Moderated by Joe Carrillo, SSA Marine

Panelists: Stephanie Snider, Trans Mountain

Abigail Struxness, SSA Marine

Joel Werner, DP World Canada

This panel, representing cruise and break bulk, container, and liquid bulk terminals, will highlight best practices in terminal operations to achieve greater efficiencies and sustainability.



10:30 to 10:50 am

Refreshment Break

Sponsored by Herold Engineering with support from BC Maritime Employers Association

10:50 am to Noon

Port Updates

The tradition continues! This session is continually given the highest marks from attendees as port representatives provide updates within their jurisdictions. Learn about major projects, business trends, and issues faced.

Noon to 1:00 pm

Luncheon (Mt. Benson Ballroom A/B)

Sponsored by Port of Long Beach with support from the Chamber of Shipping and Shey-Harding Executive Search

1:00 to 1:30 pm

Port Updates Continued

Continuation of the morning session.

1:30 to 2:15 pm

Developing a Vibrant Cruise Industry

Moderated by Jamie Marshall, Colliers Project Leaders

Panelists:

Kimberly Kelly, Port of Nanaimo

Jo Lin, Taiwan International Ports

Donna Spalding, Cruise Lines

International Association

Focusing on what it takes to build a successful cruise industry, representatives from top cruise destinations as well as the cruise lines themselves, discuss trends and issues plus their own experiences in developing their sector.

2:15 to 2:30 pm

Refreshment Break

Sponsored by Lawson Lundell LLP with support from P2S Inc.

2:30 to 3:30 pm

Commercial Shipping on the West Coast

Moderated by Jamie Marshall, Colliers Project Leaders

Panelists: Bonnie Gee, Chamber of Shipping and Mike Jacob, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Two of the leading marine-policy advocacy organizations on the West Coast of North America join together to highlight commonalities, differences, issues and opportunities for the interface between port, marine terminals and shippers.

3:30 to 4:00 pm

Electrification and Shore Power for the Ferry Industry

Mike Corrigan, Interferry

As the voice of the worldwide ferry industry, Corrigan describes the trends and new technologies related to electrification and onshore power development as well as other sustainability practices — all playing a role in ports' efforts to reach zero emissions.

5:00 to 8:00 pm

Saysutshun Salmon Bake

Sponsored by Trans Mountain and DP World with support from Sii Tech Inc. and GRT Regenerock

O si:em siye'yu, nuw'ilum (Honoured friends, welcome) to Saysutshun (Newcastle Island) Marine Provincial Park. Known as Saysutshun by the Snuneymuxw, this family friendly park is accessible only by foot passenger ferry or boat. With breathtaking views of the Coastal Mountains and the Harbour City, the island offers a unique natural, historical and cultural experience for visitors.

Walking to the Saysutshun Island Ferry...



From the Vancouver Island Conference Centre (101 Gordon Street) and the Marriott Courtyard — 700 metres / just over half a mile — estimated walking time: 12 minutes

- Head north on Gordon Street toward Museum Way (toward the water)
- Turn right on Museum Way
- Slight left onto Harbourfront Walkway
- Stay on Harbourfront Walkway (slight left/right/left) until you reach the Saysutshun Newcastle Island Ferry Terminal

If you would prefer a ride, please be at the Gordon Street entrance of the VICC by 4:30 pm.



From the Coast Bastion Hotel (11 Bastion Street) — 700 metres / less than half a mile — estimated walking time: 10 minutes

- Head northeast on Bastion Street toward Front Street (toward the water)
- Turn left on Front Street
- Turn right on Georgia Park Trail, follow the Trail (finally taking a sharp right down the stairs)
- Turn right toward Harbourfront Walkway
- Turn left onto Harbourfront Walkway
- Stay on Harbourfront Walkway until you reach the Saysutshun Newcastle Island Ferry Terminal

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025

7:00 to 9:00 am

Breakfast (Vancouver Island Conference Centre — Mt. Benson Ballroom A/B)

Sponsored by Port of Umatilla with support from Global Container Terminals

9:00 to 9:40 am

Host Port Spotlight — Collaboration and Community Engagement (Mt. Benson Ballroom C)

Moderated by Jason Michell, Port of Nanaimo

Panelists: Donna Hais, Board, Nanaimo Port Authority

Julie Sperber, Vancouver Island Economic Alliance

Colin Stansfield, Nanaimo Prosperity Corporation

John White, Snuneymuxw First Nation

Join the Port of Nanaimo and its partners for a panel discussion on the successes of authentic community engagement through free and informed consent and spirited teamwork. This is a catalyst for reconciliation, diversification, job creation in the local community, and co-operative economic development opportunities for BC and Canada.

9:40 to 10:20 am

Host Port Spotlight — Short Sea Shipping & Supply Chain Diversification

Moderated by Kevin Volk, B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Mathew Stradiotti, North Arm Transportation Ltd.

Kelly Williams, SSA Marine and Colby Miller, DP World

Short sea shipping and supply chain diversification will ensure that the Canadian Pacific maritime sector has the tools, resources and knowledge to prepare for local and national resilience to supply chain disruptions caused by climate change events, labour disputes, marine traffic congestion, and geopolitical challenges. This panel conversation will look at the opportunities and solutions to enhance Canada's global competitiveness and marketability as a reliable and strong trading partner.

10:20 to 10:40 am

Refreshment Break

Sponsored by Kongsberg Discovery Canada and Pacific Pilotage Authority

10:40 to 11:20 am

Host Port Spotlight — Waterfront Workforce: People & Pilotage

Moderated by Lindsay Familton, BC Maritime Employers Association

Panelists: Peter Amat, Pacific Basin (Canada) Ltd.

Paul Hilder, Council of Marine Carriers

Captain Steve Kennedy, British Columbia Coast Pilots

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labour force is a vital part of the BC economy and a mainstay of the coastal community. This panel provides insights from major employers and stakeholders on the BC Coast.

11:20 am to 12:00 pm

Oil Spill Response - Ready Today, Prepared for Tomorrow

Michael Lowry, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation

As Canada's West Coast marine response organization for almost 50 years, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (originally known as Burrard Clean Operations) is internationally renowned for their knowledge and expertise in spill response strategies. Senior Communications Manager Michael Lowry describes the growth of the organization and the plans in place for prevention, preparedness and response to cover both sides of the 49th Parallel.

Noon to 1:00 pm

Lunch (Mt. Benson Ballroom A/B)

Sponsored by Robert Allan Ltd. With support from Pacific Basin Canada Ltd.

1:00 to 1:20 pm

Tug types and their use in Ports and Harbours

Jim R. Hyslop, Robert Allan Ltd.

Robert Allan Ltd. is a world leader in the design of all types of tugs. In this presentation, Jim Hyslop will focus on the tugs that typically operate in ports, harbours and terminals. Topics will include operating modes of ship-assist tugs, propulsion configurations and alternate fuels.

1:20 to 2:15

Associate Member Updates

Practice your two-minute elevator pitch! An open forum for APP's Associate Members to introduce themselves and explain their products and services that are invaluable to the port community.

2:15 to 2:35 pm

Refreshment Break

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2:35 to 3:05 pm

Canada's National Supply Chain Office

Jeff Pelton, National Supply Chain Office, Transport Canada
Working with industry, governments and partners, the National Supply Office is mandated to make Canada's supply chains more efficient, fluid, resilient and reliable. The goals of the Office are to examine domestic and international supply chain issues; encourage data sharing and using digital tools; help government and industry make smarter policy, regulatory, investment and operational decisions; develop and implement a National Supply Chain Strategy; and help the federal government respond to major supply chain disruptions.

3:05 to 3:30 pm

Port-Rail Synergy 2050: Futureproofing Infrastructure for Trade Growth and Climate Resilience

Darcey Hormann, Colliers Project Leaders.

Explore how ports and railways must co-invest and coordinate to handle forecasted increases in Pacific Rim trade volumes, while adapting to climate change-driven disruptions (e.g. flooding, wildfires, heat waves). Highlight key resiliency infrastructure projects, joint climate adaptation strategies, and long-range capacity models.

5:00 to 8:00 pm

Port of Nanaimo Waterfront Operations Tour & Dinner Cruise

Sponsored by Jones Marine Group

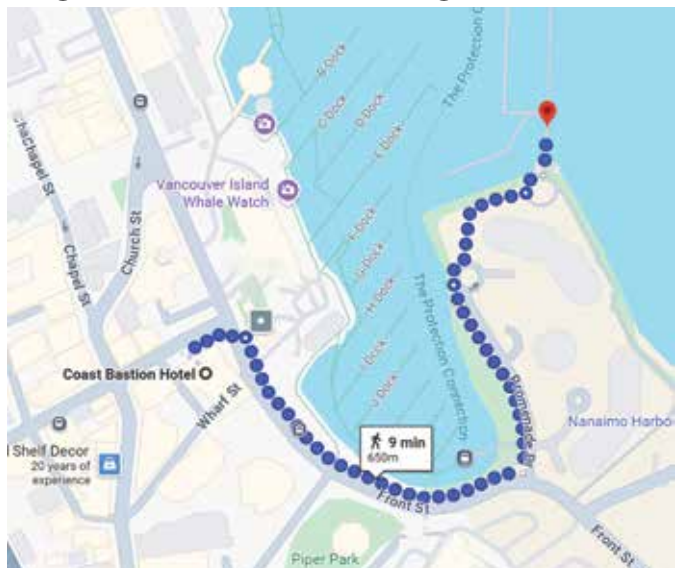
A guided tour of the Port of Nanaimo's waterfront operations followed by dinner and entertainment on board the *Magic Spirit*, a three-level yacht with panoramic windows, a spacious wraparound deck and a beautiful top sundeck where guests will soak in the beauty of Nanaimo's surrounding waterfront.

Walking to the Magic Spirit Vessel (Visiting Vessel Pier at W.E. Landing)...



From the Vancouver Island Conference Centre (101 Gordon Street) and the Marriott Courtyard — 700 metres / less than half a mile — estimated walking time: 8 minutes

- Head north on Gordon Street toward Museum Way (toward the water)
- Turn right on Museum Way
- Turn right onto Front Street
- Turn left onto Promenade Drive and follow along until you come to the Visiting Vessel Pier where the *Magic Spirit* will be docked.



From the Coast Bastion Hotel (11 Bastion Street) — 650 metres / less than half a mile — estimated walking time: 9 minutes

- Head northeast on Bastion Street toward Front Street (toward the water)
- Turn right on Front Street
- Turn left onto Promenade Drive and follow along until you come to the Visiting Vessel Pier where the *Magic Spirit* will be docked.

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7:00 to 9:00 am

Breakfast (Vancouver Island Conference Centre — Mt. Benson Ballroom A/B)

Sponsored by Port of Stockton

8:30 to 9:00 am

APP Annual General Meeting (Mt. Benson Ballroom C)

The Association of Pacific Ports Annual General Meeting — all are welcome!

9:00 to 9:40 am

Leadership Recruitment, Retention and the Role of the Port Commission

Katie Miller, Port of Stockton, and Susan Dvonch, Shey-Harding Executive Search

This session will enlighten attendees on the keys to building an effective team. Renown for their successful recruitment strategies, Miller and Dvonch will review the current state of the industry for hiring and retaining Port leaders then delve into the role of the Board in hiring new executives and how a strategic plan comes into play in recruitment. Additional topics to be covered include salaries, perks and titles, as well as retention considerations.

9:40 to 10:20 am

One Waterway, Two Legal Systems

Alan K. Goldstein, Law Office of Alan K. Goldstein, and Peter Swanson, Bernard Barristers | Solicitors

American Maritime Lawyer Alan Goldstein and Canadian Maritime Lawyer Peter Swanson discuss where Canada and the U.S. agree, disagree, cooperate and conflict on major maritime issues.

10:20 to 10:40 am

Refreshment Break

Sponsored by Hullo Ferries and Port Alberni Port Authority

10:40 to 11:20 am

Looking to the Future: Vessel Traffic Forecasting

Paul Blomerus and Meghan Mathieson, Clear Seas, and Shailendra Shukla, Xanatos Marine Ltd.

Clear Seas will provide highlights from their recent study on expected changes in vessel traffic based on major resource and port expansion projects in Canada's Pacific Region. Xanatos Marine's Shailendra Shukla will pick up on this theme to delve into the technologies and best practices that will be useful in managing the changes.

11:20 am to 12:00 pm

The Elephant in the Room – Ship Dismantling and Recycling

Alex Rueben, Association of British Columbia Marine Industries, and Catherine Hofmann, Catherine Hofmann Law

Highlights of the issues and implications of regulations covering ship recycling and the resulting implications for ports.



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Noon to 1:00 pm

Lunch (Mt. Benson Ballroom A/B)

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1:00 to 1:15 pm

Harboring Sustainability: Port Partnerships for Marine Waste

Nicole Baker, Net Your Problem LLC

Together with fishermen and Port of Newport staff — all of whom care as much about the environment as some of the most ardent environmentalists — NYP has prevented over 250,000 lbs of end-of-life netting from going to the landfill. Come to this presentation to learn the nitty gritty of how your port could implement something similar.

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Inspect and Detect to Protect

Konrad Mech, Cellula Robotics Ltd.

Features of Cellula Robotics and its use in underwater security and critical infrastructure inspection.

1:30 to 1:45 pm

Coastal Intelligence for Marine Safety and Climate Resilience

Scott Beatty, MarineLabs Data Systems
CEO Scott Beatty described how MarineLabs harnesses the power of their continuously expanding sensor network to provide the highest-resolution data, enhancing safety, streamlining marine operations, and building climate-resilient coastlines.

1:45 to 2:00 pm

Let's Get the Lights On

Captain Brian Tuomi, Nautical Consulting International

A short presentation on marine aids to navigation for ports and coastal areas. The presentation highlights IMO legal requirements, the process for assessing requirements, procurement, installation and maintenance highlighted with the new technologies for port infrastructure to support safe navigation.

2:00 to 2:15 pm

One Ocean, Dual Purpose - Using Autonomous Systems for Sustainability & Port Security

Sebastian Berg, Shift Coastal Technologies

This session explores how ports can leverage emerging technologies to meet evolving operational needs, reduce risk and cost, and support both security objectives and sustainability goals.

2:15 to 2:30 pm

Closing Ceremony: Preview of 112th Annual Conference

Final remarks from our outgoing President, Ian Marr; introductory remarks from our new President, Conchita Taitano; and a preview of the APP's 112th Annual Conference, hosted by the Port Authority of Guam.

Peter Amat

General Manager, Pacific Basin (Canada) Ltd.



After obtaining his M.Sc in International Transport at the University of Wales Collage Cardiff, Peter began his career in the maritime industry at a local port agency business operating in the Bristol Channel. In 1996, he moved to London to work with Gearbulk Shipping, which was followed by assignments in international assignments before being transferred to Vancouver in 2004. In 2007, he moved to the Shanghai office of Gearbulk, and in 2008 moved back to Vancouver to take up a position with Pacific Basin, where he is currently the General Manager.

Nicole Baker

Owner, Net Your Problem LLC



Nicole Baker is the owner of Net Your Problem LLC, and works alongside her four colleagues to divert marine waste like netting and line from the landfill. In the past eight years, Net Your Problem has established collection programs in remote communities in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Maine, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Projects are in development for other ports on all US coasts. Over 2.2 million pounds of netting and line has been collected so far, from individual vessels and by partnering with Native Tribes and community groups.

Dr. Scott Beatty

CEO, MarineLabs Data Systems



Dr. Beatty is a Canadian ocean deep-tech entrepreneur with over 18 years experience in Marine industrial and R&D sectors. Under his leadership, MarineLabs has grown into a thriving company operating a North America wide fleet of MarineLabs sensors that provide coastal data at the world's highest resolution. He served as convener of IEC standards technical committees and as a technical judge and reviewer for US Dept. of Energy, Wave Energy Scotland, and Canadian Federal Agencies allocating over 75M in funds.

Sebastian Berg

Director, Product Development, Shift Coastal Technologies



Sebastian leads the design of advanced maritime technologies at Shift Coastal Technologies, including the OceanSled line of autonomous surface vessels and the CiMS maritime domain awareness software. With a background in mechanical engineering design in heavy industry, he specializes in rugged solutions for coastal environments, focusing autonomous operations, system integration, prototyping, and navigation for real-time UxM technologies.

Paul Blomerus

Executive Director, Clear Seas



Paul leads the team at Clear Seas as they work to advance the safety and sustainability of marine shipping. Before joining the organization in 2020, he worked in a variety of industry roles including supply chain, product development and strategy positions for Westport Innovations and Rolls Royce. Through his consulting work, he has specialized in the impact of technology on the transportation sector and building innovation clusters through university research. He holds a PhD in engineering science from the University of Oxford.

Joe Carrillo

Regional Vice President, SSA Marine



Joe Carrillo serves as Northern California's regional vice president for SSA Pacific Inc., a subsidiary of global terminal operator SSA Marine based in Seattle, Washington. Joe is in his 17th year with SSA Marine and has gained a wealth of knowledge regarding global supply chain processes. Joe's stops along his career have included major global seaports such as Long Beach, Mexico and Panama while always servicing multi-national companies with dynamic teams inside the organization.

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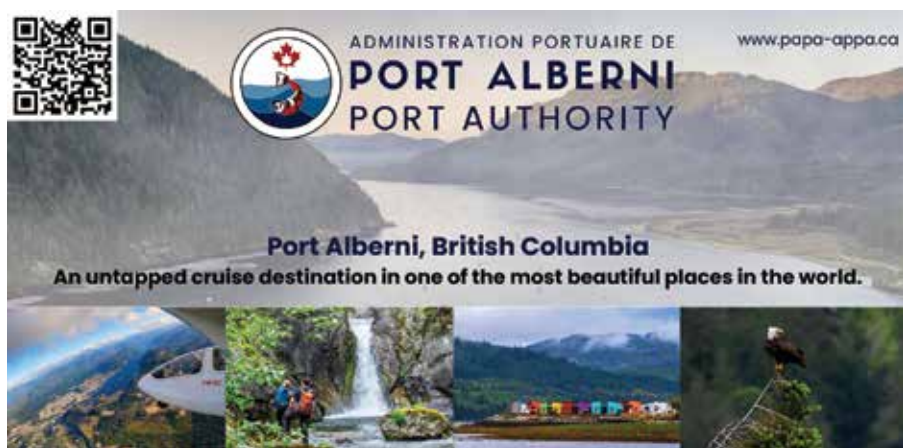
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Mike Corrigan

CEO, Interferry



Mike Corrigan is CEO of Interferry and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Port of Vancouver. Mike's focus leading Interferry is to ensure that it continues to be the voice of the worldwide ferry industry in matters of safety and operational best practices, is the industry's voice with regulatory agencies such as IMO, and that the trade association's value continues to grow for existing and new members. Mike brings extensive executive experience in the ferry industry, most recently as the CEO of BC Ferries, one of the world's largest ferry operators. Before joining BC Ferries, he held various senior management roles at WestCoast Energy's operations across Canada. Mike holds a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Victoria where he was awarded the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award for the business school.



Susan Dvorchak

Managing Partner, Shey-Harding
Executive Search



Susan Dvorchak, Managing Partner at Shey-Harding, brings over 20 years of experience in executive search and management consulting. Joining Shey-Harding in 2003, and assuming the role of Managing Partner in 2007, she has successfully completed numerous executive search assignments and C-level searches for both public and private sector clients across the US. Susan actively participates in industry organizations such as the American Association of Port Authorities, the Association of Pacific Ports, and the Propeller Club of Los Angeles/Long Beach. Susan holds a bachelor's degree from Boston College and is a graduate of the Leadership Long Beach program, a civic improvement initiative in Long Beach, CA.

Lindsay Familton

Senior Director, Workforce Operations
& Business Excellence, BC Maritime
Employers Association



Lindsay Familton is the Senior Director of Workforce Operations & Business Excellence at BC Maritime Employers Association, where she oversees initiatives that drive labour reliability, operational efficiency, and strategic execution across the waterfront. Her role includes leading business process improvements, implementing workforce programs, and supporting data and analytics functions that enable industry-wide coordination. Working in partnership with terminals, labour, and government, Lindsay helps deliver reliable and scalable workforce solutions. At the forefront of key projects that advance workforce planning on B.C.'s waterfront, she plays a central role in modernizing operations and supporting BCMEA's mandate to deliver sustainable, responsive, and high-performing workforce systems for the B.C. waterfront.

Bonnie Gee

President, Chamber of Shipping



Bonnie was appointed President in March 2023 after serving as the Vice President of the Chamber of Shipping since 2008.

Her experience and strengths are multi-faceted and include membership engagement, government relations, communications and marketing, and project management. She currently sits on several external national and regional Boards and committees and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of British Columbia, with a major in Transportation and Logistics.

Alan K. Goldstein

Principal, Law Office of Alan K. Goldstein



Alan K. Goldstein specializes in admiralty and maritime law including the laws governing ports and port authorities. Recognized in America's Best

Lawyers, as a Super Lawyer and as AV Preeminent by Martindale Hubbel, the highest possible rating. Alan is based in the San Francisco Bay area and practices across a broad geographic region including the Pacific Rim. Alan graduated from Stanford Law School, earning order of the Coif, and Northwestern University, as Phi Beta Kappa and first in his class. Alan clerked for the honorable Thelton Henderson on the U.S. District Court, N.D. California. Alan regards the practice of law as a profession and emphasizes how advance legal planning can reduce risk and add value to businesses.

Donna Hais

Board Chair, Nanaimo Port Authority



Donna Hais is the Owner and General Manager of R. W. (Bob) Wall Ltd., a leading commercial construction contractor on Vancouver Island. The company's projects have included professional offices, hotels, pubs, restaurants, and churches and more. In 2020, R. W. (Bob) Wall Ltd. won the Construction Leadership Award for Vancouver Island. Donna is also the Owner and General Manager of Canadian Cache Development Corporation, a land development company in Nanaimo. Donna serves as the Board Chair of the Nanaimo Port Authority from 2024-present and previously 2019-2023. She has served as President of the Nanaimo Executive Association and the Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce. In 2014, Donna was awarded the Community Leader of the Year.

Paul Hilder

President, Council of Marine Carriers



Paul is President of the Council of Marine Carriers, an association representing domestic marine operators in BC. Prior to joining the CMC in February 2022, Paul's career spanned 40 years in the domestic and international maritime sector both at sea and onshore in operations support and senior management roles. He began his seagoing profession on family-owned fish boats working in the BC salmon fishery, then in oil exploration in Canada's Arctic and later on the BC coast in the tug and barge industry. Coming ashore in the mid 1990s, Paul's experience included time working with domestic tug operators, internationally in the offshore industry, shipbuilding, and specialized heavy lift transports. Paul has held positions in Dispatch, Vessel Operations and Chartering, New Vessel Construction and Executive Management.

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Catherine Hofmann

Principal, Catherine Hofmann Law



Catherine recently retired from and is a former managing partner of Bernard LLP, one of Canada's leading law firms focused on the marine industry. Her clients included small local start-ups to large national and international companies operating in the maritime sector as well as governments and other public-sector entities. Ship recycling and the development of new federal and provincial law and policy in this area is a particular passion of Catherine's and she has spoken at conferences and forums in Canada and Europe on this topic.

Jim R. Hyslop

Director, Project Development, Robert Allan Ltd.



Jim Hyslop is a graduate of the Newfoundland and Labrador Institute of Fisheries and Marine Technology with a diploma of naval architecture and shipbuilding technology. He has been with Robert Allan Ltd. since 1992 and his current position is Director of Project Development. He is responsible for evaluating client requirements, preparing proposal documents, and developing marketing strategies.

Darcey Hormann

Director of Infrastructure – Western and Northern Canada, Colliers Project Leaders



Darcey began his career as an Officer in the Canadian Forces before earning his engineering degree from the University of Manitoba. He then joined Canadian Pacific Railway, where he focused on operational efficiency and the delivery of large-scale capital infrastructure projects. After completing his MBA, Darcey joined Colliers Project Leaders, where he has taken on a variety of roles, developing tailored solutions for clients and supporting the national rail team across Canada.

Jo Lin

Senior Supervisor, Port Business Department, Taiwan International Ports Corporation



Jo Lin is the Senior Supervisor of Port Business Department for Taiwan International Ports Corp (TIPC), a state-owned company that operates 7 international commercial ports in Taiwan. Jo has worked with TIPC since 2012. She now oversees business activities in port rate regulations, contracts, port promotion and CRM. She holds a BS in Advertising from UT Austin and an MBA degree from NSYSU.

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Mike Jacob

President, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association



Mike Jacob currently serves as President of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA), assuming the role in April 2024 after 19 years at the organization. Before being selected as President, he served as Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary of PMSA. Mike holds a JD from the University of California, San Francisco College of Law (Hastings) and a BA in Economics from UC Berkeley. He is a member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States, California Lawyers Association, State Bar of California, and the United States Supreme Court Bar and well as a member of the California Freight Advisory Committee and the CSU California Maritime Academy, School of Letters & Sciences Advisory Council.

Kimberly Kelly

Manager, Engagement, Content and Cruise Development, Port of Nanaimo



Kimberly is a skilled, relationship-driven business professional with over 20 years of experience aligning organizational values with operational realities. An alumna of executive education programs at both Harvard Business School and the UBC Sauder School of Business, and holding an undergraduate degree in Psychology from York University, Kimberly brings a thoughtful balance of formal education and decades of hands-on experience to her work. Her expertise in strategic partnerships and stakeholder engagement is helping to strengthen the Port of Nanaimo's connection with the local community, drive regional economic development, and foster relationships with international partners.

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Captain Steve Kennedy

Licensed Pilot & President, British Columbia Coast Pilots



Born and raised on the British Columbia Coast, Captain Steve Kennedy has spent his entire career at sea. After graduating, Steve honed his skills working on trawlers, research vessels, fisheries patrol boats, cruise ships and Coast Guard vessels, navigating the waters from the Arctic to the Caribbean. With over 24 years of experience, Steve then took on the role of Pilot drawing on his deep knowledge of the coastline to guide ships safely through the coastal waters of British Columbia. Steve passed the exam to become a pilot in 2011 and is now serving his second term as President. Steve is committed to collaborating with government, industry and First Nations to tackle the complex challenges facing the region.

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SPEAKER PROFILES

Michael Lowry

Senior Communications Manager, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation



Michael Lowry is the Senior Manager of Communications for Western Canada Marine Response. He is a strategic communications and public relations professional with more than 15 years' experience in domestic and international settings across the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. He has designed and developed successful communication campaigns for some of BC's most influential organizations, including Harbour Air, Pacific Blue Cross and Columbia Power. Michael has a BA in Communications from the University of Calgary and a B.Sc. in Politics and International Relations from the London School of Economics.

Jamie Marshall

National Sector Lead -- Ports and Marine, Colliers Project Leaders



Jamie is a seasoned executive in the maritime industry, possessing over 40 years of combined experience in the naval and ferry and port industries. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge regarding the implementation of project management principles to maritime assignments. Currently with Colliers Project Leaders, Jamie is involved with many marine projects including the Electrification of Toronto Ferries Jack Layton Ferry terminal, and Halifax Regional Municipality high speed passenger only ferries. Jamie has overseen numerous complex assignments, from successfully managing over 35 vessels on 25 routes to overseeing the acquisition and retrofitting of a new, improved fleet of vessels.

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Meghan Mathieson

Director of Strategy and Engagement, Clear Seas



Meghan joined Clear Seas in 2016 to establish the organization's collaborative and innovative research program. Since 2020, her priorities include developing cross-sector relationships, identifying opportunities for collaboration, and directing strategy. With a background in science and technical communications, Meghan shares complex information in an accessible way to support better decision-making. With Clear Seas, she has had the opportunity to work on a range of issues affecting commercial marine shipping in Canada, including vessel traffic patterns, drift rates, emergency towing, coastal sensitivities, air emissions, and alternative marine fuels. Prior to Clear Seas, Meghan supported port and terminal engineering work through risk assessment and stakeholder engagement. Meghan has a BA (English) and MBA from the University of British Columbia.

Konrad Mech, CD, P.Eng., PMP, BEng, BA, MBA

Director of Sales, Cellula Robotics Ltd.



Konrad Mech is a Registered Professional Engineer in the provinces of Ontario and BC (non-practicing), and a Project Management Professional certified by the Project Management Institute. He graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Royal Military College of Canada and attained the rank of Major in the Royal Canadian Artillery active Reserves. He also holds a BA with a major in Commerce from University of Toronto and Masters of Business Administration with Distinction from INSEAD in Fontainebleau, France. He currently serves as Director of Sales for Cellula Robotics Ltd., an international, privately owned, world-leading marine technology company focused on revolutionizing underwater security through advanced Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) systems.

SPEAKER PROFILES

Jason Michell

Vice President, Business Development, Port of Nanaimo



Growing up primarily on Vancouver Island, Jason's work career is focused on the port, trade and transportation and logistics industry. Jason recently earned an MBA in Executive Management and a certificate in Asia Pacific Trade and Investment from Royal Roads University. Starting within an administrative role on shipping terminals, then progressing to vessel cargo and cruise ship operations and transitioning into an executive as the Vice President of Business Development role at the Port of Nanaimo. Currently, he is engaged with the Provincial and Federal governments, community groups, and industry stakeholders to bring visibility to Nanaimo's future potential in trade, transportation, and tourism.

Maksim Mihic

Global Executive Vice President, Operations and Engineering, DP World



Maksim Mihic is Global Executive Vice President, Operations and Engineering at DP World based in Dubai, U.A.E. Maksim has functional responsibility for operations and engineering performance across the DP World Ports and Terminals portfolio. He currently serves on the DP World subsidiary Boards of World Crane Services, Antwerp World Gateway and Rotterdam World Gateway. In his previous role, Maksim served as CEO of DP World (Canada) Inc from 2012 to 2023, with responsibility for defining the vision and setting the strategy for the container, general cargo, logistics and stevedoring business. Maksim brings with him over 25 years of marine terminal experience specializing in operations, process improvements, equipment design and acquisition, and project management.

Katie Miller

Deputy Port Director, Administration, Port of Stockton



Katie Miller leads strategic initiatives in talent acquisition, risk management, compliance, and board consulting for the Port of Stockton while overseeing a diverse portfolio that includes human resources, information technology, emergency management, and organization-wide records and public records requests. Katie brings over three decades of experience in human resources across public, private, and non-profit sectors. Prior to joining the Port, she held progressive HR leadership roles at organizations including ConAgra Foods, Macy's, and Insurance Company of the West. Katie holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from California State University, Sacramento. She also earned a Professional Certificate in Port Management through the American Association of Port Authorities and holds the prestigious AAPA Professional Port Manager designation.

Colby Miller

General Manager – Vancouver, DP World

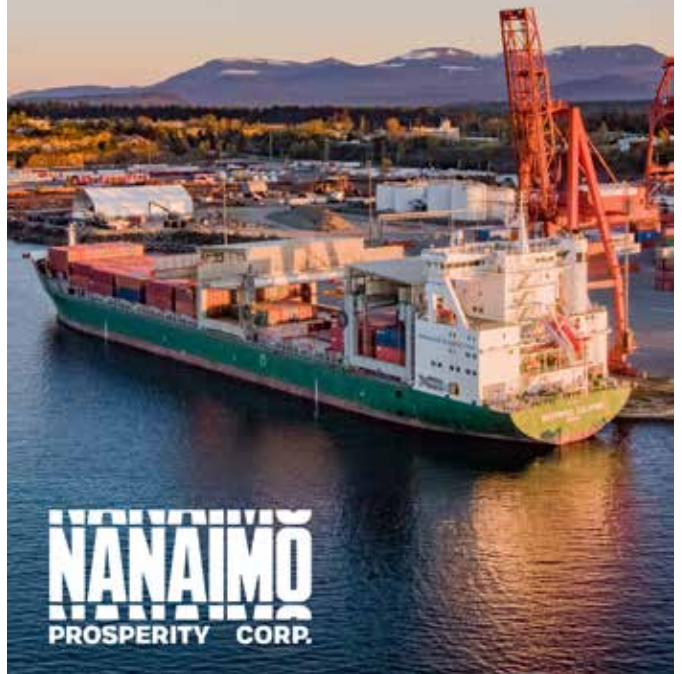


Colby has 10 years' experience in both the marine bulk handling and container industry. Prior to this, Colby spent the previous 10 years working internationally in the mining industry in both engineering and operational roles. In his current role as General Manager, Colby manages DP World's Vancouver business units including Centennial Terminal, Stevedoring and RORO Operations, and Short Sea Shipping business. Colby holds a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of British Columbia as well as an Executive MBA from the University of New South Wales.



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SPEAKER PROFILES

Jeff Pelton

Policy Advisor, National Supply Chain Office, Transport Canada



Jeff Pelton is a Policy Advisor with Canada's National Supply Chain Office, an office established within Transport Canada to work with industry, governments and partners to make Canada's supply chains more efficient, fluid, resilient and reliable. Jeff's current focus is on the transportation, handling and shipping of bulk cargoes, identifying and understanding existing and legacy challenges within supply chains in Canada, and supporting efforts to address operational constraints.

Previously, Jeff worked to address the impacts of vessel traffic on at-risk whale species in Canadian waters. He grew up in Vancouver around the waterfront and worked on tugs and workboats in Vancouver Harbour before becoming a senior officer on tankers and passenger vessels operating worldwide. He now lives in Victoria with his family.

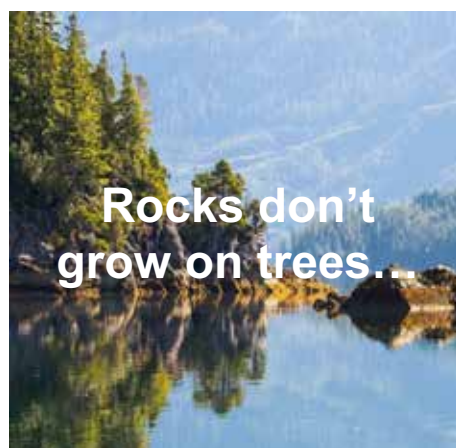
Alex Rueben

Executive Director, Association of British Columbia Marine Industries



Captain Alex Rueben, PEng, MSM, retired from the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) in 2012 after 35 years of service. A marine engineer, he held various senior appointments in the RCN concluding as Chief of Staff of the Navy on the Pacific Coast. Upon retirement from the RCN, Alex built and operated the Industrial Marine Training and Applied Research Centre, serving as Executive Director from 2012 to 2017. He served as the Chair of a British Columbia Workforce Table

on the Shipbuilding and Repair Industry and as Chair of the Board of the Resource Training Organization of BC. Alex was the founder of the West Coast Shipbuilding and Repair Forum and helped establish the Association of British Columbia Marine Industries where he has been the Executive Director since January 2018.



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Shailendra Shukla

Executive Director, Xanatos Marine Ltd.



Shailendra Shukla is the Executive Director at Xanatos Marine Ltd, Canada and its parent company Marine Electricals India Limited, India

with over 30 years of experience in the Maritime & Defense Technology Sector. He has served at numerous senior level positions in the Maritime Industry previously & his experience and association spans around the world with a focus on developing and implementing innovative & technologically advanced solutions in the industry. With a deep understanding of both maritime & shore-based surveillance solutions, Mr. Shukla has been instrumental in driving forward-thinking solutions that enhance operational efficiency, safety, and environmental sustainability at Xanatos as well as at MEIL & its affiliate companies in the Europe, Asia and Africa.

Donna Spalding

Government Affairs & Community Relations Advisor, Cruise Lines International Association.



Donna Spalding leads the government affairs and community relations efforts on behalf of Cruise Lines International Association members

operating in Canada and the Pacific North West (Washington state, Alaska, and Hawaii). Based in Vancouver, BC, Spalding has been a consultant for CLIA since 1999. She has more than 25 years' experience in nonprofit management, marketing, and planning — with expertise across the resource, financial, regional government, and legal sectors. In addition, she is one of very few civilians globally who has completed the cruise Safety, Environmental & Health Officer training course. Prior to joining CLIA, Spalding was a manager with the Vancouver Construction Association and executive director of the Ceramic Tile Association of British Columbia.

Stephanie Snider

Manager, Operational Performance
(Burnaby / Westridge Terminals), Trans
Mountain



Stephanie Snider is the Manager of Operational Performance (Burnaby / Westridge Terminals) for Trans Mountain. Stephanie has worked with Trans Mountain

since 2012, beginning on the Expansion Project and now works with Burnaby Westridge terminals team to monitor and optimize performance. Prior to working in operations, Stephanie has a varied career specializing in engagement and communications for over 20 years. She worked on other major projects in BC, including natural gas, major residential developments, municipal initiatives and the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games. Stephanie has a BSc in Biology from UVic and an MBA from Sauder School of Business.

Julie Sperber

President & CEO, Vancouver Island
Economic Alliance



Julie Sperber's career spans international hospitality, small business ownership, and the nonprofit sector. Since 2017, she has focused her work in the nonprofit

sector, applying an entrepreneurial mindset to strategic management, economic development, and community-led initiatives. She is known for identifying opportunities, aligning resources, and building partnerships. Now with the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance, Julie is focused on strengthening the regional economy by fostering collaboration, supporting businesses, and turning big ideas into action. She is aligned with VIEA's work in building meaningful relationships and collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, recognizing it as essential to a more inclusive and sustainable future.



Colin Stansfield

CEO, Nanaimo Prosperity Corporation



As CEO of Nanaimo Prosperity Corporation, Colin Stansfield spearheads the organization's mission to deliver a thriving and resilient economy at the forefront of innovation in community and economic development. With a wealth of experience in both private and public sectors, Colin is renowned for developing and implementing purpose-driven strategies. His holistic approach to business development, community wealth, and public policy ensures the realization of "win-win-win" outcomes, promoting shared prosperity, social justice, and environmental sustainability while instigating the necessary systemic changes to uphold them.

Mathew Stradiotti

President, North Arm Transportation Ltd.



Matt is the President of North Arm Transportation, a marine towing company headquartered on the North Arm of the Fraser River, and third generation Stradiotti family member to hold the position. He is Chartered Professional Accountant and Chartered Insolvency and Restructuring Professional. Matt's formal work at North Arm began in the company's Kent Avenue maintenance shop in the summer of 1995 when he was 15 and continued in the shop, on the tugs and in the barge loading yard until early 2006 when he left to pursue his CPA, CA and CIRP designations. He returned in 2013 in the role of Finance Director, took on the position of General Manager in the summer of 2018 and became President in the spring of 2022.

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Abigail Stuxness

Director of Sustainability, SSA Marine



Abigail Stuxness serves as Director of Sustainability at SSA Marine, one of the largest independent marine terminal operators. She and the sustainability team support the development and implementation of zero emission equipment projects across all company divisions, to support decarbonization goals. She also collaborates with stakeholders on infrastructure development, including strategies to secure and implement grant funding. She advocates on national and state maritime sustainability policy issues relevant to the implementation of these activities. Prior to joining SSA in 2022, Abigail spent 10 years in Washington, DC most recently as the Senior Director, International Programs and Policy at an agriculture trade association.

Peter Swanson

Partner, Bernard Barristers | Solicitors



Peter is a founding partner of the firm with over 35 years of professional legal experience. He practices primarily in the fields of maritime and health law. Peter's maritime case work involves carriage of goods by sea, civil and regulatory liability for ship source pollution, collisions, chartering and other contract disputes. Peter also routinely advises on the preparation and completion of transport and terminal contract documentation and is often involved in casualty investigations in both a marine and non-marine context. Peter is an Adjunct Professor of law co-teaching the Maritime Law course at the Peter A. Allard School of Law at the University of British Columbia to 2nd and 3rd year law students; and a regular contributor to local trade journals on maritime law topics.

Captain Brian Tuomi

President, Nautical Consulting International



Captain Brian Tuomi has over 40 years of experience as a marine safety, and port operations specialist. After a Canadian Coast Guard career on ships and managing waterways, Capt. Tuomi added two decades of proven success in SE Asia, the Pacific and the Caribbean with a focus on major projects around port operations development and marine infrastructure. He is currently working as President of Nautical Consulting International engaged in Port Infrastructure development and IALA approved port risk analysis.

Kevin Volk

Assistant Deputy Minister, Integrated Transportation and Infrastructure Services Division, B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure



Kevin Volk rejoined the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure in 2018 as the Assistant Deputy Minister of Integrated Transportation and Infrastructure Services. In this role, he oversees integrated transportation planning, goods movement strategies, engineering and major project delivery in the province. He is also currently supporting the BC government's work to reduce interprovincial trade barriers. Before rejoining the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Kevin was the Assistant Deputy Minister, Community and Legislative Services with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Kevin has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Civil Engineering from the University of British Columbia and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Victoria. Kevin is also a professional engineer.

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John White

Director of Marine Division,
Snuneymuxw First Nation



John White is a highly experienced and dedicated leader with over eight years of service to the Snuneymuxw First Nation Marine Division, the last two years in a critical management role. Under John's leadership, the Marine Division has grown significantly, increasing the Snuneymuxw presence in marine environments while securing vital partnerships with organizations such as Nature Trust of British Columbia, British Columbia Conservation Federation, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Pacific Salmon Foundation, Nanaimo River Hatchery, Coastal Restoration Society, Canadian Coast Guard, Transport Canada, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation, TMX and Parks Canada. His efforts have been pivotal in advancing initiatives such as salmon enhancement, marine emergency response, coastal restoration, and integrated ocean management.

Joel Werner

Chief Operating Officer, DP World
Canada



Joel has over 25 years of operational management, infrastructure delivery and consulting experience. He has spent the last 20 years in the port industry, managing port operations, equipment acquisitions and terminal expansions. Currently holding the role of Chief Operating Officer for DP World in Canada, his responsibilities include leading the strategic execution of all Canadian operations.

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Kelly Williams


Vice President, Terminals and Stevedoring, SSA Marine



Kelly Williams has over 25 years of leadership experience in both the shipping and land-based sectors of the Maritime Industry. Prior to joining SSA Marine Canada, Kelly spent 20 years working in commercial, chartering and management roles with 2 different shipowners based in various locations throughout North & South America, Europe and Asia. Kelly has worked with SSA Marine Canada since October 2017 in his current role as the Vice President of Terminals & Stevedoring, headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia. Kelly holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of British Columbia, majoring in Transportation and Logistics.


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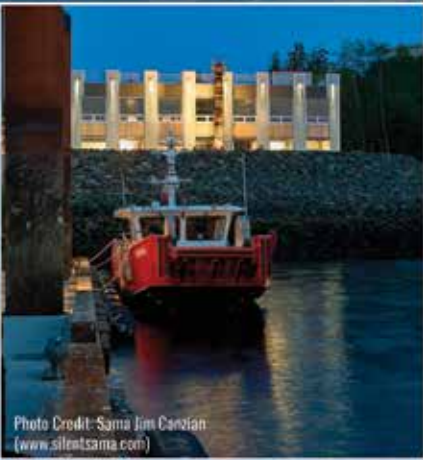



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