



Women on the Water 5th Annual Conference October 27-29, 2011

Day One: Thursday, October 27, 2011

Opening Networking Events

- 0900 – 1700 Tour Plimoth Plantation (optional)
- 1400 – 1630 Registration opens
(Blinn Hall, MMA campus)
Sponsored by International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots
- 1400 Campus Tours (optional)
(Blinn Hall, MMA campus)
T/S KENNEDY
Simulators
Campus
- 1730 Registration at Plimoth Plantation
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- 1730 **Opening Reception** *(Plimoth Plantation)*
Cash Bar
Recommend comfortable shoes
- 1900 **Dinner** *(Plimoth Plantation)*
Sponsored by ConocoPhillips
Cash Bar
Attire: Business Casual, Cadets ~ civilian attire

Day Two: Friday, October 28, 2011

(Massachusetts Maritime Academy)

Attire: Business Casual, Cadets ~ Khaki uniform or classroom black

- 0700 Breakfast *(Pande Dining Hall)*
Sponsored by American Maritime Officers

- 0720 Cadet Morning Formation *(Patio)*
Traffic stopped during formation 0720 – 0740

- 0800 Registration *(Harrington Bldg)*
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Conference Opens *(Harrington Bldg)*

- 0815 **Academy Welcome** *(Admiral's Hall)*
RADM Richard Gurnon, USMS
President
Massachusetts Maritime Academy

0825 Opening Speaker

David Matsuda
Maritime Administrator
U.S. Maritime Administration

- 0835 **Rules of the Road for Women at Sea**
 - Personal accountability in leadership
 - Challenges women face at sea
 - Roundtable discussion**Rosemary Mackay, STAR Center**

Round Table Discussion

Joy Manthey, Kirby Inland Marine
Laura Wilcox, Marine Spill Response Corp.
Megan Rycraft, American Maritime Officers

- 0935 Break *(Admiral's Hall Lobby)*
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1000 Maritime Associations, Societies, Ministries

- Advantages gained through membership
- Empowering women in the maritime industry
- The importance of role models and networking

Panel Moderator

Jeanne Grasso, Women's International Shipping and Trading Association

Edward Comstock, Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers

Karen Miller, American Society of Naval Engineers

Katherine Culbert, Society of Women Engineers

Sr. Myrna Tordillo, Apostleship of the Sea

Transitioning to Being a Pilot (Harrington 104)

- How to apply for and transition into a job as a pilot
- Challenges female pilots face

Panel Moderator

Deborah Dempsey, Columbia River Bar Pilots

Andy Coe, Puget Sound Pilots

Sheri Hickman, Houston Pilots

Rebecca Henderson, Columbia River Pilots

Alison Buckler, Association of Maryland Pilots

Transitioning to Government Service

(Harrington 109)

- How to apply for federal employment
- Government agencies who hire maritime professionals
- Challenges in transitioning from afloat employment to a 9 to 5 job

Panel Moderator

Eileen Roberson, Military Sealift Command

Brandie Schieb, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Cameryn Miller, Maritime Administration

Cathy Mauro, U.S. Coast Guard

Transitioning to Maritime Ashore

(Harrington 205)

- Challenges with becoming a maritime instructor
- How to find employment ashore

CDR Linda Letourneau, Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Katie Knifong, Trident Seafoods

Erin Bertram, Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association

Karen M. Davis, Polar Tankers, Inc.

1130 Christine M. Griffin

*Assistant Secretary for Disability Policies and Programs
Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services*

1145 Lunch (Clean Harbor Athletic Center) Sponsored by U.S. Coast Guard

Lunch Speaker

Therese Murray

*President
Massachusetts State Senate*

Breakout Sessions (Harrington Bldg)

1300 Cadets ~ Shipping out (Admiral's Hall)

- How to excel as a cadet during your sea term(s)
- Understand the expectations of the ship's officers
- How to prepare to be an officer on your first ship

Panel co-moderators

Sarah Daleo, Military Sealift Command

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Networking Session *(Harrington Bldg)*

- 1400 Break *(Admiral's Hall Lobby)*
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- 1430 **The Power of Networking** *(Admiral's Hall)*
 - Networking methods and tips
 - The value of networking and mentoring
 - Improve your networking skills*Cheron Wicker, Maritime Administration*
- 1450 **Workshop: Speed Networking**
(ABS Information Commons)
Susan Crumbaker, Awooga Team Challenge
- 1600 **Reception/Exhibition** *(ABS Information Commons)*
Sponsored by Sovereign Bank/Santander Universities
 - Use your networking skills to make new contacts
 - View sponsor/participant displays
- 1800 **Dinner** *(Pande Dining Hall)*
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Keynote Address

RADM Sandra L. Stosz
*Superintendent
United States Coast Guard Academy*

Day Three: Saturday, October 29, 2011 *(Massachusetts Maritime Academy)*

- 0700 Breakfast *(Pande Dining Hall)*
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- 0800 **Seafaring Jobs in Government Service**
(Harrington Hall)
 - Career opportunities aboard government vessels
 - Explore the afloat work environment on various government/military vessels
 - Employment trends

Panel Moderator
RADM Wendi Carpenter, USN (Ret),
President, State University of New York Maritime College

- Jane Favors, Army Corps of Engineers*
- Jennifer Umali, MediaCross*
- CAPT Anne Lynch, National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration*
- CAPT Diane Durham, U.S. Coast Guard*

- 0930 **Regulatory Update** *(Harrington Hall)*
 - Regulatory changes affecting the maritime industry
 - 2010 STCW Manila Amendments
 - USCG National Maritime Center update*Cathy Mauro, USCG National Maritime Center*
- 1000 **Sailing Foreign Flag**
 - Sailing Foreign Flag vs. U.S. Flag
 - Challenges for female mariners
 - Career Opportunities*Marjorie Marino, Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association*

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1030 Break (*Admiral's Hall Lobby*)
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Conference Wrap up (*Harrington Hall*)

1100 **Staying Safe and Healthy at Sea**
• Health and wellness programs for seafarers
• Health and psychological concerns of the female mariner
• Fatigue – Identify and manage it
Lesley Karentz, STAR Center

1150 Conference Highlights and Summary
Denise Krepp
*Chief Counsel
Maritime Administration*

1130 **Successful Careers as a Woman in Government service**
Panel Moderator
Denise Krepp, Maritime Administration
Rebecca Fenneman, Federal Maritime Commission

1200 **Conference Close**
1200 **Box Lunch**
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