



**GULF INTRACOASTAL
CANAL ASSOCIATION**

120th Annual Seminar Agenda

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Wednesday, August 6

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| 2:00 - 6:00 | Registration Desk Open
Grand Ballroom Foyer |
| 3:00 - 5:00 | GICA Board of Directors' Meeting
Executive Room |
| 6:00-7:30 | Welcome Reception
Riverbend Ballroom |

Thursday, August 7

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| 7:30 | Breakfast Buffet
Registration Desk Open |
| 8:00-8:30 | Welcome Patrick Morton, GICA Chair
and Paul Dittman, President |
| 8:30-8:45 | Opening Address Capt Ulysses Mullins
Chief of Staff, 8th Coast Guard District |
| 8:45-9:30 | Washington Perspective Infrastructure
Funding and Regulatory Outlook – Tracy
Zea, President & CEO Waterways Council
Inc. |
| 9:30-9:45 | Break |
| 9:45-10:30 | Enhanced Channel Surveys Using Artificial
Intelligence & Passive Vessel Transits
Andrew Courtois, The Water Institute |
| 10:30-11:30 | USCG VTS Directors Panel USCG VTS
Berwick Bay, NOLA, Port Arthur & Houston |

Thursday, August 7 (cont.)

- 11:30 - 12:00** **Tx-DOT Maritime Division Overview|**
Ray Newby, Waterways Program
Coordinator
- 12:00-1:30** **Luncheon Riverbend Room| Key Note**
Lunch Speaker Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
- 1:30-2:30** **USACE District Commander Panel |**
(New Orleans, Galveston and Mobile)
- 2:30-3:30** **Towboat Operators Panel |**
- 3:30-3:45** **Break**
- 3:45-4:45** **USCG Captain of the Port (COTP) Panel**
| All Six USCG COTPs Across the GIWW
- 6:00-7:30** **Evening Reception - Open Bar and Hors
d'o euvres**

Friday, August 8

- 7:30** **Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:30-8:45** **GICA Membership Business Meeting |**
Board Chair, Patrick Morton, Presiding
- 8:45-9:30** **IHNC Lock Replacement Update|**
USACE New Orleans District
- 9:30-10:30** **Seamans' Church Institute |**
Mariner Health Issues
- 10:30-11:15** **AWO Bridge Event Reporting System|**
Jill Bessetti AWO Southern Region VP
Mike Breslin Senior Director Safety &
Sustainability
- 11:15-11:30** **Open Session**

Adjourn – Safe Travels – Thank you!
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR AT OUR 121st

