**AGENDA

GICA 114th Annual Seminar
August 7-9 2019 - New Orleans, LA
*InterContinental, New Orleans***

***All sessions in the La Salle Ballroom except as noted below***

8.5.19

**Wednesday, August 7**

8:00-12:00 **Golf Tournament** - Tee Time – 8:00 AM – Lakewood Golf Club, New Orleans (Algiers)

2:00 -6:00 **Registration Desk Open** *(La Salle Pre Function Area)*3:30-5:30 **GICA Board of Directors’ Meeting** (*Acadian I/II 3rdFloor)*
6:00-7:30 **Welcome Reception –** *(La Salle Ballroom B/C - Open Bar and Hors d’oeuvres)*

**Thursday, August 8**

7:30 **Breakfast Buffet** *(La Salle B/C)* **Registration Desk Open** *(La Salle Pre Function Area)*

**Welcome Session** - Jim Stark, President GICA Presiding

8:15-8:30 **Welcome –** Tom Marian, GICA Board Chairman and Jim Stark, President

8:30-8:45 **Opening Address –** ***U.S. Senator John Kennedy (R-LA)***

8:45-9:45 **Washington Perspective** - Infrastructure Funding and Regulatory Outlook – Mike Toohey, Waterways Council Inc. and Craig Montesano, American Waterways Operators

**9:45-10:00** **Break** - *Spouses meet in Lobby - Depart for Aquarium of The Americas Visit*

10:00-11:00 **Tow Industry CEO Panel –** Leadership’s Perspectives on GIWW Business, Operations, Challenges, Issues - ***Moderator, Tom Marian, GICA Board Chairman;*** Jerry Clower, Harbor Towing; Merritt Lane, Canal Barge; Steve Golding, Golding Barge; Pat Studdert; Buffalo Marine

11:00-12:00 **USACE Panel – Joe** Hrametz, Galveston; COL Stephen Murphy, New Orleans: Wynne Fuller, Mobile

***12:00-1:30******Luncheon*** *– (LaSalle B/C - Address by* ***RADM* John Nadeau, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District**

1:30-2:30 **GIWW Resiliency** –Houston ITC Spill Review Panel – ***Moderator, CAPT Kevin Oditt, USCG;*** Nate Hough, Kirby Corp.;
Jerry Torok, ACBL; James Prazak, Tricon International

2:30-3:30 **Brownwater Industry Education –** Community College Maritime Opportunities – ***Moderator, John Arenstam SCI;*** John Stauffer, San Jacinto Maritime; Rick Schwab, Delgado CC; Randy Savoie, North Shore Tech CC;
Mike Marshall, Turn Services

**3:30-3:45** **Break**

3:45-4:15 **Towing Vessel National Center of Excellence Update** – CDR Andrew Bender, CO, TVNCOE

4:15-5:30 **USCG Chief of Inspections Panel –** CIDs address Sub M Consistency across Sector Offices – ***Moderator, Mark Wright, AWO;*** LCDR Melvin Torres, Corpus Christi ; LCDR Joseph Hart, New Orleans; LT Tammy Bolin, Port Arthur; CDR Jason Franz, Mobile, LCDR Patrick Grizzle, Houma; LCDR Tim Tilghman, Houston

**6:00-7:30 Evening Reception** *(LaSalle Ballroom B/C - Open Bar and Hors d’oeuvres)*

**Friday, August 9**

8:00-8:30 **Breakfast Buffet** *(La Salle Ballroom B/C)*

8:30-8:45 **GICA Membership Business Meeting–** Board Chairman, Tom Marian, Presiding

8:45-9:30 **GIWW Towboat Operators’ Panel – *Moderator David Abney, GICA Board & ACBL*;** CaptainsTracy Cheramie, FMT; Dallas Theriot, Savage; Robert Tackett, ACBL; Todd Hundley, Golding Barge

9:30-10:15 **Economic Impacts of the GIWW - MarTrec Study –** Brianne Glover, Texas Transportation Institute

10:15-10:45 **Inland Waterways Users Board Priorities** – GIWW IWUB Representative – Spencer Murphy, Canal Barge

10:30-11:00 **Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center Reporting –**John Dubberley USACE Waterborne Commerce Statistics Ctr.

 **12:00 Adjourn – Safe Travels – Thank you! SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR AT OUR 115th**