



The Voice of the Caribbean Shipping Industry

THE CSA RETURNS TO CARTAGENA

The Caribbean Shipping Association returns to the beautiful city of Cartagena, Colombia for the fourth time for the staging of our 45th Annual General Meeting, Conference and Exhibition.

From October 17 to 21, the Intercontinental Cartagena de Indias will be flooded by hundreds of the region's most powerful maritime sector interests as the CSA combines its Annual General Meeting with an international maritime executives' conference and a business exposition.

The business of the organization will be the focus of attention on day one of the annual three-day event, where a major highlight will be the Election of the CSA's new President and Vice President for 2015 - 2016. The Association will say farewell to President Grantley Stephenson who has given yeoman service to the organization during his tenure at the helm of the CSA and will undoubtedly continue to offer guidance and support to the organisation.

As he demits office, the President has urged that delegates use the 45th AGM to devise sustainable plans to guarantee the longevity of the regional maritime industry. He also asked that members use the opportunity for reflection.

"We pause to reflect on the weight of our positive influence on the nations and people that we serve by virtue of the

goods that we transport and the services we safely and efficiently provide. We represent an industry that employs millions and provides significant economic and logistics support to the millions more that rely on global trade and maritime transport. Never has that role been more influential in the development of the world economy than it is today," said Stephenson.

Another highlight of Day 1 of the AGM will be the installation of a new General Council. The CSA's General Council which is the managing body comprises mainly the representatives of the four constituent groups of the Association.

The second day of the Colombia conference, Tuesday, October 20, will focus on presentations by international and regional maritime sector leaders that will allow delegates a chance to hear the most up to date information on developments in Logistics, Cruise Shipping, Liquid Natural Gas fuel options, port privatisation, technology and Customs. A tour of the Port of Cartagena will follow. The 45th Annual General Meeting, Conference and Exhibition will end with the CSA's annual Gala Banquet and Awards. This stellar

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event will be highlighted by the announcement of the winners of the annual Caribbean Port Awards.

Time has been set aside throughout the 3-day event for networking activities thus allowing participants to meet to discuss business matters and to initiate contact with potential partners,

The participants, comprising CSA members, industry suppliers and service providers, along with observers, are expected from more than 20 countries in the Americas and Europe.

The CSA, the voice of the Caribbean shipping industry, was established in 1971 to facilitate development of an efficient, viable Caribbean shipping industry. Conferences hosted by the CSA provide a forum in which matters relevant to the growth and development of Caribbean shipping are discussed. [Delegates can still register by clicking here.](#)



CUTTING-EDGE TOPICS FOR CARTAGENA CONFERENCE



The Caribbean Shipping Association's Annual General Meeting, Conference and Exhibition, to be held in Cartagena, Columbia, from October 19-21, 2015 will feature presentations by international and regional maritime leaders designed to ensure that delegates are exposed to the most up to date information on developments in Logistics, Cruise Shipping, Liquid Natural Gas fuel options, port privitisation, technology and Customs.

In the line-up of industry experts is Hector Landeros, Regional Development Manager of the World Customs Organisation (Americas and Caribbean) is a presenter. The World Customs Organisation's Regional

Development Manager for the Americas & Caribbean Region, Hector Landeros, will also present on the topic: 'Implementation of the World Trade Organisation's Trade Facilitation Agreement – An International Customs Perspective'. The balance between the needs of logistics services providers and the focus of the regional customs administrations on border protection and revenue collection should make for enlightening and stimulating discussion.

This agreement was one of the main outcomes of the 9th WTO Ministerial Conference held in Bali, Indonesia in December 2013. The negotiations were specifically aimed at clarifying and improving three articles of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) related to fees, expedited release and clearance of goods.

The negotiations mandated the provision of effective technical and financial assistance and capacity building to developing and least developed countries to assist them in implementing their obligations under the agreement.

The CSA is also pleased to confirm that Cuban government official, Pedro Suarez Reyes, who is also President of the Special Committee on Transport for the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), will join the esteemed panel of presenters at the conference.

Reyes will share information on the state of the Cuban Maritime Sector and what the pending end to the United States embargo will mean for the Spanish-speaking Caribbean territory. How the expected increase in exports and tourists to Cuba will impact regional shipping is a popular question among sector interests, and it is hoped that this will also be discussed at the conference.

Reyes and Landeros add to the impressive line-up of powerful regional policy makers scheduled to speak at the conference. The list also includes Colin Young, the International Maritime Organisation's (IMO) Regional Maritime Adviser for the Caribbean who will address the topic: 'Guidelines for Implementing the SOLAS Container Weight Verification Requirement' on Monday, October 19.

The list includes Alfonso Munera, Secretary General of the ACS, who will present on the topic: 'The Caribbean Maritime Industry and its Influences' on Wednesday, October 21, the final day of the conference. Alfonso Munera, Secretary General, Association of Caribbean States is also slated to expound on the legacy of the regional maritime industry and its influence on the growth and development of the Caribbean.

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Olivier Tretout, the CEO of Kingston Freeport Terminal Limited (KFTL) is one of the most anticipated presenters. He will address delegates on the topic, 'The Privatization of the Kingston Transshipment Terminal in Jamaica'. This issue has received much regional and international attention in the last few years with the development of the terminal being hailed by Jamaica's Minister of Industry investment and Commerce, Anthony Hylton, as "one of the critical planks of the proposed [Jamaican] logistics hub". He further identified the

project as, "... one of five core infrastructure projects that have to be in place when the expanded Panama Canal is reopened."

The new CEO is expected to share the vision of the company and how he intends to breathe new life into the execution of long-awaited development plans at the facility and is likely to receive an enthusiastic greeting from delegates attending the CSA's conference.

THE IMO'S SOLAS CONTAINER WEIGHT VERIFICATION PROTOCOLS

[WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW]

The clock is ticking for all parties involved in the international transportation of maritime containers – including shippers, freight forwarders, packers, NVOCCs, carriers, and marine terminal operators - to implement the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) new Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) requirements.

SOLAS will require every packed export container to have a verified container weight as a condition for loading aboard a vessel. This requirement will become legally binding on July 1, 2016, after which date it will be a violation of SOLAS to load a packed container onto a vessel if the vessel operator and marine terminal operator do not have a verified container weight.

As regional shipping interests prepare to fulfil the new requirements before the implementation date, participants in the upcoming Caribbean Shipping Association's Annual General Meeting, Conference and Exhibition will have the unique opportunity to learn more about this unfolding issue directly from the IMO Regional Maritime Adviser for the Caribbean, Colin Young.

Young will present on the topic, Guidelines for implementing the SOLAS Container Weight Verification on day two of the CSA's conference, which runs from October 19-21, 2015 in the beautiful Port of Cartagena, Columbia.

Young will also field questions from the hundreds of delegates who hail from across the world who have registered for the conference, which is one of the largest annual events of its kind in the Caribbean. Industry professionals can expect a stirring and lively discussion of this and other relevant matters in a segment moderated by Stephen Bell, Vice President of Seaboard Marine.





**45TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION
COLOMBIA | OCTOBER 19 - 21, 2015**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2015

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM BOARD OF TRUSTEES (PRIVATE)

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PORT AWARD COMMITTEE (PRIVATE)

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CSA'S SECURITY COUNCIL (PRIVATE)

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM CRUISE COMMITTEE (PRIVATE)

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM SILVER CLUB (PRIVATE)

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM CSA GENERAL COUNCIL (PRIVATE)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM WELCOME COCKTAIL & EXHIBITION OPENING

DAY ONE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM EXHIBITION – SHIPPING INSIGHT 2016

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM OPENING CEREMONY

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM BUSINESS OF THE 45TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CARIBBEAN SHIPPING ASSOCIATION

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM NETWORKING LUNCH

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SOLAS CONTAINER WEIGHT VERIFICATION REQUIREMENT

✦ **COLIN YOUNG, REGIONAL MARITIME ADVISER FOR THE CARIBBEAN – IMO**

MODERATOR: STEPHEN BELL, VICE PRESIDENT – SEABOARD MARINE – GROUP C CHAIRMAN

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM CONCURRENT GROUP MEETINGS (MEMBERS ONLY)

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM NETWORKING CULTURAL EVENT

DAY TWO

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM EXHIBITION – SHIPPING INSIGHT 2016

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD TRADE ORGANISATION'S TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT – AN INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS PERSPECTIVE

✦ **HECTOR LANDEROS, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER – AMERICAS & CARIBBEAN REGION – WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANISATION**

MODERATOR: ROGER HINDS, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, SHIPPING ASSOCIATION OF JAMAICA

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM COFFEE BREAK

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CARIBBEAN LOGISTICS

✦ **FRITZ PINNOCK, PHD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CARIBBEAN MARITIME INSTITUTE**

MODERATOR: DAVID JEAN MARIE, VICE PRESIDENT, CARIBBEAN SHIPPING ASSOCIATION

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM THE CUBAN MARITIME INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

✦ **PEDRO SUAREZ REYES, PRESIDENT, SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF TRANSPORT, ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES/MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT - CUBA**

MODERATOR: ANIBAL OCHOA, DEPUTY VICE PRESIDENT – MARKETING & SALES PORT OF CARTAGENA

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM NETWORKING LUNCH

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM LNG FUEL FORUM: ENERGY MARKETS, FUNDAMENTALS AND CURRENT VESSEL DESIGNS

✦ **JOHN HATLEY, PE, LNG INITIATIVES, AMERICAS VICE PRESIDENT, SHIP POWER, WARTSILA NORTH AMERICA, INC**

✦ **JACOB THYGESEN, HEAD – GLOBAL ACTIVITIES, WARTSILA SHIP DESIGN**

✦ **JAN H ANDERSEN, SNR. PRINCIPAL ENGINEER, DNV GL MARITIME ADVISORY**

MODERATOR: HERNAN AYALA, PRESIDENT, PUERTO RICO SHIPPING ASSOCIATION

4:30 PM PORT TOUR



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DAY THREE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM EXHIBITION – SHIPPING INSIGHT 2016

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM CARIBBEAN MARITIME INDUSTRY AND ITS INFLUENCES

✦ ALFONSO MUNERA, SECRETARY GENERAL, ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES

MODERATOR: GRANTLEY STEPHENSON, PRESIDENT, CARIBBEAN SHIPPING ASSOCIATION

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM OIL POLLUTION IN THE CARIBBEAN

✦ RANDOLF TER HAAR, DIRECTOR TERHAAR INTERNATIONAL

✦ GISELE SKRAMSTAD, SALES MANAGER, ALLMARITIM, NORWAY

MODERATOR: CARLOS URRIOLA, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, CARIBBEAN SHIPPING ASSOCIATION

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM COFFEE BREAK

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM PRIVATIZATION OF THE KINGSTON TRANSHIPMENT TERMINAL IN JAMAICA

✦ OLIVIER TRETOUT, CEO, KINGSTON FREEPORT TERMINAL LTD

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM SWEDISH PORT TECHNOLOGY PANEL

✦ FREDRIK JOHANSSON, ABB SWEDEN

✦ LARS MEURLING, VP SWEDEN, BROMMA

✦ FREDRIK GUSTAFSON, COUNTRY MANAGER, LATIN AMERICA, SAAB

MODERATOR: ANNA JOHANSSON, SWEDISH MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM NETWORKING LUNCH

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM TABLING OF REPORTS

2:45 PM OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

3:15 PM INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

3:45 PM INSTALLATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL 2015/2016

7:00 CSA'S GALA BANQUET & AWARDS

SAVE OUR SEAS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The Caribbean Sea is ranked as having one of the most intense levels of maritime traffic in the world. It also functions as a Large Marine Ecosystem (LME), which supports many critical habitats for indigenous marine wildlife. According to researchers, maritime activities have led to significant oil pollution. While the impacts of oil pollution on oceanic ecosystems are recognised, a number of management challenges remain.

According to a recent report based on a study conducted by Asha Singh, Hamish Asmath, Candice Leung Chee and Junior Darsan on the potential oil spill risk in the Caribbean Sea, and the implications for management of these risks, approximately 83% of these azure waters could be potentially impacted by oil spills due to shipping.

According to the researchers, the results from this study collectively support the urgent need for a management framework for minimising ship generated oil pollution in the region. Among the recommended components are a common policy, surveillance and monitoring controls, standards, monitoring programmes, data collection and greater rates of convention ratifications.

In order to provide the most up to date data on this issue and explore its implications for regional shipping interests, the CSA is pleased to welcome Randolf Ter Haar, Director of Terhaar International, and Gisele Skramstad, Sales Manager, Allmaritim, Norway to the 45th AGM and conference. The two experts will speak to the topic **Oil Pollution in the Caribbean** in a not-to-be-missed session on Day 3 of the conference. This session will be moderated by Carlos Urriola, Immediate Past President, Caribbean Shipping Association.



The CSA Port Awards Competition has brought recognition, respect and prestige to several marine ports across the Caribbean and Latin America since it first started in 1987. Many of these facilities have been recognised by the CSA for successes in various aspects of terminal operations, taking awards for Dependability, Efficiency, Growth and Development and, since 2001, Security.

Each year, the CSA's Port Awards Committee compares the performance of participating ports to determine the highest performers. For the second year running, the involvement of the Shipping Association of Jamaica subsidiary, ADVANTUM, has provided an additional layer of transparency and efficiency through the automation of the application and assessment processes. What was previously a manual process which required entrants to fill out actual application forms, is now digital and allows for data to be uploaded online via the CSA's website.

The Committee looks at operational efficiency, dependability of services and at programmes and initiatives implemented to achieve higher levels of productivity, growth and development. A high premium is placed on measures to make port facilities safer and more secure. At the end of the process, the CSA is able to announce to the world those Caribbean ports and terminals that have achieved high standards of operational performance.

Winners under the various categories of the annual CSA Port Awards Competition will be announced on October 21st during the AGM Gala Banquet & Awards Ceremony.



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