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13th ANNUAL
MARITIME SECURITY EAST



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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 2026

7:30-6:30 Exhibit Hall	Maritime Security and Law Enforcement Solutions Exhibition
7:30-8:45 Exhibit Hall	Networking Breakfast and Registration
8:45-9:00	Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sareth Neak, President, Neak Media LLC
9:00-9:45	Keynote: U.S. Coast Guard Leadership
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice Admiral Thomas G. Allan Jr., Acting Vice Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Coast Guard
9:45-10:15	Securing the U.S. Maritime Borders: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Operations
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott T. Leach, Director, Marine Operations, Headquarters, Air and Marine Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection
10:15-10:30	From Sea to Service: A Vietnamese Refugee's Incredible Journey to Honor His Promise ** Book Signing in Tideman Marine's Booth to Follow
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDR Marc Nguyen, USCG (Ret), Senior Advisor and Program Manager, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Los Angeles/Long Beach
10:30-11:15 Exhibit Hall	Networking Break
11:15-12:00	U.S. Coast Guard Robotics and Autonomous Systems (RAS) Program Executive Office (PEO): Current Capabilities and Program Aspirations
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anthony J.L. Antognoli, Assistant Commandant and Program Executive Officer for Robotics and Autonomous Systems, U.S. Coast Guard
12:00-12:15	Gold Sponsor Presentation: Securing Ports and Other Critical Infrastructures Using Cryptographically Signed Biometric Barcodes for In-Person and Remote Identification
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geoff Slagle, Executive Vice President, Digital Identity, FaceTec
12:15-1:00 Independence B	Networking Lunch
1:00-2:00	Port Security Leadership Roundtable: Security Priorities for Ports
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathleen "Pickett" Bowen, Director of Security, Maryland Port Administration Mike Edgerton, Manager, Port Security, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Mark Dubina, Vice President, Security, Port Tampa Bay Mike Goldschmidt, Assistant Director of Security, Port of Long Beach
2:00-2:15	Enhancing Coastal Domain Awareness: Automated Target Classification for the PBSO/South Florida Radar Network
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Katz, Program Manager & Architect, Coastal Security, South Florida Radar, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
2:00-2:30	From Cyber Shock to Cargo Flow: A Continuity Playbook for Every U.S. Port That Will Host a Large-Scale Event
Independence B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shawn Whiteside, Senior Vice President, Commercial Practice, OneZero Solutions, Executive Director, MTS-ISAC
2:15-3:15 Exhibit Hall	Networking Break

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3:15-3:45	Unmanned Surface Vessel Use in the Port Environment: Policies and Regulations Challenges and Needs
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack R. Dougherty, Co-Founder/Uncrewed Systems Principal, Janus Defense • Jorge R. Alcazar "Pumba", CEO and Founder, The Unmanned Advantage LLC • Reid McAllister, Defense Strategist, Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems International
3:15-3:45	Smart Ports, Secure Futures: Harnessing AI and Automation for Resilient Maritime Operations
Independence B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marco (Marc) Ayala, Sector Chief of Energy, InfraGard National Members Alliance
3:45-4:15	Maritime Security Solution Presentations
Independence A	<p>Layered Maritime Protection from Port to Open Ocean: Unmanned Technology as the Backbone to Sovereignty, Safety, Interdiction, and Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAPT Chris Glander (USCG Ret.), President, ThayerMahan Offshore <p>Strength in Swarms: Persistent Maritime Domain Awareness with Unmanned Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleo Haynal, Vice President, Commercial Strategy, HAVOC AI <p>Modernizing Maritime Awareness Through Smart Software</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Rains, Senior Sales Director, Tocaro Blue
3:45-4:30	Operational Technology (OT) Cyber Security Roundtable: Protecting Port's Critical Operational Technologies
Independence B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julio R. Gonzalez – Moderator, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Sentinel Resilience Group • Alex Boesenber, Standards Advocacy Manager, International Society of Automation • David Forbes, Director, Cyber Physical Defense, Booz Allen Hamilton • Craig Whittinghill, PhD, Deputy Director, Applied Research and Services, McCrary Institute for Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security, Auburn University
4:15-4:45	Maritime Security Solution Presentations
Independence A	<p>Hard Environment, Real Results: What Overseas USV Operations can Teach U.S. Security Forces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack R. Dougherty, MSM, Co-Founder/Uncrewed Systems Principal, Janus Defense <p>Benefits of HDPE Hulls on Patrol Boats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Caplan, Director, Tideman Marine <p>Leveraging Video, Analytics and Other Detection Tools to Build a Complete Common Operating Picture in Ports and On-Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chad Carpenter, Director of Technical Offerings, Program Manager, SCCI RAPTOR Platform, Sandoval Custom Creations Inc. (SCCI)
4:30-5:15	Port Cyber Security Priorities and Challenges
Independence B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Backo - Moderator, Senior Advisor, Global Risk Advisory, Acrisure • Kenneth Washington, Chief Information Officer (CIO), Port Tampa Bay • Max J. Bobys, Vice President, Practice Director, Marine Cyber Risk Advisory, ShorelineHudson • Chris Wolski, President & CEO, MBA, CISSP, GICSP, Lead CCA, Applied Security Convergence LLC
4:45-5:15	Counter UAS Policy Needs and Challenges
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandon Youngblood, Founder, Drone Security Services
5:15-6:30 Exhibit Hall	Networking Social

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8:00-4:30 Exhibit Hall	Maritime Security and Law Enforcement Solutions Exhibition
8:00-8:30 Exhibit Hall	Networking Breakfast
8:30-9:15	Keynote Address: U.S. Coast Guard Cyber Command
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rear Admiral Jason Tama, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Cyber Command (CGCYBER)
9:15-10:00	Marine Exchange Leadership Roundtable: Engaging Industry in the Safety and Security of Our Maritime Domain
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sareth Neak – Moderator, President, Neak Media LLC F. Scott Humphrey, Executive Director, Marine Exchange of the San Francisco Bay Region Michael Fink, CAO & Director of Information Technology, Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay Curtis Cannizzaro, Executive Director, Merchants Exchange
10:00-10:30	Houston Ship Channel Security District: A Model Public-Private Partnership Supporting Maritime Security and Law Enforcement
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lt. Steve Twitty, Lieutenant, Maritime Tactical Operations Section, Harris County Sheriff's Office
10:30-11:15 Exhibit Hall	Networking Break
11:00-11:30	Four-Dimensional MDA: Achieving Enhanced Maritime Domain Awareness through the Lens of Economics
Independence B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cesar Morales, Government, Defense & National Security, S&P Global Market Intelligence
11:15-11:45	Maritime Security Solution Presentations
Independence A	<p>Modernizing Distress Detection: Unifying VHF Voice, AIS, RDF, and Real-Time Analytics for Enhanced Maritime Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Santiago Becerra , CEO/CTO, VesselAware <p>Leveraging Low-Cost SBU Maritime Domain Awareness Coordination to Protect the Maritime Sector with Interagency Operations and Real-Time Situational Tasking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe Abeyta, Director of Business Development Government Programs, TeledyneFLIR / Raymarine <p>Seeing Beyond AIS: Remote Sensing Intelligence for Law Enforcement in a Darkening Maritime Domain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Malito, Solutions Engineer, Windward
11:30-12:00	Field Updates from Coast Guard Office of Facility and Compliance and Coast Guard Office of Maritime Cybersecurity Policy: Managing Cybersecurity in the Maritime Transportation System
Independence B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDR Brennan Dougherty, Deputy Office Chief, Office of Port & Facility Compliance, U.S. Coast Guard Charles Blackmore, Marine Transportation System Specialist (Cyber), Office of Maritime Cybersecurity Policy, U.S. Coast Guard
11:45-12:15	Location Intelligence for Maritime and Port Security
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carl Walter – Moderator, Director, Homeland Security Solutions, Esri Colin Cate, Public Safety Solution Engineer, Esri Jeffrey Lenard, Firefighter/EMT, Special Operations Division – Fireboat Company Master Public Safety Diver, District of Columbia Fire and EMS Dept. Timothy Hutchison, GIS Public Safety Analyst, The Office of the Chief Technology Officer, Government of the District of Columbia
12:15-1:00 Independence B	Networking Lunch

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1:00-1:30	Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse: The Recovery Effort and Coordination
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fred Dolbow, Port Security/Recovery Specialist, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capitol Region • Dorie Murphy, Emergency Management Chief, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District
1:30-2:00	MSC Michigan VII: The Port of Charleston Runaway Vessel Incident
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lt. Sigrid Phinney, IOC State Coordinator, Fusion Liaison Officer, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division
2:00-2:30 Exhibit Hall	Networking Break
2:30-3:15	Ronald Reagan Airport Mid-Air Collision: The Recovery Effort in the Potomac River
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Chenworth, Deputy Chief, District of Columbia Fire and EMS Dept. • Jeffrey Lenard, Firefighter/EMT, Special Operations Division – Fireboat Company Master Public Safety Diver, District of Columbia Fire and EMS Dept. • Special Agent Joseph Marx, Underwater Search and Recovery Team, Federal Bureau of Investigations • Lt. Andrew Horos, Harbor Master, District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Dept. • Michael Puglisi, Captain, District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department
3:15-3:45	The MV Mississippi Container Collapse: The Port of Long Beach Unified Command Response
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Goldschmidt, Incident Commander, Assistant Director of Security, Port of Long Beach
3:45-4:30	Multi-Agency Collaboration and Information Sharing: Building Interoperable Communication and Situational Awareness Between State, Local and Federal Partners
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lieutenant Sigrid Phinney, IOC State Coordinator, Fusion Liaison Officer, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division • Captain David Jasper, Division Commander of the Industry & Emergency Management Division, Harris County Sheriff's Office
4:30	Closing Remarks
Independence A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sareth Neak, President, Neak Media LLC