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NEW 2011 Great Lakes Waterways Conference to Launch in Cleveland This Week

Alexandria, VA....The inaugural meeting of the 2011 Great Lakes Waterways Conference (formerly known as the United States Coast Guard's Marine Community Days) will be held February 16-17 at the Hyatt Regency Cleveland- Arcade and the Sammy's Center at One Cleveland Center.

The conference will involve a full range of maritime professionals and industry's from throughout the Great Lakes region in the United States and Canada. The conference has been organized to bring together the key players in government and the private sector to discuss pressing transportation and policy issues pertaining to the Great Lakes.

"We are expecting a large number of attendees" says Alan Bernstein, the Meetings Planner for the 2011 Great Lakes Waterways Conference. This new conference is designed to address the topics of most importance to Great Lakes maritime professionals.

In addition to panels and presentations from maritime industry experts , the 2011 Great Lakes Waterways Conference will involve leaders from both industry and government, including:

- Rear Admiral Mike Parks, Commander, 9th District United States Coast Guard
- Major General John Peabody, Commander and Division Engineer of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Mr. Wade Spurrell, Assistant Commissioner , Canadian Coast Guard
- Mr. Michael Dwyer, Transport Canada
- The Honorable Collister Johnson Jr., Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation
- Mr. Terrence F Bowles, Saint Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation
- Mr. Jim Weakley, Lake Carriers Association
- Mr. Bruce Bowie, Canadian Shipping Association

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The 2011 Great Lakes Waterways Conference will feature an Admiral's Dinner on Wednesday, February 17 at 6 p.m. Hyatt Regency Cleveland-Arcade in the beautiful setting of the oldest shopping mall in downtown Cleveland.

For program, registration and hotel information about the 2011 Great Lakes Waterways Conference, go to:

<http://www.greatlakeswaterwaysconference.com/agenda.html> (Beginning 2-11-2011, all conference registrations must be processed on-site).

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