

**SCHEDULE AND ITINERARY FOR
COLUMBIA BASIN MARITIME INDUSTRY LEADERSHIPTRAING
(COBALT)**

SEPTEMBER 24 – SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

Background on the Columbia Region’s Maritime Industry Introduction Program:

This program has traditionally been a week-long structured series of presentations, tours, and discussion sessions offered to every newly arriving U.S. Coast Guard Captain of the Port/ Sector Commander. It has been offered at least once a year, every year since 1997.

The Coast Guard selected the title “Columbia Basin Leadership Training” (COBALT) as the name and acronym for the program. The program is coordinated by the Columbia River Steamship Operators’ Association (CRSOA), and presented by maritime industry leaders, state and local government agency heads and representatives. Each presentation is a product of the agency/organization presenting and provides information that organization’s leaders believe will be of benefit to the Coast Guard and our industry.

Sessions are designed to quickly acquaint executive and mid-level Federal decision makers with our maritime industry’s issues, concerns, and priorities, and to encourage open dialogue with our region’s private sector leaders and experts.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

(*COBALT begins on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 for USCG Personnel)

- 0900 - 1600 USCG Missions Day
- 0830 - 0900 Arrive at Sector Columbia River:
2185 SE 12th Place, Warrenton, OR
Ensure all guests have government issued ID. Gate guard will verify guests against list. Proceed to Administration Building. Make immediate right upon entering gate and park in parking lot on right in front of the Administration Building.
- 0900 - 1000 Welcome – **Captain Jeremy Smith**, Sector Columbia River Commanding Officer
Sector 101 – **Captain David Berliner**, Sector Columbia River Deputy Sector Commander
Sector Administration Building Conference Room
- 1000 - 1015 Break
- 1015 - 1100 Walking Tour of Sector Columbia River
Sector Command Center Tour
Helicopter Hanger Tour
- 1100 - 1130 Sector Boarding Team Presentation
SBT Conference Room
- 1130 - 1200 Travel to Station Cape Disappointment
322 Coast Guard Road, Ilwaco, WA 98624
- 1200 - 1300 Lunch at Station Cape Disappointment Galley
(Lunch is available for \$7.70, cash only, please)
- 1300 - 1400 Tour of Station Cape Disappointment
- 1400 - 1430 Travel to Tongue Point (ANT Astoria)
3 Hanger Way, Astoria, OR 97103
- 1430 - 1530 Tour of ANT Astoria
- 1530 Depart

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

0800 - 0830 Welcome Breakfast - Meet at MSU Portland
(Breakfast provided by CRSOA)

6767 N Basin Ave, Portland, OR 97217

0830 - 0900 COBALT Program Overview and Columbia River Steamship Operators' Association (CRSOA) - Ms. Kate Mickelson, Executive Director

- Discussion of CRSOA History, Membership, Mission and Industry Activities
- Introduction to the 2018 COBALT Program

0900 - 0945 A Day in the Life of an Agent: Looking Back - Mr. Bruce Skerry, Retired Agent

- An agency overview and geographic port locations on the lower Columbia River
- Agent definitions and relationships with commercial vessel operators and cargo interests
- Basic description of an agency actions
- Where and how is agency staffing procured?
- An agency's relationship to governmental entities and required service providers
- Development of an agent
- A look at a local maritime historical event, from the agent's position

0945 - 1030 A Day in the Life of an Agent: Looking Forward - Cale Kerrick, Transmarine Navigation Corp.

- Advantages of using an Agent
- Bringing ships to the Columbia River
- Contracts / Charter Parties
- Vendors / Form Work
- 96 Hours Prior to Arrival / 48 Hours Prior to Arrival / 24 Hours Prior to Arrival / At Berth

1030 - 1045 Break

1045 - 1130 Merchants Exchange of Portland - Ms. Liz Wainwright, Executive Director

1130 - 1200 Travel to Clean Rivers Cooperative Operations Facility:
5882 NW Saint Helens Road, Portland, OR 97231

If you are using a GPS system, type in the address:

5816 NW Balboa Avenue
Portland, OR 97231

Access to the facility is via NW Front Avenue. From Front Avenue, take a left turn onto NW 61st Street and follow the road to the end. The facility will be on your left.

1200 - 1230 Lunch (Generously provided by the Merchants Exchange of Portland, Maritime Fire & Safety Association, and Clean Rivers Cooperative)

1230 - 1245 Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee, Mr. Sean Clark, Chair

1245 - 1315 Maritime Fire and Safety Association (MFSA) - Ms. Holly Robinson, General Manager

1315 - 1345 Clean Rivers Cooperative Presentation & Tour - Mr. Casey Comer, General Manager and Carl Boelter, Operations Manager

1345 - 1415 Travel to MSU Portland - Dock
6767 N Basin Ave, Portland, OR 97217

1415 - 1500 Fire Response Boat Tours

- Portland Fire and Rescue
- Clark County Fire and Rescue
- Vancouver Fire

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

0800 - 0830 Meet at MSU Portland
6767 N Basin Ave, Portland, OR 97217

(Light breakfast provided by CRSOA)

0830 - 0915 U.S. Customs and Border Protection

- Forms and Reporting
- Repatriation, Deserters and Absconders
- Weekend Inspections

0915 - 1000 Columbia River Towboat Association - Mr. Ken Anderson, Mr. Dave Konz and Mr. Bo McCall

1000 - 1015 Break

1015 - 1100 Port of Astoria - Mr. Jim Knight, Executive Director

1100 - 1145 Port of Portland - Mr. Fred Myer, Senior Manager, Marine Security and Waterways

- Operations of the Port of Portland
- Current and future operations, programs and plans
- Current and future marketing efforts and forecasts for the river

1145 - 1215 Lunch (Generously provided by Port of Portland)

1215 - 1300 Port of Portland - Mr. Fred Myer, Senior Manager, Marine Security and Waterways

- Major issues of concern to port and river users:
 - o Navigational Issues
 - o Status of the Willamette River Superfund Cleanup

1300 - 1345 Port of St. Helens - Mr. Doug Hayes, Executive Director

- History/Mission
- Port District Location
- Port by the Numbers
- Existing Maritime Industries
- Future Opportunities

1345 - 1400 Break (Snacks provided by CRSOA)

- 1400 - 1415 Oregon Department of Environmental Quality - Mr. Rian Hooff, Ballast Water Program & Invasive Species Management Coordinator
- Overview of aquatic invasive species concerns for Oregon Waters
 - DEQ Ballast Water Program history and current regulatory landscape
 - DEQ vessel inspection and compliance verification activities
 - State ballast management enforcement authorities and processes
 - DEQ response to pending shift in ballast management practices
- 1415 - 1430 Oregon Department of Environmental Quality - Mr. Michael Zollitch, Emergency Response Unit Leader
- DEQ authorities related to:
 - o Response to Oil and Hazardous Material Spills
 - o Oil Spill Planning/Preparedness
 - o Oregon Emergency Management
 - o How we fit with CERCLA and CWA
 - o Response on a River System
 - o Regional Response Team/Northwest Area Committee
 - Partnerships
 - Drills and Exercises, DEQ Resources, DEQ Organization
- 1430 - 1500 Washington Department of Ecology – Mr. Dale Jensen, Program Manager
- Washington state regulatory authority in prevention, preparedness and response activities
 - Washington shared responsibility on the Columbia River with Oregon
 - Partnerships within the Northwest Area Contingency Plan

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

- 0730 – 0800 Travel to the Columbia River Pilots Offices:
13225 N Lombard, Portland, OR 97203
- 0800 - 0915 Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) - Ms. Kristin Meira, Executive Director
- Discussion of PNWA's history, membership, structure, and approach in successfully creating consensus among its highly diverse membership base and in crafting solidarity for regional positions on critically important infrastructure issues
 - Regional overview on PNWA's primary areas of engagement: federal navigation funding and policy, salmon restoration and Columbia River Treaty
 - Highlight top federal navigation projects, funding outlook and future plans
- 0915 - 1030 Columbia River Pilots (COLRIP) - Captain Steve Dobbins, President
- Presentation of VTIS history in the Columbia River
 - Demonstration of TV-32/AIS supported VTIS
 - Discussion of VTIS vs VTS from industry perspective
 - Industry Continued Professional Development programs
 - Discussion of general river and piloting issues
 - Discussion of anchorage and stern buoy issues
- 1030 - 1145 Columbia River Bar Pilots (CRBP) - Captain Dan Jordan, Administrative Pilot
- Helo-Fast Boat pilot transport system
 - Heavy weather policies and practices coordinated with USCG relating to bar closures, suspension of piloting services, and management of the Astoria anchorage
 - Recent studies and analysis of vessel squat and response
 - Other planned initiatives
- 1145 - 1215 Lunch (Lunch generously provided by the Columbia River Pilots)
- 1215 - 1315 Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots (OBMP) – Ms. Susan Johnson, Secretary
- Oregon Public Utility Commission
 - Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots
 - Board Activity
- 1315 - 1400 Travel to MSU Portland
6767 N Basin Ave, Portland, OR 97217

- 1400 - 1430 NOAA's Northwest River Forecast Center (NWRFC) - Mr. Brad Gillies, Senior Hydrologist and Mr. Henry Pai,
- Overview of Northwest River Forecast Center Services
 - Description of Lower Columbia river forecast services
 - o Routine daily forecasts
 - o Special Decision Support Services
 - Low water forecast for 2018
 - Low water forecast verification for 2017
- 1430 - 1500 Port of Portland - Mr. Fred Myer, Senior Manager, Marine Security and Waterways
- Lessons learned to facilitate Coast Guard / Port operations
 - o Ports & COE Meeting
 - o LoadMAX
 - o Port of Portland's operation of the dredge OREGON
- 1500 - 1515 Break (Snacks provided by CRSOA)
- 1515 - 1530 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Welcome - Col. Aaron Dorf; District Commander of the Portland District
- 1530 - 1615 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District - Mr. Kevin Brice, P.E., PMP, Deputy Engineer, Programs and Project Management
- Discussion on critical infrastructure projects status and challenges, on-going navigation safety and commercial issues USACE is facing, and plans for improved commercial movement and status information collection and sharing
- 1615 - 1700 US Army Corps of Engineers Navigation, Portland District - Mr. Jon Gornick, Technical Manager for Dredging
- Deep draft shipping channel downstream of Vancouver, WA to the Pacific Ocean
 - Corps hopper dredges ESSAYONS & YAQUINA, annual contract hopper and dredge OREGON & placement of dredge material
 - Corps surveys & review of surveys
 - Current channel condition status report

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

(All participants will drive their cars to Vancouver, Kalama and Longview then return home from Longview at the end of the session.)**

- 0730 - 0800 Travel to Port of Vancouver USA:
3103 NW Lower River Rd, Vancouver, WA 98660
- 0800 - 0830 Port of Vancouver USA - Mr. Kent Cash, P.E., Chief Operations Officer
- Operations at the Port of Vancouver USA
 - Current and future port programs and plans
 - Current and future marketing efforts and forecasts
 - Comparisons and discussion of similarities and differences between Columbia Region and other West Coast port systems
- 0830 - 0930 Tour of Port of Vancouver USA - Kent Cash, P.E., Chief Operations Officer
- Discussions of the different commodities and markets served, and the complexities associated with the different technologies, operating procedures, economics, and regulations that pertain to the different supply chains serve
- 0930 - 1030 Travel to Port of Kalama Offices:
110 W Marine Drive, Kalama, WA 98625
- 1030 - 1115 Port of Kalama - Mr. Mark Wilson, Executive Director
- Port of Kalama's Purpose & Overview
 - Economic Impact, Employment & Tourism
 - Current and Future Projects at the Port
 - Marine Projects & Cargo
- 1115 - 1200 Grain Terminal - TBD
- 1200 - 1230 Travel to the Millennium Bulk Terminals Facility:
4029 Industrial Way, Longview, WA 98632
- 1230 - 1345 Working Lunch - Millennium Bulk Terminals - Mr. Peter Bennett, Vice President, Business Development – Bulk Products, Ms. Heather Sievers, Safety Specialist, and Mr. Bob Stewart, General Manager
- Discussion will include Millennium Bulk Terminals history, operations and projects

(Lunch generously provided by Millennium Bulk Terminals)

1345 - 1400 Travel to the Port of Longview Offices:
10 Port Way, Longview, WA 98632

1400 - 1445 Port of Longview – Mr. Norm Krehbiel, Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Ashley Helenberg, Director of External Affairs

- Port overview and history
- Cargo
- Industry involvement
- Current and future projects

1445 - 1500 Wrap-up comments, end of session

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