

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

AUGUST 22 – AUGUST 26, 2022

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, and 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, AUGUST 22, 2022

- 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 - Sector Columbia River Commanding Officer
Sector 101 - Sector Columbia River Deputy Sector Commander
Sector Administration Building Conference Room
- 1000 - 1015 Break
- 1015 - 1100 Walking Tour of Sector Columbia River
Helicopter Hangar Tour
Sector Command Center Tour
- 1100 - 1145 Sector Boarding Team Presentation
SBT Conference Room
- 1145 - 1230 Travel to Station Cape Disappointment
322 Coast Guard Road, Ilwaco, WA 98624
- 1230 - 1315 Lunch at Station Cape Disappointment Galley
- 1315 - 1415 Tour of Station Cape Disappointment
- 1415 - 1500 Travel to Tongue Point (ANT Astoria)
3 Hanger Way, Astoria, OR 97103
- 1500 - 1600 Tour of ANT Astoria
- 1600 Depart

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022

- 0800 - 0830 Welcome Breakfast - Meet at MSU Portland
(Breakfast provided by CRSOA)
6767 N Basin Ave, Portland, OR 97217
- 0830 - 0930 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 2022 COBALT Program
- 0930 - 1015 A Day in the Life of an Agent - **Mr. Cale Karrick**, South Port Agencies, Inc.
- 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
- 1015 - 1030 Break (Snacks provided by CRSOA)
- 1030 - 1115 Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) - **Ms. Heather Stebbings**, 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
- 1115 - 1200 Columbia River Towboat Association - **Mr. Jon Hellberg**, **Ms. Jennifer Riddle** and **Mr. Sam Diedrick**
- 1200 - 1245 Lunch (Generously provided by the Merchants Exchange of Portland, Maritime Fire & Safety Association, and Clean Rivers Cooperative)
- 1245 - 1300 Columbia River Launch Service - **Mr. Brett Bybee**, Owner/Operator

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- 1315 - 1415 Port of Portland - **Mr. Fred Myer**, Terminal 6 and Waterways Manager, Marine Operations, **Mr. Richard Vincent**, Senior Environmental and Waterways Planner, **Mr. Don Tjostolvson**, Navigation Director, Dredge Oregon – Navigation Division **Kelly Madalinski**, Harbor Environmental Manager
- Lessons learned to facilitate Coast Guard / Port operations
 - o Navigational Issues
 - o Superfund
 - o Ports and Corps meeting/issues
 - o LoadMAX
 - o Port of Portland's operation of the dredge OREGON
- 1415 - 1430 Break
- 1430 - 1445 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Welcome - **Col. Michael D. Helton**, District Commander of the Portland District
- 1445 - 1515 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District - **Ms. Elizabeth Wells**, P.E., Deputy District Engineer for 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
- 1515 - 1545 US Army Corps of Engineers Navigation, Portland District - **Ms. Kym Anderson**, Chief, Operations Division
- Deep draft shipping channel downstream of Vancouver, WA to the Pacific Ocean
 - Corps hopper dredges ESSAYONS and YAQUINA, annual contract hopper and dredge OREGON and placement of dredge material
 - Corps surveys and review of surveys
 - Current channel condition status report

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022

(All participants will drive their cars to Vancouver.)**

- 0730 - 0800 Travel to Port of Vancouver USA:
3103 NW Lower River Rd, Vancouver, WA 98660
- 0800 - 0815 Welcome
- 0815 - 0845 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
- 0845 - 0945 Tour of Port of Vancouver USA - **Mr. 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
- 0945 - 1045 United Grain Corporation Presentation & Tour - **Mr. Augusto Bassanini**, President and Chief Executive Officer
- 1045 - 1115 Travel to MSU Portland
6767 N Basin Ave, Portland, OR 97217
- 1115 - 1200 U.S. Customs and Border Protection - **Mr. Ian Bow**, Assistant Area Port Director Tactical, Area Port of Portland, OR
- Forms and reporting
 - Repatriation, deserters, and absconders
 - Weekend inspections
- 1200 - 1230 Lunch (Generously provided by Port of Portland)
- 1230 - 1300 EGT - **Mr. Matthew Kerrigan**, Operations Manager
- 1300 - 1330 Temco (Temco Kalama, Temco Portland) - **Mr. Tom Rodman**, Plant Manager
- 1330 - 1400 National Cargo Bureau - **Capt. Anthony Athowe**, Staff Surveyor, Port of Portland
- 1400 - 1430 NOAA Office of Coast Survey - **Mr. Jeffrey Ferguson**, CA Navigation Manager Acting OR/WA Navigation Manager, NOAA Office of Coast Survey
- 1430 - 1445 Break

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1445 - 1500 Port of Columbia County - **Mr. Sean Clark**, Executive Director

- History/Mission
- Port district location
- Port by the numbers
- Existing maritime industries
- Future opportunities

1500 - 1545 NOAA's Northwest River Forecast Center (NWRFC) - **Mr. Henry Pai**, Hydrologist

- Overview of Northwest River Forecast Center Services
- Description of Lower Columbia River forecast services
 - Routine daily forecasts
 - Special Decision Support Services
- Low water forecast for 2022
- Low water forecast verification for 2021

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022

- 0800 - 0830 Meet at MSU Portland
6767 N Basin Ave, Portland, OR 97217
(Light breakfast provided by CRSOA)
- 0830 - 0845 Welcome
- 0845 - 0930 Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots (OBMP) - **Mr. Tom Griffiths**, Executive Director
- Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots
 - Regulation and Licensing of State Pilots
 - Board Functions
 - Accident Investigations/USCG – OBMP relationship
- 0930 - 1015 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
- 1015 - 1030 Break
- 1030 - 1115 Columbia River Pilots (COLRIP) - **Captain Jeremy Nielsen**, President
- Presentation of Vessel Traffic Information Service 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
- 1115 - 1145 Sector Columbia River Port Coordination Team - **Mr. Jim Merten**, Port Security Specialist (Recovery/Salvage)
- Marine Transportation Recovery Planning
- 1145 - 1200 Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation - **Ms. Catherine Simons**, Gateway Director - Pacific Northwest & Alaska
- 1200 - 1215 Lower Columbia Region Harbor Safety Committee - **Mr. Larry Landgraver**, Vice Chair
- 1215 - 1245 Lunch (Lunch generously provided by the Columbia River Pilots)

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1245 - 1315 Ballard Marine Construction - **Mr. Vince Piscitello**, Vice President of Business Development, Western Region

1315 - 1415 Merchants Exchange - **Ms. Liz Wainwright**, Executive Director, **Mr. Carl Bertapelle**, Marine Operations Services Manager

1415 - 1430 Break

1430 - 1500 Maritime Fire and Safety Association (MFSA) - **Ms. Holly Robinson**, General Manager

1500 - 1545 Fire Response Boat Tours

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

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022

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

0730 - 0800 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. You'll see signs for Transfer Station. The facility will be on your left.

0800 - 0815 Welcome

0815 - 0900 Clean Rivers Cooperative Presentation & Tour - **Mr. Curtis Cannizzaro**, General Manager and **Mr. Carl Boelter**, Operations Manager

0900 - 0915 Oregon Department of Environmental Quality - **Mr. Joshua Emerson**, Ballast Water Program 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

0915 - 0930 Oregon Department of Environmental Quality - **Mr. Scott Smith**, Emergency Response Planner

- 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 Superfund and Clean Water Act
 - o Response on a river system
 - o Regional Response Team/Northwest Area Committee
 - Partnerships
 - Drills and Exercises, DEQ Resources, DEQ Organization

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- 0930 - 1000 Washington Department of Ecology - **Carlos Clements**, 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
- 1000 - 1100 Travel to Port of Kalama Offices:
110 W Marine Drive, Kalama, WA 98625
- 1100 - 1130 Lunch
- 1130 - 1200 Port of Kalama - **Mr. Mark Wilson**, Executive Director
- Port of Kalama's purpose and overview
 - Economic Impact, employment, and tourism
 - Current and future projects at the port
 - Marine projects & cargo
- 1200 - 1230 Travel to the Port of Longview Offices:
10 Port Way, Longview, WA 98632
- 1230- 1315 Port of Longview - **Mr. Dan Stahl**, Chief Executive Officer
- Port overview and history
 - Cargo
 - Industry involvement
 - Current and future projects
- 1315 - 1330 Wrap-up comments, end of session