

NATIONAL MARITIME WEEK

May 18th - 22nd, 2026 | Washington, D.C.

Each year, the United States celebrates National Maritime Day on May 22, commemorating the maiden transatlantic voyage of the SS Savannah in 1819. This day recognizes the vital role of the American maritime industry in supporting the nation's economy and security while honoring those dedicated to the sector. Recognizing that a single day is not enough to reflect the industry's vast impact, National Maritime Week was launched in 2024 to foster unity and progress across the maritime community. By bringing together leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders, the initiative promotes collaboration and innovation to strengthen the industry's future.

MAY 19 | TUESDAY

Day of Innovation and Collaboration

- 0830-1200: Blue Sky Maritime Coalition: Navigating Today's Challenges to Ensure Future Success*
 - <https://www.bluesky-maritime.org/event-details/navigating-todays-challenges-to-ensure-future-success>
- 1300-1600: U.S. Center for Maritime Innovation*

MAY 20 | WEDNESDAY

- 0900 - 1300: SHIPPINGInsight's Leadership Roundtable: Revitalizing the U.S. Maritime Industry, in partnership with American Maritime Industrial Coalition (AMIC)*
 - <https://www.shippinginsight.com/2026-agenda-nmw/>
- 1330 - 1530: NAMEPA's Washington D.C. Regional Gathering and Workshop: Workforce Development*
 - <https://namepa.net/namepas-washington-d-c-regional-gathering-workshop-2026/>
- 1730 - 1930: The National Association of Waterfront Employees (NAWE): National Maritime Day Celebration on the Hill
 - https://neso21presenterform.formstack.com/forms/nawe_on_the_hill_january_2024_copy_copy_copy_1_copy

MAY 21 | THURSDAY

- 8:30 - 12:00: American Biofuels Maritime Initiative: Fueling the Future of Shipping: Bioenergy at Sea with the American Biofuels Maritime Initiative
 - <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/6rjyks9/lp/3de9f50f-b7e9-4613-a784-e5b3b97018f9>
- 1300 - 1700: NAMEPA's Safety at Sea Seminar & AMVER Awards*
 - <https://namepa.net/2026-safety-at-sea-seminar/>
- 5:30 - 7:30 pm: The Propeller Club Port of Washington, D.C.'s Maritime Day Reception at Hart Senate Office Building

MAY 22 | FRIDAY

- 10:00 am: MARAD's National Maritime Day Celebration

(*) indicates that the event will be held at ABS Offices, 80 M St SE Washington DC

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Inside Maritime Week

DAY 1: MAY 19TH

Innovation Day

Morning Session: Roundtable Workshop: Blue Sky Maritime Coalition will host small group discussions to exchange information and build relationships.

Afternoon Session: Center for Maritime Innovation: Hosted by the Center for Maritime Innovation, this event will focus on industry advancements and leadership. We plan to see key industry and government officials join in on the conversation.

DAY 2: MAY 20TH

Morning Session: SHIPPINGInsight in partnership with AMIC (American Maritime Industrial Coalition) will host a morning featuring keynotes from Maritime Administrator Steve Carmel and Senator Todd Young (R-IN) followed by a panel addressing the pillars necessary to create a maritime system. This will be followed by a Leadership Roundtable session with delegates discussing pathways to success. This is a continuation of the success of previous Leadership Roundtable. This session will include AMIC Co-Founders, along with other key industry leaders, working together to revitalize the US maritime industry

Afternoon Session: The U.S. Maritime Action Plan (MAP) emphasizes enhancing maritime workforce education and training. This session will showcase collaboration among industry, education, and training organizations to strengthen the maritime workforce pipeline, highlighting contributions from NAMEPA and others aligned with MAP's national priorities.

Evening Session: The National Association of Waterfront Employees (NAWE) is hosting an event at 2167 Rayburn House Office Building in celebration of National Maritime Day.

DAY 3: MAY 21ST

Morning Session: Join American maritime biofuel stakeholders for a focused forum on the policies and practicalities shaping the sector's future. The event will explore federal and international regulatory developments, address barriers to entry and safety considerations for alternative fuels, assess pathways to scalability and commercial adoption, and review economic considerations for bioenergy-based fuels. The session is designed to foster actionable dialogue and cross-sector alignment to accelerate progress across the marine biofuels value chain.

Afternoon Session: NAMEPA's Safety at Sea Seminar, starting at 1:00 pm, is a cornerstone event highlighting critical maritime safety discussions. This gathering will feature the presentation of the USCG's AMVER Awards, recognizing the exceptional commitment of the shipping community to safety and rescue at sea, along with the prestigious Benkert Award, awarded to those who excel in marine preservation.

Evening Session: The Propeller Club of Port of Washington D.C.'s Maritime Day Reception: Each year, on or around National Maritime Day, The Propeller Club makes a special effort to thank the people of the maritime industry for their dedication in promoting commerce and protecting our freedoms. As well, we highlight the importance of our industry and our maritime heritage. And every year on or right around that date The Propeller Club of Washington, D.C. hosts, a National Maritime Day event. This year, the event will be held at the Hart Senate Office Building beginning at 5:30 PM.

More information to come soon.

DAY 4: MAY 22ND NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

National Maritime Day's celebrations will begin at 10 am, held at MARAD.

ALL SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS

