

35TH ANNUAL TRAINING SEMINAR EVENT PROGRAM

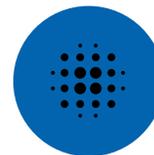


FEBRUARY 23RD TO 26TH, 2025

The Campbell House Lexington by Hilton
1375 S. Broadway
Lexington, KY 40504

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35TH ANNUAL IAMI ATS



Dear Attendees and Guests,

On behalf of the International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI), I extend a warm welcome to you for joining us at our upcoming Annual Training Seminar (ATS) in Lexington, Kentucky!

We are thrilled to be hosting this year's conference at The Campbell House from February 23rd to 26th, 2025. This charming venue offers our attendees a comfortable and engaging environment to learn, network, and share their expertise.

This year's ATS promises an enriching experience with a diverse range of presentations, workshops, and networking opportunities focused on the latest advancements and challenges in marine investigations. We are confident that you will find the program to be informative and insightful.

We would also like to sincerely thank our sponsors and exhibitors for their generous support in making this event possible. Their commitment to IAMI's mission is invaluable, and we deeply appreciate their partnership.

We encourage you to visit our website at iamimarine.org/ats or the IAMI APP for the latest conference updates, including the detailed program schedule and exhibitor information.

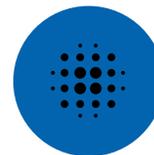
We look forward to welcoming you to Lexington and to a productive and enjoyable conference experience.

Sincerely,

**Nathan McGanty
President
International Association of Marine Investigators**



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The Campbell House



A Lexington landmark just outside of downtown, The Campbell House was built in 1951 and offers decades' worth of notable stories and special occasions. Our historic boutique hotel welcomes guests in true Kentucky style from the moment they arrive with iconic horse farm fencing and architecture, equestrian-themed decor, local cuisine, and an extensive bourbon list at The Rackhouse Tavern, plus over 25,000 sq ft of meeting and event space.

Genuine Southern hospitality is at the core, and we recognize that today's travelers, whether business or leisure, want to leave feeling as if they have experienced a true taste of Lexington. This is where the hotel seamlessly blends the classic elegance of our rich cultural past with a fresh modern style and the latest amenities that today's guests appreciate and require.

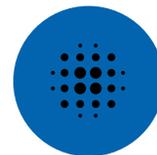
We look forward to welcoming you to your Kentucky home in the heart of the bluegrass.

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**THE CAMPBELL HOUSE
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LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40504**

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We extend our deepest gratitude to the incredible sponsors and exhibitors who are vital to the success of IAMI's 35th Annual Training Seminar in Lexington. Your generous contributions and participation directly support our mission to enhance the skills and knowledge of marine investigators worldwide. Your presence enriches the ATS experience, providing attendees with valuable resources, cutting-edge technologies, and networking opportunities. We strongly encourage all attendees to visit our sponsors and exhibitors throughout the conference to explore their offerings, learn about their latest advancements, and forge valuable connections. Thank you for being an integral part of the IAMI community and for helping us make this event a resounding success.

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- **Cooperate and encourage communications among members**
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- **Assist other marine organizations in technical matters**
- **Provide information and training for persons interested in the profession of Marine Surveying**
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- **Educate the public**

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Exhibitor



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The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators is a national nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization that works to develop public policy for recreational boating safety. NASBLA represents the recreational boating authorities of all 50 states and the U.S. territories.

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Exhibitor



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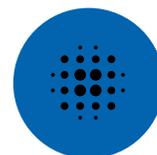
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Non-Class Schedule



Early Registration

Saturday, February 22, 1pm-5pm

Registration

Sunday, February 23, 7am-4pm
Monday, February 24, 7am-4pm

President's Reception

Sunday, February 23, 6pm-9pm

DISTRICT 7 SOCIAL

Join us at District 7 Social for our President's Reception. Enjoy food, drinks, and a little duck pin bowling, ping pong, and networking at this unique location. This is included in your registration and guest fees. Transportation will be provided.

Networking Suite

Sunday, February 23, 9pm-11pm
This is included in your registration and guest fees.

Opening Ceremony

Monday, February 24, 8:30am-9:30am

Networking Suite

Monday, February 24, 8pm-11pm
This is included in your registration and guest fees.

Networking Suite

Tuesday, February 25, 8pm-11pm
This is included in your registration and guest fees.

AGM

Wednesday, February 26, 1:15pm-3pm

CMI/CMFI Testing

Wednesday, February 26, 2:30pm-5:30pm

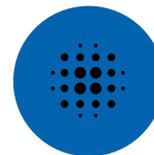
Banquet

Wednesday, February 26, 9pm-11pm
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Networking Suite

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CLASS AGENDA



DAY 1

Sunday, February 23, 9am-11am



CMI-FEDERAL CARRIAGE

Seth Wagner

This session will focus on the equipment requirements, inspection of, and acceptable standards for equipment carried aboard U. S. recreational vessels.



CMFI-INSURANCE, LEGAL, AND ETHICS

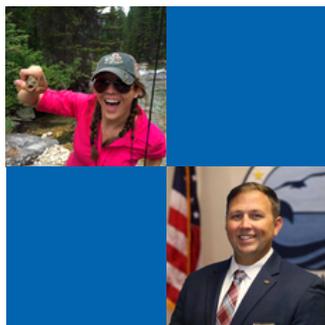
Jonathan Dunleavy

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Lunch provided by Total Vessel Solutions

DAY 1

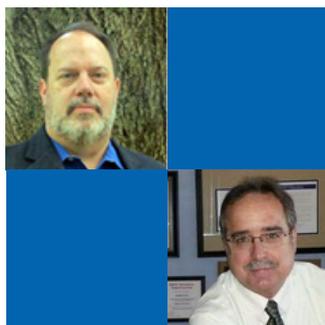
Sunday, February 23, 12pm-2pm



CMI-HIN 101/HIN RESTORATION

Caroline Mantel, Patrick Carron, Tony Spires

Description is coming soon!



CMFI-COOKING HEATING APPLIANCES

Michael Hunter & James Cote

Description coming soon!

CLASS AGENDA



DAY 1

Sunday, February 23, 2:15pm-4:15pm



CMI-INSURANCE FRAUD 101

Kerry McCook & Brooke Leitch

Description is coming soon!



CMFI-CARGO & SHIPPING FIRES

Glen Lawson & Robert Collins

Description is coming soon!

DAY 2

Monday, February 24, 8:30am-9:30am



OPENING CEREMONY

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According to Wikipedia, a program is a printed leaflet outlining the parts of the event scheduled to take place, principal performers and background information.

Monday, February 24, 8:30am-9:30am

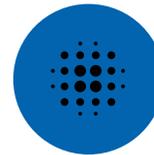


INVESTIGATORS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OF THE STAND

Caren Cambre

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CLASS AGENDA



DAY 3

Tuesday, February 25, 8am-10am



LIGHTNING VS. POWER SURGE

Doug Aling & James Cote

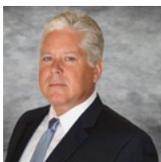
The electrifying facts about lightning and how it can affect boats and your inspection. We'll discuss the science behind lightning, how a lightning strike can be hard to identify plus the obvious, research tools for lightning strikes and the surveyor's role in loss and damage investigations. We will also hear from a prominent marine electrical/systems expert about how lightning affects onboard systems - from new to old and how to manage and mitigate damage.



PERSONAL WATERCRAFT FRAUD

Captain Michael Haney

The course will provide red flags for cloned watercraft and assist in identifying the difference in makes and models of PWCs and tips for detection and what to look for. Thefts of PWCs being stolen & subsequently cloned are a statewide problem.

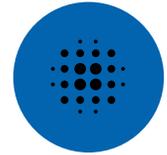


CMFI-PART 1: EXPLOSIONS

Glen Lawson & Robert Collins

Description is coming soon!

CLASS AGENDA



DAY 3

Tuesday, February 25, 10:15am-12:15pm



ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PART 1: KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Dan Rutherford & Casey Matthews

The investigation and reconstruction of a marine-related accident is a process involving many aspects: from review of the physical evidence, to knowing how to approach the scene, gathering evidence and conducting witnesses interviews, to utilizing the scientific method to analyze the case in order to prepare a report for your client, be it an agency, insurance carrier, or other involved parties. This three-part series will take you through these steps, with hands-on investigation of physical evidence from a vessel collision, to documenting and analyzing the evidence to the final review with input from marine surveyors, admiralty attorneys, and first responders.



MARINE THEFT AND TRENDS

Lieutenant Nancy Alvarez

This course will discuss the current theft trends in Florida and beyond. We will discuss past cases, success stories and the importance of sharing and networking on all levels from Law enforcement to our private sector partners and overview of the MVWC task force creation.

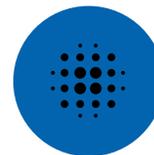


CMFI- PART 2: EXPLOSIONS

Glen Lawson & Robert Collins

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DAY 3

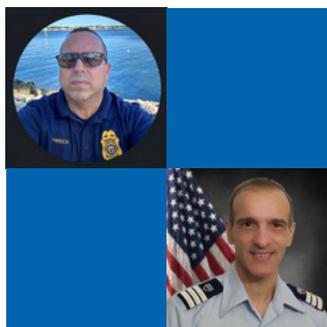
Tuesday, February 25, 1:15pm-3:15pm



ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PART 2: EVIDENCE CANNOT LIE, PHYSICAL INSPECTION

Mac Hannon, Lieutenant Matt Majors, & Jason Harris

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COMBATTING ILLEGAL CHARTERS

Jesus Porrata & Alvaro Ferrando

Defining proper Passenger for Hire Operations, Bareboat Charters, Notable Cases, Statistics, and Q&A session



CMFI- PART1: COMPLEX MARINE FIRES

Bill Nolan & Revel Boulon

Description is coming soon!

CLASS AGENDA



DAY 3

Tuesday, February 25, 1:15pm-3:15pm



ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION PART 3: IT'S IN THE DETAILS PREP, REPORT WRITING, TRIAL, EXPERTS PANEL

Man Hannon, Lt. Colonel Matt Majors, Jason Harris, Casey Matthews & Dan Rutherford

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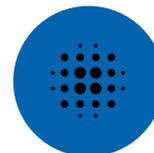


BOATING INCIDENT INVESTIGATION-THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING AND INVESTIGATION

Lt. Colonel Matt Majors-Combined with Marine Theft Workshop

From initial response to civil/criminal prosecution and everything in between, your investigations play a crucial role in holding those involved accountable. Join us to see what NASBLA is doing to prepare marine first responders to collect evidence and paint the picture of "what happened" with thorough investigations and the use of technology.

CLASS AGENDA



MARINE THEFT WORKSHOP-BRINGING THE TRAINING HOME

Chris Castelli & Shawn Elmore

This is a certification course that enables law enforcement officers to bring IAMI Marine training home to their agency. The student will receive a pre-packaged training kit on Marine Theft, Identification, and Recovery. The training kit includes lesson plans, text, PowerPoint slides and handouts.



CMFI- PART1: COMPLEX MARINE FIRES

Bill Nolan & Revel Boulon

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DAY 4

Wednesday, February 26, 8am-10am



SCIENCE BEHIND MECHANICAL PART 1: FAILURE ANALYSIS

Tom Marek

The science behind mechanical failures.

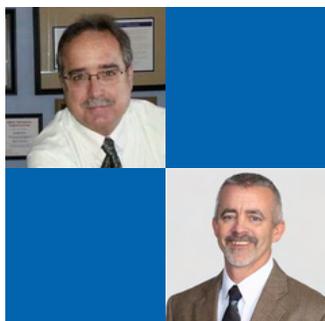
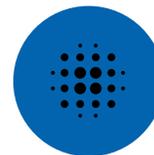


USCG INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES OVERVIEW AND CASE STUDY

USCG Caleb King

The U.S. Coast Guard's role in complex maritime crimes. Will provide an overview of violations of captain of the port orders, pollution, manslaughter, merchant mariner fraud, and financial crimes involving the maritime community

CLASS AGENDA



CMFI-LITHIUM ION BATTERIES

James Cote & Chris Silman

Description is coming soon!

DAY 4

Wednesday, February 26, 10:15am-
12:15pm



DEEP DIVE PRACTICAL PART 2: APPLICATION

Tom Marek

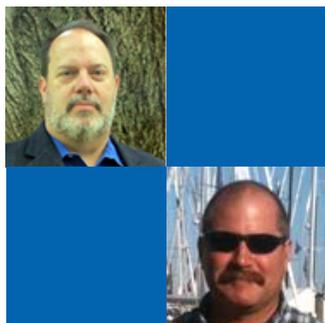
Deep dive into the practical applications of failure analysis.



NICB AND ISO CLAIM SEARCH OVERVIEW

Special Agent Todd Blair

This presentation will cover who the National Insurance Crime Bureau is, and how we assist local law enforcement and insurance member companies in their investigations in fraud and theft. The presentation will follow how NICB agents and those with access to Claimsearch ISO uses the database to assist in their investigations using common searches and Secondary HIN information.



CMFI-ENGINE & EXHAUST SYSTEMS

Michael Hunter & John Palcher

Description is coming soon!

SPEAKERS



DOUG ALING

Marine Surveyor at Pilot Marine



LIEUTENANT NANCY ALVAREZ

The Florida Keys are surrounded by water and marine-related equipment and activity. These items attribute to a large portion of residents & visitors lively-hood. Some of the most significant accomplishments of my career have occurred while being assigned to the Intelligence unit and

working in collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies. I have been fortunate to work in South Florida law enforcement for over 30 years of my 38 law enforcement career. I have been very effective in networking with both law enforcement professionals as well as the private sector community to acquire my optimal goal is to make an impact on crime in our communities with no barriers being drawn between local, state, or federal law enforcement. All of us working together for a common objective. I am passionate about networking and sharing. I feel it is important to communicate within the law enforcement community and public sector. To achieve this, I conduct a variety of presentations to community organizations on various crimes or topics, as well as coordinate a South Florida Intelligence meeting. Those who know me (members of the South Florida Law Enforcement Community, and national, state and local government leaders and members) know that my greatest attribution involves collaborating, assisting, and supporting law enforcement at all government levels toward making an impact on the marine related crimes and organizations that travel throughout many jurisdictions to commit their crimes. This experience provides me with the knowledge and ability to conduct presentations at our own IAMI (International Marine Investigators Conferences) and other law enforcement conferences.

SPEAKERS



TODD BLAIR

I have been employed by the National Insurance Crime Bureau as a Special Agent for the Southeast Region in Central Florida since July 2010. In 1993, I began my law enforcement career with the Daytona Beach Police Department after serving eleven years in the United States Air Force. In 1994, I transferred to the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, where I served for sixteen and a half years. In 1998, I became the sole auto theft investigator for the sheriff's office. I also assisted the Major Case Unit for 10 years on death investigations and was a member of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. I specialize in the identification of all vehicles, Harley Davidson / sport motorcycles, heavy equipment, and vessels. I have been a member of IAATI since 1998. I was elected as the 2007 - 2008 President of the South East Chapter of IAATI. I served on the IAATI Board of Directors for 6 years and was selected as IAATI President in 2015. I am a past President of the Florida Auto Theft Intelligence Unit and former director of the Florida Marine Intelligence Unit.



REVEL BOULON

Revel has been actively working and involved in the marine industry for almost 20 years. His background was working on superyachts as a chief engineer and relief captain for almost 15 years, after which he made the transition into working as a marine surveyor and adjuster. He joined Sedgwick in 2020 and was brought in to develop and build a Yacht Practice for the largest global claims-handling firm. His role is to lead Sedgwick's Yacht Practice, which provides adjusting, surveying, investigative, and expert services to marine insurers and maritime attorneys.

SPEAKERS



CAREN CAMBRE

Professor Caren Cambre is a career homicide prosecutor, an experienced law school professor, and the creator of LAW ENFORCEMENT ON THE STAND, a national law enforcement witness training program. She is licensed to practice law in New York, Louisiana, and the District of Columbia. With more than 30 years of courtroom experience and hundreds of jury trials, she has worked extensively with law enforcement, preparing and presenting their testimony throughout litigation. She has led the most serious cases, including many homicide cases with a nexus to top-level narcotics offenders, to successful trial verdicts. In the Jefferson Parish Louisiana District Attorney's Office, she was a Felony Trial Supervisor and Special Prosecutor in charge of the high-profile cases that had intense media coverage. As part of the Kings County New York District Attorney's Office's specialized Homicide Bureau, she visited crime scenes, took video statements from homicide suspects at the precincts and handled Grand Jury presentations, in addition to trying many complex jury trials. She was assigned to the Career Criminal Unit of the New Orleans District Attorney's Office in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, trying cases under the most difficult of circumstances. She assisted officers, including narcotics agents in obtaining warrants and preparing for trial in high level narcotics investigations. She has taught at law enforcement training academies across the country.

PATRICK CARRON



Patrick Carron has worked in various roles as a Marine Conservation Officer for the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) since 2007. During his 16 years of service, he has served as a Reserve Officer, Patrol Officer, Patrol Supervisor, Criminal Investigator, Boat & Water Safety Instructor, and his current assignment as supervisor of the Criminal Investigations Division.

SPEAKERS



CHRIS CASTELLI, CMI

Chris Castelli is a retired 29-year veteran with the Clay County Sheriff's Office. Chris is a graduate of Western Carolina University where he majored in Criminology. Having worked patrol and the Juvenile Crimes Unit he was selected to develop Clay County's first full time Marine Enforcement Unit and continued to develop that program for over twenty years. Chris called on his previous experience with the

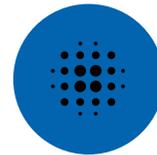
National Park Service where he worked Marine Patrol at several national seashores.

Chris obtained a U.S. Coast Guard Captain License and has completed advanced marine training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), the U. S. Coast Guard Training Center (Yorktown, Va.), and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Academy (Quincy, Fl.). Chris has advanced training in Boating Accident Reconstruction and Marine Enforcement Tactics.

Chris developed marine training courses to train marine enforcement officers in Basic Marine Operations, Boating Under the Influence and Boating Accident Investigation. In 2005 Chris created and developed a Basic Marine Operations Course for the Institute for Police Training and Management (IPTM) and has trained marine officers from all over the southeastern United States. He has assisted the U.S. Navy at NAS Jacksonville and the USMC at Cherry Point, NC in training and developing their newly formed marine units and has worked extensively with the FWC and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service initializing and enforcing the endangered/threatened species protection zones in Clay County.

Chris is an active certified instructor in Boating Safety through the National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA). He is a Certified Marine Investigator and serves as the 2nd Vice President on the Board of Directors for the International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI). In 2018 Chris was appointed by Governor Rick Scott to serve on the Florida Boating Advisory Council where he continues to serve.

Following retirement from the Clay County Sheriff's Office Chris worked for GEICO Marine/ Boat US as a Vessel Insurance Fraud Investigator in their Special Investigations Unit for four years. Chris now works part-time for the Clay County School District Police Department in Florida.



ROBERT COLLINS

Bob Collins has over 25 years of experience in both the Fire Service and Law Enforcement. He is also a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. Bob began his Coast Guard career as an Engineer and Firefighter and moved into a Law Enforcement role in both the Maritime Security and Safety divisions. He has conducted hundreds of Coast Guard boardings and safety inspections on both recreational and commercial vessels. Bob has conducted inspections on and has assisted with the installation of vessel power plant, propulsion, and auxiliary systems. He attained numerous certifications over his Coast Guard career, ranging from engine room watch officer, Caterpillar, Cummins and Detroit marine engine analyst, Mercury and OMC outboard technician as well as boarding officer and command duty officer. He has twice attended the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Fire Academy and was a Damage Control Instructor. Bob has investigated fires and explosions on recreational and commercial vessels and structures, and facilities associated with the marine industry.

SPEAKERS



JAMES COTE

Coté Marine LLC performs marine investigations, inspections, consulting, and surveys from offices in Freeport, Florida, and Port Saint Lucie, Florida.

James Coté has worked on marine electrical and corrosion control systems since the 1980s and is a recognized authority on marine electrical systems, equipment, standards, lightning, and corrosion control. James has participated in hundreds of marine accident and loss investigations (fire, explosion, electrocution, injury, collision, allision, flooding, sinking, lightning damage, equipment failure).

Mr. Coté holds a baccalaureate degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in business administration and is an IAMI Certified Marine Investigator, ABYC Master Technician, NAFI Certified Fire Investigation Instructor, and serves on several marine-related NFPA, IAMI, and ABYC committees pertaining to technical matters.



JONATHAN DUNLEAVY

Jonathan Dunleavy represents clients in a broad range of insurance cases, from the most basic slip-and-fall matters to more-complex, multi-party wrongful death and high-dollar property claims. He focuses his practice on admiralty and maritime law, and advises clients in claims relating to insurance defense, USCG administrative proceedings, products liability, subrogation and construction defect claims. With a career spanning more than 25 years, Jonathan has successfully tried cases in state and federal courts.

Jonathan is passionate about providing counsel to his clients using an individualized approach, taking the time to listen and to carefully assess each case. He is a sought-after speaker and is routinely invited to present at various notable industry events, including the Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club Seminar, the Tampa Bay Mariners Seminar, and the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute Annual Seminar. For more than a decade, Jonathan has been an adjunct professor at the University of Miami, where he teaches public speaking. He also is an active member of various organizations, serving on the boards of directors and holding several high offices.



SHAWN ELMORE

Shawn Elmore has been with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for more than 29 years. Shawn began working for Georgia State Parks in 1995 and began his law enforcement career in 1999, transferring to the Law Enforcement Division in 2001. He spent the majority of his career assigned to Gordon County in northwest Georgia. Shawn graduated from Augusta State University in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

Shawn has worked in the DNR Investigative Unit running the Marine Theft Unit for 3 years. Shawn is a 19-year member of the department's Critical Incident Reconstruction Team (CIRT). As a member of CIRT, Shawn investigates fatality and serious injury boating incidents and hunting incidents. Shawn has been involved in several high-profile boating fatalities in the Metro-Atlanta area on Allatoona Lake and Lake Lanier. In 2012, Shawn was the lead investigator for a double fatality hit and run that occurred on Lake Lanier resulting in the loss of two young lives. Shawn's work and dedication to the investigation led to his selection as the 2012 Georgia Boating Safety Officer of the Year. This investigation also led to the lowering of the Boating Under the Influence level from 0.10 down to 0.08. Shawn was the 2021 IAMI Investigator of the Year for his work in Marine Theft and Fraud.

Shawn instructs NHTSA and NASBLA Standardized Field Sobriety, boating incident, hunting incident, drowning investigations, crime scene investigations, courtroom testimony & demeanor, report writing, NASBLA Boat Search and Rescue, Boat Crew Member, Boating Incident Investigations, and GPS Forensics to Georgia Game Wardens. Shawn is a DRE and DRE Instructor and Marine Theft Instructor for IAMI.

SPEAKERS



ALVARO FERRANDO

AUX Alvaro Ferrando is a dedicated member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary from 2013, serving in different positions at National, District Division and Flotilla levels, currently he is the Education & Outreach Coordinator and AUX Asst. Marine Casualty Investigator in the Investigations Division at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Miami. Also, he is part of the AUX Interpreter Corps.

With a passion for maritime safety, AUX Ferrando has made significant contributions to the field, earning numerous accolades including the prestigious 2023 DHS Secretary's Silver Medal and the Captain Niels P. Thomsen Innovation Award twice, in 2018 and 2020. He is also the co-creator of the Illegal Charter College, a comprehensive D7 4-day program designed to educate IOs, BOs and CGIS Special Agents in the illegal charter field.

AUX Ferrando received several awards: Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation (6), Coast Guard Unit Commendation (2), Auxiliary Operations Service Award (3) among others.

Beyond his professional achievements, Alvaro finds joy in spending time with his family, delving into the depths of ancient roman history, and exploring new destinations through travel.

His commitment to excellence, coupled with his diverse interests, shapes him into a multifaceted individual dedicated to both his professional endeavors and personal enrichment.

SPEAKERS



CAPTAIN MICHAEL HANEY

Captain Michael Haney has been with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as a law enforcement officer since 2009. Born and raised in Florida, he was assigned to Collier County following the FWC academy, where he worked for 5 years, primarily focusing on boating and fishing enforcement. He promoted to Investigator, where he was tasked with serious and fatality boating accident investigations, became a DUI instructor and BUI instructor as well as a

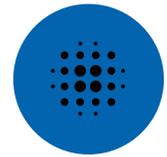
Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). In 2014, he was promoted to Lieutenant and moved to the Florida Keys. Captain Haney worked as a field supervisor and then investigations supervisor in South Florida, covering Monroe, Miami-Dade, and Collier Counties. Working in South Florida, he is an expert in the areas of boating accidents, Boating Under the Influence (BUI), vessel theft, and title fraud. Lieutenant Haney received his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of South Florida in 2016. He transferred to North Florida and worked as a Patrol Lieutenant as well as an Investigations Lieutenant before promoting to Captain in 2022. He currently supervises Duval, Nassau, Clay, and Bradford Counties. He is passionate about teaching and training and travels around the country to train officers in BUI enforcement, vessel theft, and title fraud.



MACKENZIE "MAC" HANNON

Mackenzie ("Mac") Hannon, Claims Specialist - Mac is a native of Winona, MN. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Mac went on to serve 5 years with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as a Conservation Warden on the Marine Enforcement Unit. In 2017, he enlisted in the US Coast Guard as a Maritime Enforcement Specialist in Chicago, serving as the Reserve Chief of Enforcement at Sector Lake Michigan in Milwaukee. Away from work, Mac enjoys boating, wakeboarding, playing hockey, and traveling.

SPEAKERS



JASON HARRIS

Jason R. Harris represents and advises clients in a variety of admiralty and maritime law matters, as well as general litigation, transportation, and construction matters. Jason frequently represents clients and insurers, including the defense and prosecution of serious bodily injuries, fatalities, casualties, marine salvage, wreck removal, catastrophic property damage events, and construction disputes. In addition, Jason has extensive experience providing counsel to clients on corporate and risk management issues. He takes pride in offering clients efficient and effective results and business-minded solutions.

Before joining FSO, Jason practiced law as a partner in other firms located in Southeastern North Carolina and had offices in Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina and in Jacksonville, Onslow County, North Carolina.

Jason took a hiatus from the private practice of law to serve as General Counsel, Director of Legal, and Corporate Secretary for an international marine salvage, wreck removal, decommissioning, and underwater services company headquartered in Houston, Texas, with its operational headquarters in Holland. While in-house, Jason assisted in the implementation of a merger, advised the board of directors and management on legal affairs, oversaw an international legal and risk management team, performed extensive business contract reviews, and designed a robust regulatory compliance program.

Business dealings have taken Jason across the United States and around the world to international commercial destinations such as Indonesia, Singapore, Brazil, Denmark, England, the Netherlands, and Costa Rica. However, he particularly enjoys servicing clients in cities, towns, and the unincorporated areas of North Carolina, such as Sneads Ferry in Onslow County, where he lived and practiced law for many years.

Jason is proud to have had the opportunity to serve in the Alabama and North Carolina Army National Guard as a military policeman and a Judge Advocate General Legal Assistant. Before being Honorably Discharged in 2000, his duties sent him to Panama, Germany, and a host of domestic locations.

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MICHAEL HUNTER, CMI

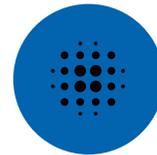
Principle Surveyor & Investigator of Hunter Consulting & Survey in Springfield, Missouri. He has been in several facets of the marine industry since 1984, including 15 years as a certified marine technician. He was formerly a Deputy Sheriff in rural Missouri. He became a Marine Adjuster & Surveyor in 1996 joining IAMI in 1997 and becoming one of our first CMI's in 2004. Michael has completed all NTSB Marine Accident Investigation courses, NTSB Human Factors Training, NASBLA Accident Investigation training, two joint NTSB/USCG/ABYC Accident Investigation Courses, Beginning & Advanced Watercraft Reconstruction Training and numerous IAMI ITC's. He is a NAMS & SAMS Marine Surveyor and holds seven ABYC Certifications. He is also a Level II Thermographer.



CALEB KING

Caleb King currently serves as a Supervisory Special Agent with the U.S. Coast Guard Investigative Service in Miami, FL. Caleb's prior law enforcement experience includes 3 years as a deputy with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, 8 years as a special agent and program manager with the Defense Criminal Investigative Service as well as being a reserve Special Agent with U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division since 2010. Caleb is also a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. Caleb is licensed to practice law in Florida and Washington, D.C. and is a graduate of the 291st Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.

SPEAKERS



GLEN LAWSON

Glen Lawson is a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator as well as a Certified Marine Investigator. Mr. Lawson's background includes fire service, law enforcement, and private industry work that spans over 24 years. Mr. Lawson served on local and state law enforcement levels before his time in the private industry with a major insurance carrier.

Mr. Lawson is not only skilled in the public sector, but also in the insurance industry where he spent ten years with the SIU fire division of a major insurance company. During his tenure as an insurance professional, Mr. Lawson held the titles of fire investigator, and lead fire investigator, and participated in the leadership development program. Mr. Lawson has testified in both state and federal courts as an expert witness in both fire and marine investigations. Mr. Lawson has held certifications as a police officer, firefighter 1 and 2, fire inspector 1 and 2, HAZ-MAT, Certified Marine Investigator, Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator and LA Certified Fire Investigator. During his tenure as a state investigator, Mr. Lawson was selected as the 2004 LA Investigator of the Year through the LA Chapter of IAAI.

Mr. Lawson was a director for the International Association of Marine Investigators from 2013-2016.



BROOKE LEITCH

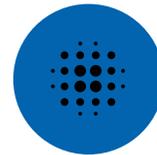
Brooke always had an interest in insurance, starting her career in the dental field as an insurance expert, which she did for 9 years. Looking for a career shift, she joined BoatUS | GEICO, where she stayed for 7 years. Starting out in customer service, Brooke quickly advanced her career by

taking on new challenges in different areas of the business. She was promoted to claims adjuster, Lean Six Sigma analyst & Black Belt. She ended her career at Boat | GEICO in IT as a product owner for claims applications.

After a few years in IT, Brooke decided to head back to her roots - operations. Brooke joined Tower Hill in March of 2022 as Assistant Vice President of claims and General Manager of the newly opened Dallas office, after a cross-country relocation. Brooke currently has a team of 10 adjusters. Her team works on property damage claims, from day claims (leaky pipes, wind, and hail) to CAT claims - the gift that keeps on giving! Brooke supports her adjusters with complex claim files, coaching and developing her staff to deliver excellent customer service.

Outside of work, Brooke and her daughter, Lola, enjoy going to baseball & soccer games, trying new foods, and exploring their new home state of Texas in her hot pink Jeep.

SPEAKERS



LT. COLONEL MATT MAJORS

Lt. Colonel Majors has served the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency since 2002. In his 20+ years serving the citizens of Tennessee, Lt. Colonel Majors has worked as a wildlife officer, boating officer, lead wildlife officer, statewide boating investigator, and most recently promoted to Lt. Colonel of the Boating & Law Enforcement Division. Lt.

Colonel Majors also serves as NASBLA's National Boating Incident Investigation Program Manager and training officers throughout the country and abroad. He is a national Boating under the Influence Detection & Apprehension Instructor, GPS Forensics Instructor and enjoys traveling throughout the world training conservation officers/marine police officers in the newest techniques of boating crash investigation and BUI detection. Lt. Colonel Majors has a passion for removing impaired boat operators and was the recipient of MADD's 2023 Director's Choice Award, NASBLA's Garner Leadership Award in 2021, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Outstanding Service Award in 2017, TN boating officer of the year in 2006, and was the SEAFWA Wildlife Officer of the Year in 2005.



CAROLINE MANTEL

Caroline has worked for Boat History Report, the leading provider of watercraft history reports, since 2012. Through this role, Caroline works directly with every state's registration and titling divisions, the US Coast Guard, law enforcement, insurance companies, financial institutions,

consumers, and dealers/brokers to ensure opportunities for greater transparency in the boat buying industry are available.

Caroline sits on the National Boating Safety Advisory Committee (NBSAC), whose function it is to provide advice to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security through the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard on matters relating to national boating safety. Additionally, she is the Vice Chair of the Vessel Identification, Registration, and Titling Committee (VIRT) under the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), works directly with the USCG on HIN-related issues, registration, titling, and USCG documentation issues and educating state-level leaders on the benefits of the Uniform Certificate of Title for Vessels Act (UCOTVA) which would allow for greater availability of preferred ships mortgage at a state level. Caroline also serves as a board member of the International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI) where she works closely with law enforcement, insurance companies, and marine surveyors to detect and prevent boating related fraud.

SPEAKERS



THOMAS MAREK

Work History:

1997- present Progressive – Special Lines claims, Training development, and delivery.

Force Outboards Customer service Representative

IAMI member since 2000 attended multiple ATS (17+)

Presented IAMI 2010 Galveston, TX

Outside training :

PLCS Personal Lines Coverage Specialist –National Underwriter

AGMA American Gear Manufacturers Association – Gear Failure analysis and prevention

ABYC member



CASEY MATTHEWS

I started my career in insurance in Houston, TX in 1996. After spending over six years adjusting claims on ocean-going cargo tankers, chemical tankers, and oil rigs, I moved to Wisconsin and started on Markel's Personal Lines Marine Claims team in 2002. I was involved in drafting the Helmsman, Small Boat, and High-Performance policies. I've dabbled in other areas of Markel as well – claims operations managing the claims-related intranet, database, and application creation for a year or two, along with handling inland marine claims (motor truck cargo, contractors equipment, etc.) for a couple of years. However, I continue to find myself drawn back to personal lines marine claims. In my spare time, I find nothing more relaxing than being at the helm of my sailboat, cruising the shores of Lake Michigan. I also hold a 50-ton master's license.

SPEAKERS



KERRY MCCOOK, CMI

Kerry McCook currently supervises a team handling Boat Liability and Litigation claims for BoatUS-GEICO based in Springfield, VA.

After growing up boating and hunting in (what was then) rural Southern Maryland, Kerry spent his years during college managing a movie theatre and working with an independent paralegal firm.

Kerry then started in April of 2007 with the BoatUS Claims Department and was promoted to Property Claims Supervisor in January of 2014. During that time he played an important role in developing processes for boat theft claims and claims involving potential fraud. In addition, he was a member of the Litigation Management Team and handled and/or supervised the handling of first and third-party litigation claims, along with claims involving liability and bodily injury. In February 2016, he joined a newly formed Lean Six Sigma project management division at BoatUS before moving back to Claims responding to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, working in the field with the BoatUS CAT Team.

After a temporary assignment leading the Claims Team at the BoatUS-GEICO office in Jacksonville, FL, Kerry then assumed responsibility for the Boat Performance Management Team in 2018, along with other project management duties. He also began also overseeing Claims Systems Coordinators in 2020, and then added the Boat Claims Special Investigations Unit in 2021. He began his current role in May of 2022 with responsibilities overseeing the handling of claims involving large-scale losses, Company Litigation, liability, and subrogation.

In addition to his work at BoatUS-GEICO, Kerry remains active within the International Association of Marine Investigators, having served as President of the Association from 2016 to 2018. He is proud to be one of the two BoatUS-GEICO associates who have earned the designation of Certified Marine Investigator. He has been asked to speak on topics such as Marine Identification, Marine Insurance Fraud, Marine Theft, and Marine Claims in many industry events nationwide. He also serves as a State Delegate for the Southeastern Chapter of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators.

SPEAKERS



BILL NOLAN

Bill Nolan has been in the field of fire and explosion origin and cause determination since 1990. He is a Certified Marine Fire Investigator (CMFI) and Certified Marine Investigator (CMI) through the International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI), Certified Fire Investigator (CFI) through the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI) and Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator through the National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI). Affiliations include IAMI, IAAI, ABYC, NFPA, AMI, NAFI, and the NY, NJ, FLA, and PA State chapters of IAAI. During his career, he has testified as an expert witness on numerous occasions. With over 3,300 fire and explosion incidents investigated, Bill has proven to be a reliable, experienced, honest investigator with great integrity. Bill has conducted extensive live burn demonstrations at training facilities throughout the country. He has also lectured at several training seminars. Bill played an integral role in the development and launching of the Marine Fire Investigation training programs for both the International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI) and the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). He is also on the NFPA 921 committee for the marine chapter. Bill has traveled around the world to investigate the origin & cause of thousands of fire scenes. His niche in the industry is conducting examinations of marine-related fire and explosion incidents, including superyachts, ships, commercial and recreational vessels, marinas, shipyards, and terminals. Bill and his Team at F.O.C.U.S. have extensive experience in conducting examinations of large loss fire and explosion scenes throughout the country. These tasks include joint scene management, operational control, debris removal, excavation, proper evidence extraction, packaging, storage, and concise reporting. He also has experience in proper salvage operations and management, ensuring vessels are retrieved with evidence preservation in mind. Bill owns and operates his company, Fire Origin & Cause Unlimited Services, Inc. (F.O.C.U.S.) Located in Holbrook, NY.

SPEAKERS



JOHN PALCHER

John Palcher is a marine surveyor and fire investigator. His company, Palcher Marine Consultants Inc., is based in New York's Hudson Valley. The company performs damage/loss investigations, marine surveys, and fire investigations.

Professional certifications include IAAI CFI, IAMI CFI, and ABYC Marine Systems Technician. His background experience began with a twenty-five-year career in the fire service, followed by private sector fire investigation employment. He has worked on fire and life safety code initiatives as past vice president of The New York State Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association, and is an active participant in ABYC Project technical committees. Mr. Palcher worked for a custom boat builder as a rigger and rigging supervisor, with primary responsibility for electrical, fuel, and propulsion systems.



JESUS PORRATA

Jesus Porrata, Lead Marine Investigator and Chief of the Investigations Division at USCG Sector Miami since 2015, after serving 29 years with the US Coast Guard.

Jesus Porrata is the recipient of the 2023 DHS Secretary's Meritorious Silver Service Medal for combatting Illegal Passenger Vessel Operations (Illegal Charters).

SPEAKERS



DANIEL RUTHERFORD

Mr. Rutherford is Director of Claims and Risk Management for Maritime Program Group, a division of One80 Intermediaries, a specialty insurance program company with over 20 years of in-house underwriting experience. He is a New Hampshire State Police licensed Private Investigator and Ocean Marine Adjuster and holds the designation of Certified Marine Investigator. Dan is a recognized expert in Marine Investigation, Marine Accident Reconstruction, Vessel Identification, Marine Surveying, Vessel Valuation. He was the recipient of the "IAMI Investigator of the Year Award" for 1996, 1997 and 1998. Dan's teaching and lecturing engagements include the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC), International Boat Builders Exhibition (IBEX), Ft. Lauderdale Mariner's Club Insurance Seminars (FLMC), and the International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI), where he also served on the IAMI Executive Board and CMI Committee.

SPEAKERS



CHRIS SILMAN

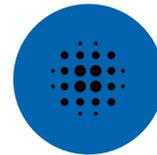
Mr. Silman is responsible for the determination of the origin and cause of various fires and explosions in commercial and residential structures, commercial and passenger vehicles, and marine, agricultural and industrial equipment; performs

background investigations and obtains recorded statements from claimants in reference to fire and explosion claims; collects and preserves evidence for laboratory analysis or investigation purposes; documents incident scenes with photographs, diagrams, written reports, and supporting documents. Additionally, Mr. Silman has provided expert deposition and trial testimony with regard to fire investigations at S-E-A. Mr. Silman has led a notable career as a Sergeant Squad Leader for the Missouri Army National Guard for 9 years and has led as a Fire Marshall, Inspector, and Investigator for more than 30 years with multiple fire departments/divisions. He holds seven certifications in fire, vehicle, and marine investigations which include:

- Certified Fire Investigator/Vehicle Endorsement (IAAI-CFI®V), International Association of Arson Investigators
- Certified Marine Investigator (CMI), International Association of Marine Investigators
- Certified Marine Fire Investigator (CMFI), International Association of Marine Investigators
- Certified Fire & Explosion Investigator (CFEI), National Association of Fire Investigators
- Certified Vehicle Fire Investigator (CVFI), National Association of Fire Investigators
- Certified Fire Investigator, Missouri Division of Fire Safety
- Certified Fire Inspector, Missouri Division of Fire Safety; Certified Firefighter I & II, Missouri Division of Fire Safety.

Mr. Silman is a registered Private Investigator in seven states with professional affiliations for National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI); International Association of Arson Investigators, Florida Chapter, National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI); International Association of Fire Investigators (IAFI); International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI). In addition to his extensive experience, he has attended more than 100 seminars and additional education conferences in the practice of fire and gas, hazardous materials, emergency response, vehicular and marine studies/cases, and more.

SPEAKERS



TONY SPIRES

Lt. Tony Spires currently serves with the SCDNR law enforcement section. He has served with the SCDNR for 31 years, the past 17 of which have been in the investigation section.



SETH WAGNER

Seth began his career in law enforcement with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission in 2002. Part of Seth's job duties included enforcement of state and federal regulations pertaining to boating, investigation of boating incidents and providing boating safety education to the boating public. In 2012, Seth was promoted to the FWC Boating & Waterways Section as the Assistant Boating Safety Coordinator. In that role, he was responsible for reviewing all boating incident reports for Florida, updating and instructing officers on boating safety laws, incident investigation and boating safety education. Seth later took on the role as the State Boating Law Administrator. Upon retiring from FWC, Seth accepted a position with USCGA as a State Program Coordinator. As an SPC, his primary focus is assisting States with compliance of their Recreational Boating Safety Program, responding to inquiries on boating regulation, and working with other organizations involved in recreational boating safety.