



2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP AGENDA

MAY 19-22, 2025 | TUMON, GUAM

MONDAY, MAY 19

9:00am-12:00pm	WSBAA Board Meeting <i>(Board Members)</i>	Westin Lobby
12:00pm-2:00pm	New BLA Orientation & Lunch	Westin Lobby
12:00pm-3:00pm	Registration Opens <i>(Vendor Setup)</i>	Westin, Somnak Ballroom
3:00pm-4:30pm	Technical Rehearsal	Westin, Somnak Ballroom
6:00pm-8:15pm	President's Reception Dinner	Meet at Westin Lobby for transportation to Taotao Tasi, Gun Beach Taotao Tasi, Gun Beach

TUESDAY, MAY 20

7:00am- 8:30am	Light Refreshments	Westin, Somnak Ballroom
8:30am	Invocation • Bendisio National Anthem and Guam Hymn	
	Welcome Remarks Stephen C. Ignacio, Chief of Police	
	Brief Remarks The Honorable Lou Leon Guerrero Governor of Guam	
9:45am	David "Kawika" Lau Keynote Speaker	
10:30am	BREAK	
10:45am	Member State Presentations <i>Each state will present a brief summary of their experiences, challenges, successes, and innovations in recreational boating as part of a best practice exchange for others to learn from and apply.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GUAM - Mark Torre • OKLAHOMA - Damon Tucker • ALASKA - Joe McCullough • UTAH - Ty Hunter 	Westin, Somnak Ballroom
12:15pm	LUNCH	Westin, Somnak Ballroom

TUESDAY, MAY 20

1:45pm	<p>Guest Speaker Josett Cruz, Guam Police Department Case Study: Local Enforcement Registration with Foreign-Made Vessels <i>Explore the unique challenges faced by local enforcement in Guam when dealing with self-imported foreign vessels. Josett Cruz will present real-world examples highlighting gaps in documentation, Hull Identification Number (HIN) issues, and how recent updates impact day-to-day operations at the local level.</i></p>	Westin, Somnak Ballroom
2:20pm	OFFICIAL GROUP PHOTO	Westin, Beachside
3:00pm	BREAK	
3:30pm	<p>Cultural Demonstrations Maritime Traditions of the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Cast: The Art of Talaya Fishing in Coastal Life <i>Experience the evolution of Talaya fishing, from ancient methods to modern practice—highlighting its enduring role in island subsistence and coastal living.</i> • Maritime Survival Skills <i>A hands-on demonstration exploring the coconut tree's vital role in traditional seafaring life, highlighting how coconut fronds and husks were used for rope, sails, baskets, and other essentials for survival on the water.</i> • Navigating Tradition: The Galaide and Chamorro Wayfinding Vessels <i>An interactive presentation of the traditional Galaide canoe with a master navigator showcasing its craftsmanship and historical maritime significance.</i> 	Westin, Somnak Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

7:00am-8:00am	Light Refreshments	Westin, Somnak Ballroom
8:30am	<p>Guest Speaker Kristin Williams, US Coast Guard U.S. Coast Guard Guidance on Federal Boating Laws & Foreign Vessel Importation: What you need to know <i>In this session, Kristin will provide an overview of key federal boating safety laws and their practical implications for the maritime community. She will also share essential guidance on compliance procedures for foreign-built vessels entering the U.S. market through self-importation.</i></p>	
9:30am	<p>Member State Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARIZONA - Danny Rodriguez • NEBRASKA - Jeff Clauson 	Westin, Somnak Ballroom
10:15am	BREAK	
10:30am	<p>Member State Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEXAS - Cody Jones • CNMI SAIPAN - Vanessa De Leon Guerrero • OREGON - Brian Paulson • COLORADO - Grant Brown 	Westin, Somnak Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

12:00pm	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
2:00pm	Member State Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HAWAII - Meghan Statts• WASHINGTON - Rob Sendak• WYOMING - Aaron Kerr	Westin, Somnak Ballroom
3:00pm	Guest Speaker John Balbin, Sergeant, Guam Police Department Case Study: Overdue Fisherman <i>Sergeant John Balbin shares a real-world case study highlighting how planning gaps and key decision points can impact outcomes—even in well-coordinated maritime searches.</i>	
3:30pm-3:45pm	ANNOUNCEMENTS Mark Torre, President, WSBA	Westin, Somnak Ballroom
6:00pm-8:00pm	Awards Dinner Dress code: "Tropical Tourist"	Westin Lobby, The Mix
8:00pm	NETWORKING	

THURSDAY, MAY 22

7:00am-8:00am	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN	
10:00am-12:00pm	WSBA Annual Business Meeting	Westin Pution Room
12:00pm-2:00pm	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
2:00pm-2:30pm	Transportation to Agat Marina	Meet at Westin Lobby
3:00pm	Life Jacket Loaner Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	Agat Marina
4:00pm	Marine Insights Tour	Agat Marina
6:00pm	NETWORKING	Nimitz Beach Park, Agat

