

2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP AGENDA

MAY 19-22, 2025 | TUMON, GUAM



May 19-22, 2025
Westin Resort Guam
Tumon Bay, Guam

MONDAY, MAY 19

9:00AM - 12:00PM	WSBAA Board Meeting (Board Members)	Location: TBA
12:00PM - 2:00PM	New BLA Orientation & Lunch	Location: TBA
12:00PM - 3:30PM	Registration Opens (Vendor Setup)	Westin, Somnak Ballroom
5:00PM - 7:00PM	President's Reception Dinner	Taotao Tasi, Gun Beach
7:00PM - 9:00PM	Networking	Pool Terrace

TUESDAY, MAY 20

7:00AM - 8:00AM	Light Refreshments	Westin Somnak Ballroom
8:30AM - 11:30 AM	<p>Opening Invocation</p> <p>Bendision</p> <p>National Anthem and Guam Hymn</p> <p>Welcome Remarks Stephen C. Ignacio, Chief of Police</p> <p>Brief Remarks The Honorable Lou Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam</p> <p>Keynote Address - David 'Kawika' Lau</p> <p>Member State Presentations 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.</p> <p>Official Group Photo</p>	<p>Westin Somnak Ballroom</p> <p>Location: TBA</p>
11:30AM - 2:30PM	<p>Break Out Sessions + working lunch</p> <p>Cultural Demonstrations: Maritime Traditions of the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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> • 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> 	Westin Somnak Ballroom
2:30PM - 5:30PM	<p>Josett Cruz, Guam Police Department Local Foreign Made Vessels Challenges</p> <p>Understand the regulations and challenges surrounding self-imported foreign vessels, including hull identification requirements and recent updates</p> <p>Member State Presentations</p>	Westin Somnak Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

7:00AM - 8:00AM	Light Refreshments	Westin Somnak Ballroom
8:30AM - 12:00PM	<p>Member State Presentations</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Guest Speaker Presentation A U.S. Coast Guard representative is tentatively scheduled to join us—pending confirmation.</p>	Westin Somnak Ballroom
2:00PM - 4:00PM	<p>Conference and Workshop</p> <p>Member State Presentations</p> <p>John Balbin, Sergeant Guam Police Department</p> <p>Case Study: Overdue Fisherman</p> <p>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.</p>	Westin Somnak Ballroom
5:00PM - 7:00PM	Awards Dinner	Westin Lobby, The Mix
7:00PM - 9:00PM	Networking	

THURSDAY, MAY 22

7:00AM - 8:00AM	Breakfast (On Your Own)	
10:00AM - 12:00PM	WSBAA Annual Business Meeting	Location: TBA
12:00PM - 2:00PM	Lunch (On Your Own)	
2:00PM - 2:30PM	Transportation to Off-site Event	Westin Lobby
3:00PM - 5:00PM	<p>Marine Insights Tour</p> <p>Life Jacket Loaner Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony</p>	Agat Marina
5:30PM - 7:00PM	Networking Dinner	Nimitz Beach