



The Marine Assistance Industry Journal

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C-PORT held its 38th Conference and Membership Meeting on January 27-29, 2025 at the Paris Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, NV. This edition of The Marine Assistance Industry Journal is dedicated to the conference.



Welcome back from Las Vegas! It was a wild, non-stop week, but based on all the feedback I've received, it appears there was an equal amount of learning, good conversation, and questionable decision making. That's about par for the course with Vegas.

Having now settled down post-trip, I can confidently state that we had one heck of a conference. The word of the week was "pivot". Between those who didn't make it because they were sick, and those who made it but caught a little something while there, we were a cross between the Coast Guard's "Always Prepared" and the Marine's "Adapt, Improvise, Overcome". But we got it done!

From Rob Butler testing out inflatable PFD's, to Lucas and Brandon talking about cool salvage gear, we covered a lot of water over the course of two days. Heck, I even got to take home a flamingo on a blow-up pool toy as my probationary offering prior to being potentially inducted as a citizen of the Conch Republic (Thanks, Gary).

So, on behalf of myself and the entire C-PORT Board, thank you for taking the time to join us in Vegas.

Fair winds and following seas,

P. LeBlanc



39th C-PORT Conference and Membership Meeting
January 26 – 28, 2026
Orlando, FL

Pre-conference meetings:

Along with the annual C-PORT board of directors meeting on Monday, January 27, 2025, the board hosted the following partners meetings:

The **2025 U.S. Coast Guard and C-PORT Partnership Meeting** was held on Monday, January 27, 2025. The C-PORT Board of Directors were honored to welcome CAPT Mathew Fine, Chief, Office of Shore Forces, CDR Robert “Robbie” List, Policy Division Chief, Office of Search and Rescue, and Mr. Jeff Wheeler, Deputy Chief, Office of Boat Forces to the meeting. In addition to the C-PORT Board, Jeff Dziezdic, JDZ Marine, Mystic, CT, was in attendance representing the members of the C-PORT USCG subcommittee. The meeting was open with dialogue, questions, and brainstorming ways to build on and enhance our partnership with the US Coast Guard.

C-PORT Board of Directors met with its insurance program partners on Monday, January 27, 2025. Travelers Ocean Marine underwrites the C-PORT program with Starkweather & Shepley Insurance Brokerage acting as the administrators. Attending from Travelers Ocean Marine were Mike Burke, field practice lead, Nicole Fox, account executive officer, and Max Rotter, managing director. Nate Oberg, commercial account executive, and Sara Mariani, account manager of the marine practice group at Starkweather & Shepley were joined by Charlie Pugliese, former president, Ocean Marine Practice Leader at Travelers Insurance. Charlie is now a marine consultant working with Starkweather & Shepley’s marine practice group. Oberg presented the yearly program report to the board. Discussions continued regarding the financial health and stability of the program under Travelers, and developing the program for future growth.

The conference kicked off on Monday evening with a welcome reception sponsored by Big Bay Marine Services. Attendees enjoyed connecting and reconnecting with their fellow operators, as well as conversing with U.S. Coast Guard partners, and industry sponsor supporters in a relaxed atmosphere. The evening was made complete with an open bar and artisanal cheeses displays.

General sessions started on Tuesday morning, January 28, after a Continental Breakfast sponsored by Travelers Insurance Ocean Marine and Starkweather & Shepley Insurance Brokerage. The breakfast was set up in the exhibitor area providing an opportunity for guests to talk with the exhibitors, and browse the new products and services of our vendors.

C-PORT: 40 Years in the Making! was the first session of the day. C-PORT was founded in 1985, originally named Committee for Private Offshore Rescue and Towing, to represent the small boat towing industry before U.S. Congress, the Administration, and various federal agencies. It was dedicated to the proposition that government has no right to compete against the enterprises of its citizens. C-PORT stands by that principle today.

The session focused on the need for a uniform towing policy from the U.S. Coast Guard to alleviate the confusion caused by the privatization of boating assistance on the water. After decades of collaboration among U.S. Coast Guard, C-PORT, Congress, and the USCG Auxiliary, MSAP, this uniform policy of responding to towing cases, emerged. The guidance has remained essentially as it was written in 1992.

1985 – C-PORT

Committee for Private Offshore Rescue and Towing
Jeffrey Smith founded C-PORT to:

- Represent the small boat towing industry before the US Congress, the Administration, and the various Federal Agencies
- Supports efforts to privatize commercial activities now carried out by the Government
- Dedicated to the proposition that Government has no right to compete against the enterprises of its citizens.



U.S. Coast Guard leadership took the podium on Tuesday morning. Each provided a briefing of what is happening in each of their departments, and how C-PORT and its members, and U.S. Coast Guard Sectors and Stations, can continue to develop partner relationships for the betterment of response on the water. Addressing the audience were CAPT Matthew Fine, Chief, Office of Shore Forces, Mr. Jeff Wheeler, Deputy Chief, Office of Boat Forces, and CDR Robert “Robbie” List, Policy Division Chief, Office of Search and Rescue. Conference attendees were free to pose questions and meet one on one with these leaders throughout the event.



Mr. Jeff Wheeler, Deputy Chief, Office of Boat Forces, USCG, presented ***How Your Business Aligns: Risk Management.*** C-PORT is dedicated to supporting its members through risk management education and industry best practices. Mr. Wheeler provided a new look at risk management practices for businesses. He was joined by Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT chairman, in a case study. This new course views risk management from the owner or business end as well as from the operator or captain’s perspective. C-PORT will be adding this session to its risk management course library soon.

Who should be Named Insured on company policies explored the importance of reviewing company insurance policies, understanding the coverages afforded by them, and whose names should be included as named insured. The session was a panel discussion presented by Starkweather & Shepley Insurance Brokerage. Nate Oberg, Commercial Account Executive, Sara Mariani, Account Manager, and Charlie Pugliese, Marine Consultant for the marine practice group, answered questions and were available for individual conversations throughout the conference.

Lily Colby, Industry and Non-Profit Relations Specialist, Mustang Survival, provided an interactive session on inflatable life jacket maintenance. The audience was quizzed on their maintenance know-how, and given valuable information on the steps to take to insure their inflatable life jackets will be in proper working order. Lily is the former co-owner of MTI Life Jackets and serves on the Canadian Safe Boating Council board and the NASLBA paddle committee. She is a life jacket expert of the U.S. Sailing’s Safety at Sea program, and a PFD advisory board member of the Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety. A special thank you to Rob Butler, Big Bay Marine Services, for agreeing to take part in the demonstration!

Salvage Day sessions were held on Wednesday, January 28. Members participated in providing their experiences and knowledge in salvage safety, managing the legal aspects of salvage, and highlighted their favorite salvage gear.

Rounding out the morning’s focus on salvage, ***Richard Fryburg, founder of Subsalve USA, conducted a lift bag workshop.*** A diver himself, Rich was elected to the board of directors of the Association of Diving Contractors International. He was inducted into the Commercial Diving Hall of Fame in 2020 and sits on the advisory board of the Historical Diving Society.



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38 Years of representing
the Marine Assistance Industry.**

**To our new members, we
welcome you to the Industry,
and wish you many years of
safety and success!**



**- Phil, Pete, John,
and the Safe/Sea Crew**

Prizes and awards! Congratulations to all!

The **Dave Delano Mentor Award** is presented to a new C-PORT member. It is sponsored by the Delano family in honor of their father's dedication to C-PORT and the assistance towing industry. The recipient receives a 2-night hotel stay during the C-PORT conference and complimentary registration. This year's winner was Nick Triplett, Triplett Marine Services, TowBoatU.S. Little River. Welcome to C-PORT!

Traveler Prizes were awarded to Bryan Sloan, owner of Captain Ventures LLC, for traveling the shortest distance to reach the conference, 13 miles from Henderson, NV. Parker Poole, Determination Marine LLC, Portsmouth, ME, traveled the farthest at 2406 straight line miles.

A special traveler prize was awarded to Brandon Meshey, Upper Bay Towing & Salvage. Brandon took his time, driving over 4500 miles in his RV while exploring the country, arriving in Las Vegas 28 days after departing North East, MD.

Conference Enthusiast Award goes to the member who attended the most conferences in the past 10 years. There were 9 finalists, with Richard Paul, Marine Towing & Salvage SWFL receiving a suite room upgrade.

The **Welcome Back Award** is presented to the member who attends two consecutive conferences. With names drawn, Stephen and Mariangel Lilly, Atlantic Coast Marine Services, received a welcome gift upon their arrival at the hotel.

First to Register was awarded to Terry Hill, Potomac Marine, although there was discussion that the actual winner was Josh Hill.

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C-PORT held its 2024 Business and Membership Meetings during the 38th C-PORT Conference on January 28, 2025. From the Government Affairs/Legislative Committee, C-PORT remains diligent in its representation of the industry through legislative review and participation.



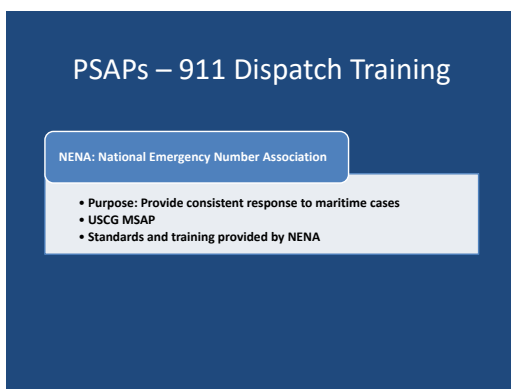
Phil LeBlanc, C-PORT chairman, reported on the **U.S. Coast Guard C-PORT Partnership**. “Established in 1999 and re-stated in 2010, the purpose of our partnership as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding is to improve the effectiveness of maritime safety, security, and response. We accomplish this by cultivating our relationship with Coast Guard leadership across the departments and by building relationships with sectors and stations.”

The 2024 U.S. Coast Guard C-PORT Partnership Meeting was held November 6, 2023, in St. Petersburg FL. Along with the C-PORT board, CAPT Matt Fine, Chief, Office of Shore Forces and LCDR Eddie Oropeza, then CO Station Miami Beach, met to restate our partner relationship.

Addressing workforce issues was the main topic.

C-PORT again met with Coast Guard leadership during a trip to Washington, DC, in May 2024. Jeff Wheeler, Deputy Chief, Office of Boat Forces and CAPT Matt Fine joined us. We shared ideas on how to strengthen our relationship, including exploring the need to reestablish our existing Memorandum Of Understanding.

Tina Cardone, C-PORT executive director, announced that she had received notice that NTSAC, National Towing Safety Advisory Committee, and NMERPAC, National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee, among other advisory committee meetings, have been postponed indefinitely. She reported that it is unknown if this is a reorganization or permanent. C-PORT will continue to work directly with U.S. Coast Guard on policies and issues important to the marine assistance industry.



PSAP- 911 Dispatch Training project is close to completion. After a few years of work, Terry Hill, C-PORT director, reported that the project and document is at its final stages. This document will provide a standard and training provided by NENA, National Emergency Number Association, that will be pushed out to participating 911 call centers throughout the country. The purpose of this guidance is to provide for consistent prosecution of all marine cases in the US. The final product is slated to be released during the NENA Conference in Long Beach, CA this summer.



Federal and State advocacy actions were reported. C-PORT met with Congressional representatives during the American Boating Congress in May 2024. Richard Paul, Jeff Dziezdic, Terry Hill, Phil LeBlanc, and Tina Cardone, met with a number of Congressional representatives including Rep. Daniel Webster, chair of the House Subcommittee Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.

Representing the needs of the industry, C-PORT asked representatives for

- Continued support of the US Coast Guard's NMC modernization efforts
- Impairment vs use standards of DOT drug testing
- Federal preemption on maritime clean energy standards to avoid a patchwork of regulations
- Support of MSAP guiding principles to be used in state and local settings through a condition of funding these agencies.
- Stipulate specific language in grant applications and appropriations to states and grant receiving agencies that addresses unfair government competition.

Richard Paul, C-PORT treasurer, and Jeff Dziedzic, C-PORT government affairs committee member, added their experiences to the advocacy process. Both spoke to the usefulness of meeting representatives in person and the importance of the relationships forged not only with the representatives, but with their staff and aides.

State advocacy remains an important component of C-PORT's work. One of the largest state organized event is the California Boating Congress, held yearly in Sacramento, CA. Recent interactions included working on CARB, California Air Resources Board, regulations for diesel engines. David LaMontagne, C-PORT director, spoke to the value of company owners attending these events and being heard by their state representatives and other boating organizations.



C-PORT advocates for its members through industry relationships. One of those relationships is the American Salvage Association. C-PORT is an affiliate member of their organization and have worked together on a number of projects through their committees and leadership.

Tina Cardone attended the ASA meeting in November 2024. She noted that this year was a valuable networking opportunity. "ASA has undergone a number of changes over the past few years including leadership. I spoke with members of the executive board staff, caught up with past presidents, fellow members, and with Capt. Trey Wirth USCG who oversees the Office of Marine Environmental Response Policy."

Phil LeBlanc reported on NASBLA, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. C-PORT and NASBLA have been MOU partners since 2011 and had been working on mutually beneficial programs and legislation prior. LeBlanc noted some of the group's work together over the years includes a model non-emergency towing policy, derelict and abandoned vessel policy, Slow-Down Laws for waterways, and BOSAR training for Commercial Assistance. This relationship is multi-pronged: legislative, training, and physical partners on the water. LeBlanc and Cardone attended the NASBLA conference in September 2024, and discussed the importance to both of organizations of their continued partnership.

LeBlanc introduced Courtney Livingston, NASBLA BOAT Program Director, and Taylor Kirshe, NASBLA Chief Operating Officer. Both spoke to the membership voicing their agreement to continue the important work done between the associations.

Phil LeBlanc provided the Programs and Education Committee Report. LeBlanc stated, "C-PORT is focused on providing education and training to support the safety and professionalism of our industry. Our programs are continually being reviewed and reorganized with the purpose of creating a "Code of Practice" for our industry." He added, "A few years ago, during an accident investigation, Coast Guard issued a Findings of Concern that spoke to the C-PORT programs. It exemplifies the purpose of our programs and spoke to the importance of having a company safety management system."

5 year members; joined 2020:

Thomas Griffin – Allwater Marine Group, TowBoatU.S. Charleston
Bill Heyn – Pioneer Valley Marine Services, South Hadley, MA
Gary Jacobs – L&G Marine Service, TowBoatU.S. Lake Anna
Justin Nesloney – Coastal Bend Marine Service, TowBoatU.S. Port Aransas
John Piskura - Lake Erie Towboat, TowBoatU.S. Lorain-Vermillion
Parker Poole – Determination Marine, Portsmouth, ME

Casey Bilbrey, Virginia Beach, VA - Captain level member

10 year members; joined 2015:

Shawn Brule – Cape Towing and Salvage, TowBoatU.S. Cape Cod
Daniel Eaton – NH Mobile Marine, TowBoatU.S. Winnepesaukee
Jared Frank – JD's Towing and Salvage, TowBoatU.S. Marathon
Yoseline Otero – Blue Water Marine Service, TowBoatU.S. South Dade
John Wooden – River Valley Marina, TowBoatU.S. Red Wing

15 year members; joined 2010:

Donald Duck – Boat Tow Inc., TowBoatU.S. Portsmouth VA
Dale Plummer – Baltimore Marine Recovery, TowBoatU.S. Baltimore
Noah Santos – Float Space 8W, TowBoatU.S. Provincetown
Scott Stebleton – Atlas Towing Salvage and Marine, TowBoatU.S. Jacksonville

20 year members; joined 2005:

Richard Paul - Marine Towing & Salvage of SWFL, TowBoatU.S. Cape Coral

25 year members; joined 2000:

Ken Walker - Alamitos Bay Marine, TowBoatU.S. Long Beach

30 year members, joined 1995:

Robert Butler - Big Bay Marine Services, TowBoatU.S. San Diego

35 year members; joined 1990:

Geoff Burrows – High Sierra Marine, TowBoatU.S. Lake Tahoe
Mary Gilmer/Adam Lawrence – Tow Jamm Inc., TowBoatU.S. Knapps Narrow
Ryan Moore – International Towing & Salvage, Merritt Island, FL

Longstanding member company owners who attended the 38th C-PORT Conference were treated to black car service from and to the Las Vegas airport:

Jimmy Reynolds – Reynold's Towing & Marine Service, member since 1987
David LaMontagne – Pacific Towing/Vessel Assist Association of America, member since 1987
Pete Andrews - Safe/Sea, member since 1987
Adam Lawrence – Tow Jamm, Inc., member since 1990

C-PORT held its Board of Directors Election at the 2025 Membership Meeting on January 28, 2025.

Jake Dunfee, Rescue Marine, TowBoatU.S. Port Clinton, was presented to the members by Terry Hill, C-PORT nominating committee chairman. Jake was reelected by voice vote to continue his service on the board.



Jake Dunfee began his career in the towing and salvage industry in 1992, when he was hired by one of the C-PORT founders, Neil Shrock. Neil hired Jake to be a deckhand and dispatcher at Boater's Emergency Service in Marblehead, OH. Growing up boating on Lake Erie, it was gratifying and exciting to have a job helping boaters in distress during high school and college summer breaks. After graduating from college, Jake had the opportunity to purchase Boater's Emergency Service in 2001. In 2005, he purchased two additional local towing firms creating Rescue Marine as a TowBoatUS towing company.

Over the years, Jake has seen many exciting changes and many threats to our industry. In Jake's words: "This industry has faced great challenges with potentially grave consequences. Thankfully C-PORT addressed these challenges and allowed for the birth and unimaginable growth of the towing and salvage industry. It is important that C-

PORT fulfills its mission to represent, promote, protect, and defend its member companies. I would be honored to serve on the C-PORT Board of Directors representing the industry in which I take a great deal of pride."

C-PORT encourages members who are interested in serving on the board of directors in the future to contact Tina Cardone, executive director, at tcardone@cport.us or call 954-261-2012.

Tina Cardone, C-PORT executive director, announced the 2025 C-PORT board of directors and executive committee.

2025 Officers:

Phil LeBlanc, Safe/Sea, TowBoatU.S. Narragansett Bay; Chairman
Harold "Smitty" Smith, Miller's Towing & Salvage, TowBoatU.S. Sandy Hook; Vice chairman
Richard Paul, Marine Towing & Salvage of SWFL, TowBoatU.S. Cape Coral; Treasurer
Jake Dunfee, Rescue Marine, TowBoatU.S. Port Clinton; Secretary

2025 Directors:

David LaMontagne, Pacific Towing LLC, TowBoatU.S. Newport
Richard Lenardson, Great Lake Marine Services, TowBoatU.S. St Joseph
Michael Tucker, Texoma Destinations, TowBoatU.S. Lake Texoma
Terry Hill, Potomac Marine, TowBoatU.S. Potomac; regional director, president of Chesapeake Marine Towing & Assistance Association

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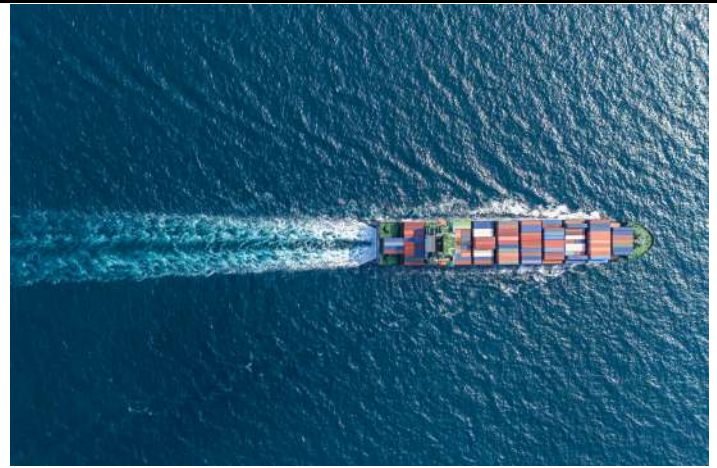
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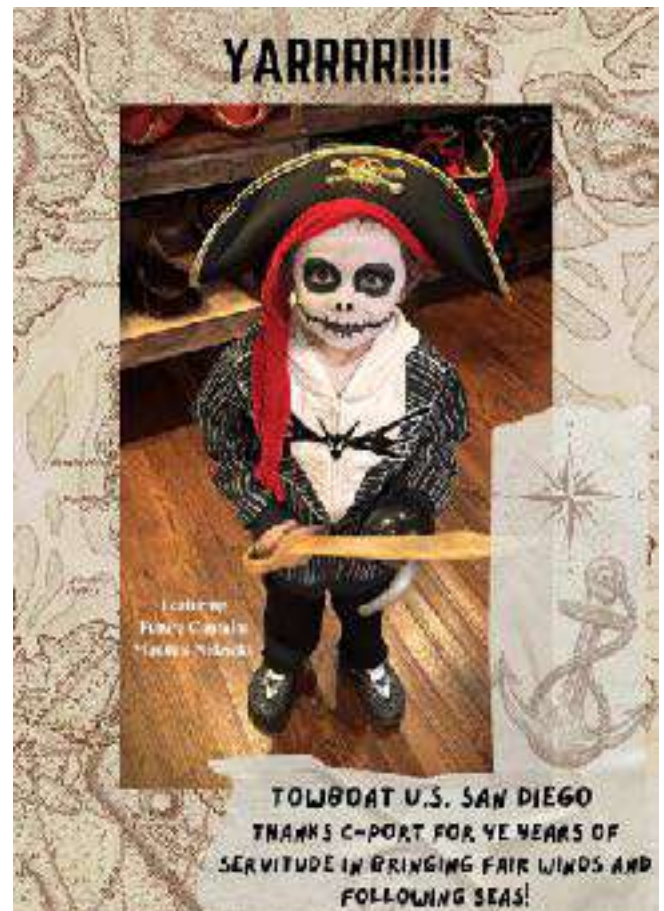
The C-PORT Conference holds valuable sessions filled with information focused on the betterment of the assistance towing industry and its individual business growth. Along with those packed sessions is time to network, relax, and enjoy time spent with fellow operators. None of that is possible without sponsors!

Welcome Reception sponsored by Big Bay Marine Services, TowBoatU.S. San Diego included an open bar and artisan cheese displays. A great way to kick off the event!

Continental breakfasts each morning in the exhibitor's area to provide time for all attendees to meet with vendors in a relaxed setting. Travelers Insurance, Starkweather & Shepley Insurance Brokerage, and Safe/Sea, TowBoatU.S. Narragansett Bay, sponsored.

Lunch! sponsored by Compass Marine Services. After a morning of sessions, the attendees took a break and enjoyed a Deli Lunch complete with salads, fresh cold cuts, and a variety of desserts.

Breaks are as important to a successful conference as content. Donuts, brownies, fresh fruit, snacks, coffee and soft beverages sponsored by Biscayne Towing & Salvage/TowBoatU.S. Miami; Marine Towing & Salvage of SWFL/TowBoatU.S. Cape Coral; Millers Towing & Salvage/TowBoatU.S. Sandy Hook; and Reynolds Towing & Marine Service/TowBoatU.S. Bayshore.



The C-PORT Gala Reception and Awards Banquet was sponsored by GEICO/BoatU.S. Entrees of pan-seared whitefish and roasted truffle chicken were served, while the bar remained open.



Association For Rescue At Sea presented the 2024 AFRAS C-PORT Lifesaving Award. Presenting the award was AFRAS Vice President of History and Heritage, CDR Gary M. Thomas, USCG (Ret.), to Captain Kevin Jones, Offshore Marine Towing, TowBoatU.S. Fort Lauderdale.

CDR Thomas remarked, "What I didn't know those many years ago, and neither did the old Coast Guard hands, is that the foundation of the Coast Guard's towing and life-saving mission does not come from the wisdom of a federal official and the creation of an agency. Rather, it came from the hard work and experience of civilian first responders, those first humanitarian volunteers along the coasts in the 1700s, the commercial salvors, and

mariners at sea. Your industry did not just spring from an act of legislation, but rather, that legislation renewed and opened to entrepreneurs what was always a part of American and the Coast Guard's history."

There were four nominations put forth for this prestigious award:

- Captain Gilbert James of Potomac Marine/TowBoatU.S. Potomac, along with his son, rescued five people from a vessel that capsized during a severe thunderstorm.
- Captain Kevin Freestone of Lower Keys Marine Towing and Salvage/TowBoatU.S. Big Pine Key rescued individuals from a vessel that had collided with a bridge piling.
- Captain James Freeman of American Marine Services/TowBoatU.S. Tampa Bay rescued an individual who had attempted suicide by jumping off a bridge.

Thomas announced the Association For Rescue At Sea's 2024 C-PORT award winner was Captain Kevin Jones of Offshore Marine Towing/TowBoatU.S. Fort Lauderdale. Captain Jones rescued three individuals from a capsized vessel. Arriving on scene, he discovered a capsized vessel, with two men on a small boat and a third floundering in the water. The individual in the water, whose size complicated the rescue, slipped below the water, but Captain Jones was able to bring him back to the surface. Despite the fact the man was coughing, throwing up water, and in a state of panic, Captain Jones kept him from drowning until the local fire rescue boat arrived. Read about his heroic rescue here: [AFRAS Honors C-PORT Member](#)

Prior to announcing the award, Gary took a moment to bestow probationary status to C-PORT chairman, Phil LeBlanc. Gary explained should Phil successfully complete his probation, he stands to be inducted as a citizen of the Conch Republic.





Risk Management Training Courses are available on the C-PORT website, <https://cport.us>. The program centers on these concepts:

- Risk: “possibility of loss or injury”
- Risk Management: “The identification, analysis, assessment, control, and avoidance, minimization, or elimination of unacceptable risks.

C-PORT is committed to encouraging its member’s growth and development through education and is dedicated to providing good business practices throughout its membership. With the increase in accidents and economic pressures facing our industry, many companies have lost sight of the importance of training and proper risk management skills. Our mission is to provide our members with programs that will enable their growth and development into the future, while minimizing the impact of looming USCG regulation in response to Congressional directive and safety records.

Contact Tina Cardone at tcardone@cport.us or 954-261-2012 with any questions regarding this program. Captain and crew special pricing is available.

Marine Assistance Company Operations Guideline, exclusively for C-PORT company members. These guidelines promote safe operations and provide regulatory guidance. C-PORT company members may obtain access to this document at the C-PORT website, <https://cport.us> or contact Tina Cardone at tcardone@cport.us or 954-261-2012.

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BOSAR for Commercial Assistance- Created through the support of NASBLA’s BOAT program and the USCG Office of Boat Forces, is designed for the marine assistance operator, providing reinforcement of knowledge gained by virtue of their captain's license and experience. It also enhances their ability to work as a true partner with local agencies and the US Coast Guard. This course is open to any marine assistance company who wants to host the training. Instructors and course materials are provided by C-PORT. Contact Tina Cardone at tcardone@cport.us or 954-261-2012 if you have an interest in hosting a class.

Mentor Program, exclusively for C-PORT company members. Virtual roundtable discussions with guest speakers. Second Tuesday of the month. Information is emailed to all company members prior to the sessions. If you are a member and not receiving these emails, contact Tina Cardone at tcardone@cport.us or 954-261-2012

What to be more involved? Let us know! We want to hear from you! Reach out to Tina at tcardone@cport.us or call us at 954-261-2012.



C-PORT was founded in 1985 to act as a liaison between the marine assistance industry and public agencies and organizations involved with boating safety, marine assistance, marine salvage and other marine-related operations. Its mission is to represent, promote, protect, and defend its member companies through communication, relationship development, and education. Our members are dedicated to providing prompt, professional and timely assistance to all boaters and to actively partner and cooperate with local law enforcement and U.S. Coast Guard. They are professionals, dedicated to the growth and development of their respective businesses and committed to furthering the advancement of our waterways and the boating community. For more information, contact C-PORT at (954) 261-2012 or visit <https://cport.us>.

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