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The Connecticut Maritime Coalition's 2017 Annual Maritime Conference

On Course for Port Prosperity



Evan Matthews, Executive
Director of the CT Port Authority

The Connecticut Maritime Coalition will hold its 3rd Annual Maritime Business Conference *On Course for Port Prosperity*, on May 16, 2017 at the Omni Hotel in New Haven, CT.

Attendees are invited to network with port industry professionals to exchange ideas, insights and discuss steps taken in 2017 to operate the new Connecticut Port Authority for the prosperity of the state.

This year's conference will feature a presentation by Evan Matthews, Executive Director of the Connecticut Port Authority.

Matthews will present on the progress made since being appointed

in September 2016 and the CPA's plans for port prosperity.

Matthews manages the day-to-day activities of the CPA, including business development, marketing, finance and outreach activities. He will be responsible for developing a strategic plan to grow the volume of cargo activity in the ports, as well as coordinating and strengthening the state's maritime policies.

Evan Matthews has extensive experience in the maritime trades. Since 2003 he has worked for the Quonset Development Corporation in Rhode Island, most recently serving as Port Director. Under his leadership, the Port of Davisville saw an increase in shipping traffic, growth in revenue and important infrastructure upgrades. Prior to serving as Port Director, he was *Grant and Trade Policy Analyst* at the Port of Seattle. Matthews is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Rhode Island, where he teaches coursework on Logistics and Maritime Transportation.

One the eve of CMC's 3rd Annual Speakers Conference, we are pleased to share the remarks of Mr. Scott Bates, Chairman of the newly established Connecticut Port Authority. The Connecticut Port Authority is a quasi-public agency established in 2014 that is responsible for marketing and coordinating the development of the state's ports and maritime economy.

Thank you for coming here for this important event for our region and for all of Connecticut.

For generations, the men and women of Connecticut have gone to sea. We have sent crops to market down rivers like the Thames and the Housatonic. We have sent the work of our factories out to the world from New Haven and Bridgeport. Our fishing fleets have gone out from harbors with names like Norwalk, Old Saybrook and Stonington. And from the shores of Groton and New London, we have protected our seas and defended our nation.

The sea is part of our story as a people. Ports are central to our shoreline economy, to our heritage, and to our future.

We gather together to keep faith with our maritime traditions and to ensure that, working together, we will help Connecticut navigate its way through this 21st century world of increased connection, opportunity and economic competition.

Tonight we mark the launch of the Connecticut Port Authority. Our mission is to market the advantages of our ports to the world, coordinate capital improvements and develop a statewide maritime strategy that can generate prosperity and opportunity for all in our State to share.

This gathering represents a renewed commitment and focus to Connecticut's maritime economy. We look forward to working together with you to chart a course for prosperity today and for generations to come.

Scott Bates

Chairman, Connecticut Port Authority



Scott Bates, Chairman,
Connecticut Port Authority



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