

13th Annual Maritime Security West

Monday August 31st, 2026

10:00-5:00 Exhibit Hall	Exhibitor Set Up
1:00-5:00 Port of San Diego Harbor Police Marina	On Water and Pier Side Live Technology and Vessel Demonstrations
2:00-3:30 Coronado Room	Cyber Security Workshop Security Beyond Compliance: How Cyber and Social Engineering Threats Could Circumvent Your Physical Security - Julio R. Gonzalez, Technical Director, U.S. Risk Cyber Team, ABS Consulting - Michael Ziesemer, Director of Operation, Terminal Protective Services - Quinton L. DuBose, LCDR USCG (ret.), Director of Operations, Sentinel Resilience Group
3:45-5:15 Coronado Room	Cyber Security Workshop From Disruption to Recovery: Building an OT Disaster Recovery Program for Maritime Operations Captain John Ballentine, C/CISO, CISSP, CISA, CSSA, GLEG, OT/ICS Cybersecurity Program Lead – Technology Department, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, U.S. Merchant Marine Reserve

Tuesday September 1st, 2026

7:30-6:30 Exhibit Hall	Maritime Security and Law Enforcement Technologies and Solutions Exhibition
7:30-8:45 Ballroom	Networking Breakfast and Registration
8:45-9:00 Ballroom	Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Remarks Sareth Neak, President, Neak Media LLC
9:00-9:15	Welcoming Remarks Chief Magda Fernandez, Chief of Police & Public Safety, Port of San Diego Harbor Police
9:15-9:30 Ballroom	U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Diego Opening Remarks Captain Robert Tucker, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Diego
9:30-10:15 Ballroom	Regional Leadership Introduction and Roundtable Discussion - Captain Robert Tucker, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector San Diego - Chief Magda Fernandez, Chief of Police & Public Safety, Port of San Diego Harbor Police - Nicholas Pierce, Assistant Director, Border Security, San Diego Field Office, U.S. Customs and Border Protection
10:15-10:30 Ballroom	The Interdependencies Between Security and Operations: Operational Consequences of Security Risk Michael LaFleur, Chief Operations Officer, Port of San Diego
10:30-11:00 Ballroom	Networking Break
11:00-12:00 Ballroom	Port Security Leadership Roundtable: Challenges and Priorities - Lacy Edwards, Port Security Manager, Port of Stockton - David Foster, Director, Homeland Security, Port of San Diego - Bridgett D. Lewis, Manager of Security Operations, Port of Long Beach - Jessica Thomas, Director of Security, Port of Houston Authority - Anita Gill, Port Security Director, Port of Vancouver
12:00-12:45 Kona Kai Terrace	Networking Lunch
12:45-1:15	Gold Sponsor Presentations

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Ballroom	• Securing Ports and Other Critical Infrastructures Using Cryptographically Signed Biometric Barcodes for In-Person and Remote Identification ○ Faith Contreras, Director of Government Outreach, FaceTec Inc • Scaling Port Security with Collaborative Autonomy ○ Brian LeFebvre, Director of Port & Infrastructure Security, Havoc
1:15-1:45 Ballroom	Cyber Security Keynote: A Message from Coast Guard Cyber Command • CAPT Boris Montatsky, Director of Operations, Cyber Command (CGCC-3), U.S. Coast Guard
1:45-2:30 Ballroom	Marine Exchange Roundtable: Maritime Safety and Security in an Era of Emerging Technologies and Evolving Threats • Curtis Cannizzaro, Executive Director, Merchants Exchange • CAPT Mark McDonnell (USCG Retired), Marine Exchange of Puget Sound • Captain Kip Louttit (USCG Retired), Executive Director, Marine Exchange of Southern California
2:30-3:15 Exhibit Hall	Networking Break
3:15-4:00 Coronado Room	AI Threat Landscape in Maritime Security • Logan Medica – Moderator, Senior Vice President, Strategic Growth & Partnerships, UKi • CAPT Boris Montatsky, Director of Operations, Cyber Command (CGCC-3), U.S. Coast Guard • David Forbes, Director, Cyber Physical Defense, Booz Allen Hamilton • Craig Whittinghill, Ph.D, Deputy Director for Applied Research and Services, McCrary Institute for Cyber and Critical Infrastructure Security, Auburn University • Captain John Ballentine, C/CISO, CISSP, CISA, CSSA, GLEG, OT/ICS Cybersecurity Program Lead – Technology Department, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, U.S. Merchant Marine Reserve
3:15-4:00 Ballroom	Persistent Maritime Awareness in an Era of Resource Constraints: Leveraging Unmanned ISR and Layered Port Security for the Next Maritime Threat • Kevin Lopes, VP of Marketing and Sales, ThayerMahan Dark Vessel Detection and IUU Activity Monitoring with CHORUS • Stuart Blundell, Sr. Director of Business Development, MDA Space Mitigating the Rising Threat of Rogue Drones to Maritime Operations • Danny Rajan, General Manager, U.S., D-Fend Solutions Using All Domain Awareness as a Tactical and Strategic Advantage in Your Safety and Security Operations • Mark Vilardo, U.S. Managing Director, Accipiter
4:00-4:30 Ballroom	GPS and AIS Spoofing: Border and Port Case Studies and Results • Captain Kip Louttit, USCG Retired, Executive Director, Marine Exchange of Southern California • Capt. James Haley, Sr. Marine Systems Consultant, UHU Technologies, LLC, Retired Long Beach Pilots • Chuck Stoffer, Director, Sales & Business Development, UHU Technologies LLC
4:00-4:45 Coronado Room	Lost in Translation: Aligning Cyber and Operational Risk Across Maritime Organizations • Captain John Ballentine, C/CISO, CISSP, CISA, CSSA, GLEG, OT/ICS Cybersecurity Program Lead – Technology Department, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, U.S. Merchant Marine Reserve
4:30-5:15 Ballroom	The Unmonitored Layer: Spectrum Awareness as Port Security Infrastructure • Alan Pritchard, Chief Revenue Officer, Digital Global Systems Introducing RAPTOR 2.0: Vessel Registration OCR, Object Search, and a Single Pane of Glass for Port and On-Water Operations • Chad Carpenter, Director of Technical Offerings, Sandoval Custom Creations, Inc. (SCCI) Modernizing Distress Detection: Unifying VHF Voice, AIS, RDF, and Real-Time Analytics for Enhanced Maritime Awareness • Santiago Becerra, Founder and CEO/CTO, VesselAware From Data to Decision: Non-Standard Solutions and Agentic AI for Maritime Mission Support

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	- Michael Crowe, Federal Business Development Executive, SynMax Inc. - Clara H. Masback, Federal Business Development Associate, SynMax Inc.
4:45-5:15 Coronado Room	U.S. Coast Guard Cyber Security Guidance and Resources: Managing Cybersecurity in the Maritime Transportation System - CDR Brandon Link, Deputy Chief, Office of Maritime Cybersecurity Policy (CG-MCP), U.S. Coast Guard - LCDR Ryan Cuga, Security Team Lead, Office of Port and Facility Compliance (CG-FAC), U.S. Coast Guard
5:15-6:30 Ballroom	Networking Social

Wednesday September 2nd, 2026

8:00-4:00 Exhibit Hall	Maritime Security and Law Enforcement Technologies and Solutions Exhibition
8:00-9:00 Exhibit Hall	Networking Breakfast
9:00-9:30 Ballroom	Keynote: U.S. Coast Guard Robotics and Autonomous Systems Anthony J.L. Antognoli, Assistant Commandant and Program Executive Officer for Robotics and Autonomous Systems, U.S. Coast Guard
9:30-10:00 Ballroom	A Whole of Government Approach to Maritime Security Threats CAPT Michael W. Cribbs (USCG, Retired), Facilitator, Global Maritime Operational Threat Response (MOTR) Coordination Center (GMCC), U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security
10:00-10:30 Ballroom	San Diego Lifeguard Mass Rescue Operation Exercise: The Execution and Lessons Learned James Gartland, Lifeguard Chief, San Diego Fire-Rescue Dept.
10:30-11:00 Exhibit Hall	Networking Break
11:00-11:15 Ballroom	The Coast Guard's Eye on the Horizon: How the Blue Technology Center of Expertise Connects Emerging Technology with Mission Needs - Jennifer Ibaven, Co-Program Manager, Blue Technology Center of Expertise, Coast Guard Futures Development and Integration, Office of Wargaming and Innovation (CG-WI) - Peter Vandeventer, PhD, Co-Program Manager, Blue Technology Center of Expertise, Coast Guard Futures Development and Integration, Office of Wargaming and Innovation (CG-WI)
11:15-11:30 Ballroom	TMA BlueTech: Bringing Innovations to Maritime Security Matt Classen, Executive Director, TMA BlueTech
11:30-12:00 Ballroom	Setting the Standard: Closing the Training Gap for Unmanned Maritime Systems - MECS Christian Parker, Robotics Mission Specialist Manager, Robotics and Autonomous Systems, U.S. Coast Guard - Anitra Keith, Director of Government Affairs, Maritime, Association for Uncrewed Vehicle Systems (AUVSI)
12:00-12:45 Kona Kai Terrace	Networking Lunch
12:45-1:10 Ballroom	Silver Sponsors Presentations: Quiet, Persistent, Ready: The Electric Platform in Maritime Security - Daniel Kreeger, Vice President, Government Relations & Business Development, Voltari Terma's Surveillance & Mission Systems – COTS Solutions for Critical Operations - Martin Sowinski, Director, Business Development SMS, Terma Inc.
1:10-1:20 Ballroom	Surveillance of Critical Maritime Infrastructure (CMI) Pal Didrik Andersen, Head of Global Sales, Kongsberg Norcontrol

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	Benefits of HDPE Hulls on Patrol Boats Patrick "Paddy" Cahill, Vice President of Sales and Business Development, Tideman Boats U.S.
1:20-1:45 Ballroom	Creating a Complete Maritime Picture: Integrating USVs Into Existing Security Operations - Josh Chartier, Director, Business Development, Echodyne - Barry Hinckley, President, Blue Ops
1:45-2:15 Ballroom	Port of San Diego Cruise Terminal Lockdown and Evacuation: Multi Agency Response Efforts and Lessons Learned - Chris Anderson, Facilities Security Manager, San Diego Unified Port District - Billy Marsh, Information Security Director, San Diego Unified Port District
2:15-2:30 Exhibit Hall	Networking Break
2:30-3:00 Ballroom	Managing Maritime Security Risks and Tradeoffs: An Assessment of Port Security Grants, TWIC, and Other DHS Efforts - Paul Hobart, Assistant Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) - Andrew Curry, Assistant Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)
3:00-3:30 Ballroom	Harris County Sheriff's Office Industrial Unit: Bridging the Gap Between Law enforcement, Industry, and State/Local/Federal Agencies Carlton J. Horton, Sergeant, Maritime Tactical Operations Section, Special Enforcement Bureau, Harris County Sheriff's Office
3:30-4:00 Ballroom	Inter-Agency and Cross Jurisdiction Information Sharing Underwater Awareness Data: Alternative Data Sharing Model to Consider - John Alford, Team Lead, Interagency Underwater Port Assessment (IUPA) Team, Mine Countermeasures Group Three (MCMGRU3) - James Payne, Member, Interagency Underwater Port Assessment (IUPA) Team, Mine Countermeasures Group Three (MCMGRU3)
4:00 Ballroom	Program Closing: Sareth Neak, President, Neak Media LLC

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