Wednesday, March 1 Session Panelists

1100-1200 The Nexus between Vessels & Shipping Agencies

Moderator: Leslie Clements

Leslie Clements CMA C/O 2003 Marine Transportation Maritime Management professional with 20 years of experience in the maritime sector with a focus on Ship Agency. Now Managing Director of Transmarine Navigation and prior for 13 years Marine Services Manager USWC, Canada & Hawaii for Inchcape Shipping Services. Firm believer in continuing education, giving back to the Cal Maritime community and empowering and training individuals to grow in this field.

“My name is Amber Herrly. I graduated from Cal Maritime in 2018 with my degree in Maritime Business and Logistics and was also on the Women’s Basketball team. I now have a great career at Transmarine as the Operations Manager for the Long Beach office.”

Rilee Neuman graduated from California Maritime Academy in 2018 with her Bachelors in Global Studies and Maritime Affairs. Post-graduation she pursued a career in law and worked in various law firms before finding her way back to the maritime industry. She was hired by Inchcape Shipping Services San Francisco Office in July 2022 and has since found her niche. In her position as an Operation Support Specialist, she focuses on supporting her colleagues in Vancouver and Montreal Canada. She works tirelessly to fulfill her required job duties while simultaneously taking on new tasks to ensure the agents she supports can focus on servicing our vessels with no issues or delay. She is regularly trying to one up herself to find better ways to complete her tasks and work to make her region run as smoothly as possible.
My name is **Andres Ramirez** and I have been a Vessel Agent for Norton Lilly International for nearly 2 years. I have worked in logistics, but quickly realized that I prefer to be more involved in daily port operations. After leaving Cal Maritime, I thought I’d be content with a simple 8-5 schedule, however, this was not true. My life as a Vessel Agent keeps me on my feet, provides me with an abundance of maritime knowledge, and has given me the flexibility that a normal 8-5 doesn’t offer. Those should consider being a Vessel Agent for Norton Lilly if they want an insight to Port Operations and for anyone looking to get into the Maritime Industry.

**Jasmin J. Brown** is Operations Manager for Transmarine Navigation Corporation in San Francisco, providing oversight for logistics, regulatory compliance, and safety for ships at port throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2020, she graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Global Studies and Maritime Affairs from California State University Maritime Academy in Vallejo, receiving the Edwards Leadership Development Award. In her spare time, Jasmin and her dog RoRo enjoy exploring Bay Area regional parks.
Lieutenant junior grade (Lt. j.g) Alice Beittel is a commissioned officer for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps (NOAA Corps) currently serving as the Advanced Survey Technology Officer at the NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center in San Diego. In her current assignment, she works with the Advanced Survey Technologies Group to use cutting-edge acoustics to monitor populations of exploited marine fishes and critically endangered marine invertebrates. Previously, she served on the NOAA Ship Rainier as a deck watch officer and hydrographic surveyor. During her time with NOAA Ship Rainier, she coordinated ship sea floor mapping operations throughout southeast Alaska, Kodiak, and interdisciplinary projects involving coral reef surveys and habitat mapping in the Mariana Islands archipelago. As a NOAA Corps officer, she wears many hats including ship navigator, hydrographer, diving officer, damage control officer, public affairs officer, and NOAA working SCUBA diver. Prior to joining the NOAA Corps, Lt. j.g. Beittel completed a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Management and a minor in Geographic Information Systems from the University of California, Davis. Her interest in the intersection of operations and science began at UC Davis in a variety of research opportunities including field meadow restoration research with the UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences in the northern Sierra Nevada/Cascades regions, ecogeomorphology of river systems in Colorado/Utah, fish behavior and ecology research in northern Mongolia, and coral reef fish research in Costa Rica.
LTJG Ariane Huddleston started her journey in NOAA as a contracted fisheries biologist in Mississippi and joined NOAA Corps in 2016 after her NAVY tour. She was assigned to the NOAA Ship *Pisces* for the first sea tour deploying camera traps, fish traps, and AUV deployments and recovery. She became interested in drone missions and now started a new assignment as the UAS Operations Coordinator at the SWFSC.

Breezy Grenier - Multidisciplinary ocean scientist by education, mariner, educator, and seapreneur by trade
Owner of Breezy SEAS- Science, Exploration, and Academic Support and South Coast AI (artificial intelligence technology integration for submersibles)
Currently working with MRECo- Marine Renewable Energy Collaborative of New England as a BTTS Test Director developing SOPs as to testing tidal energy in addition to starting the NEWT- New England Waterworld Training Center of Seamanship and Marine Science and Technology and currently working with CMTA- Connecticut Marine Trades Association on a marine trade and underwater technology training program.
Em is a SUNY Maritime alum with a BS in Maritime Studies. Over the past 5 years they have worked in diverse areas at Crowley including mariner training, HSQE, and workforce development.

In 2021 Em co-founded Crowley’s LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group “Stronger Together”. They led Crowley in sponsoring Jacksonville Pride, organizing volunteering opportunities with LGBTQ+ nonprofits, and created international donation campaigns.

With help from allies, they have affected the following institutional changes: employees are now able to include pronouns in email signatures and business cards, gender affirming health care coverage is available to US employees, and Crowley has committed to participate in the HRC 2023 Corporate Equality Index.

Leah Wyzykoski - I'm a graduating senior at Cal Maritime in the Marine Transportation program. During my time here I've worked on growing inclusion on our campus through participation in the GSA and Associated Students of Cal Maritime. My most recent work has been collaborating to open our first Inclusion Center on campus. It has been a challenging but fulfilling road and I'm excited to share my experience and see where the center goes from here.
Lisa McCord is the Director of Commercial Shipping supporting Marathon Petroleum Corporation, a Fortune 500 company. Lisa has been with the company for 15 years, bridging time with Tesoro and Andeavor prior to the merger with Marathon; focusing on marine strategy development and execution, optimization, and various commercial activities, inclusive of foreign and domestic programs. Her commercial marine experience covers both domestic and foreign shipping, with all vessel sizes in clean and crude service. Lisa manages a team of 29 outstanding individuals, representing the full commercial umbrella for blue water marine: Chartering/Freight Trading, Commercial Marine Operations and Optimization, Demurrage/Claims, and Marine Analytics.

Prior to joining Tesoro/Andeavor, Lisa spent eight years working in Corporate Economics and International Crude roles for another energy company. Lisa lives in San Antonio with her spouse Sean, her daughter Reily and two rambunctious boxers. She has a Master of Business Administration but wishes she had attended a maritime academy. In both organizations, Lisa participated in additional developmental roles such as Volunteer Councils, leader in Andeavor’s Inclusion and Engagement team, and a leader in developing Andeavor’s Mentoring program.

Commander Amy Lockwood is from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. In 2002 she graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee where she earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering. From 2002 to 2005 she worked as a Project Manager for the City of Nashville Public Works Department and in 2005 she was commissioned as an Ensign through the Coast Guard Direct Commission Officer Program. Commander Lockwood’s first assignment was to Naval Engineering Support Unit in Boston, Massachusetts as a Port Engineer and from 2006 to 2008 she served as the Damage Control Assistant aboard cutter SPENCER (WMEC 905). From 2010 to 2013 she was the Engineer Officer aboard cutter DECISIVE (WMEC 629) in Pascagoula, Mississippi. In 2013 she transferred to Oakland, CA as the Availability Project Management Section Chief for the Ice Breaker, Construction Tender Product Line. She then headed over to Alameda, CA as the Engineer Officer aboard cutter WAESCHE (WMSL 751) from 2016-2018. From 2018-2022 she served as the Senior Port Engineer for CGC HEALY in Seattle, WA and in 2022 transferred back to Alameda, CA to CGC STRATTON (WMSL 752) as the Executive Officer. Commander Lockwood holds a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and is a certified Project Management Professional. Her awards include a Meritorious Service Medal, three Commendation Medals, three Commandant’s Letter of Commendation, various unit awards and the Permanent Cutterman’s insignia. She enjoys skiing, mountain biking, traveling, and bagel breakfast sandwiches.