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CONNECTIONS MADE REAL



idea. Connections aren't just pleasant extras; they are the animating force of our professional lives.

Now, as October arrives, we have the perfect opportunity to put that idea into practice. The SNAME Maritime Convention (SMC) is just around the corner — October 29-31 in Norfolk, Virginia. This is our Society's signature event, where all the threads of our community come together in one place. Over these three days, SMC offers us an unmatched chance to learn, to share, and most of all, to connect.

Our always popular panel discussions will touch on some of the hottest topics in our industry. The technical program will showcase the latest ideas shaping our industry. Students will meet professionals who can guide their next steps. Colleagues will reconnect after years apart. New partnerships will be formed that may carry our work forward for decades to come. The conversations that happen in the hallways, at the coffee tables, and during social events are just as important as the papers presented and the panels discussed.

One of my favorite moments each year is the President's Reception – and not just because we will again have the NETSCo Student Design Competition

races! The reception is both a celebration of who we are and an invitation to what we can become. It's informal, it's fun, and it's a chance for us to gather not only as engineers and naval architects, but as a community that shares a common interest in making the maritime industry a great place to work. If you're planning to attend SMC, please make it a priority to join us for this special event – I would be honored to welcome you there.

Here's my recommendation: Don't just think about the value of connections. Come and live them. Register for SMC (it's not too late!), join your colleagues in Norfolk, and experience firsthand the relationships that make SNAME more than a society – they make us a family.

Fair winds and following seas,



Rich Mueller

President



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SMC 2025 – MAKE IT YOUR OWN



I believe that SMC offers something for everyone.

- ▶ Panel discussions on topical issues intended to stimulate robust, stimulating discussion
- ▶ Technical sessions, including those at FAST, where knowledge and best practices are shared
- ▶ Pre-con courses and professional development hours that provide for professional growth
- ▶ Social events for networking
- ▶ An awards ceremony for recognizing outstanding accomplishments.
- ▶ Special programming for high school and university students

But a conversation I had last fall at SMC came to mind recently, and it was a reminder that I should share another message about how to approach SMC and other big meetings. In short, you shouldn't feel pressured to do everything that SMC offers.

Last year as I was making my way through the exhibit hall, I struck up a conversation with a young professional staffing his company's booth. He confided that while he was comfortable standing behind the table and answering questions – and talking with me – he only wanted to attend the technical sessions. He felt guilty for not wanting to attend the social events as he was an introvert, and the thought of interacting with people he didn't know was terrifying. I assured him that was okay. The important thing was that he was engaging in a way that he was comfortable with and found beneficial.

At the other extreme, I encountered many attendees who were there for the networking. Not only did they expect to do business, but they were brimming with excitement to reconnect at alumni dinners with former classmates from their university days. As subject matter experts in their fields, some had also volunteered to moderate the technical sessions, providing the added benefit of individual and company recognition.

I thought that last year's President's Reception was great fun. It was held in the exhibit hall with the student design competition taking place in its midst. Food and drink were flowing, attendees were mixing – relaxed and engaged. Everyone was simply enjoying the evening amongst new friends and old. But not everyone will feel at ease at receptions, and there's no reason to feel guilty if that's the case for you.

So to get the most out of SMC 2025, make it your own. Determine what you want to achieve, decide how you will spend your days, and actively participate in a way that is meaningful and comfortable for you. I look forward to seeing you there!

ANNUAL MEETING AT SMC 2025

Please note that SNAME's Annual Meeting ("Business Session") will occur on Friday, 31 October (9:00-10:00 a.m. Eastern Time) during the SNAME Maritime Convention.

I encourage you to attend and exercise your right as a member to voice your opinions and vote on important SNAME business and governance issues, including:

- ▶ Bylaws amendments
- ▶ Choosing a President-elect

All SNAME members are welcome to attend, but only SNAME professional members in good standing may vote. The Annual Meeting will be a hybrid event, and a link for joining the meeting virtually will be sent to members to use should they not be able to attend in person.



Elizabeth Bouchard
Executive Director

MEMBER PROFILE

FREDERICK (RICK) ASHCROFT – CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SMC ATTENDANCE



Rick Ashcroft holds a unique position within SNAME. He is not only our Technology & Research Director (a staff position,) but he also volunteers in many other capacities, including as chair of the Marine Forensics Committee. Rick is the backbone

of our SMC technical program — overseeing the panel session scheduling, ensuring that there are moderators for each panel, and making sure that it flows flawlessly. It is in this added light that we celebrate Rick's 50 years of SMC attendance with his first-person Member Profile.

I joined SNAME 53 years ago when I took my first naval architecture class at the University of Michigan (U-M) in 1972. Professor John Woodward told us to join. "It's your professional society – and you'll want the discount on the books you'll have to buy."

And he was right. I joined as a student, got that discount, and stayed for the fun!

I recently realized that the first SNAME Maritime Conference (SMC) I attended was in 1975 as a student in U-M's Quarterdeck Society; back then, it was called the Annual Meeting. In 1976, I went again, and I've found a way to attend every one since; SMC 2025 will be my 50th.

MENTORSHIP AND CONNECTION

That realization made me think about how I got to this milestone and what the journey has meant to me. During most of my 18 years at U-M, I worked

in what was then called the Ship Hydrodynamics Laboratory (SHL), and I found that I loved model testing. In the days before Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD), this was the most common way to solve the hydrodynamic puzzles that would provide owner/operators with the most efficient hull form possible within their design constraints.

I am profoundly grateful that Professor Richard B. Couch, Director of the SHL, took me under his wing, providing a level of mentoring most people only dream of. We developed a relationship that extended beyond the laboratory to his extensive consulting. We supported many design efforts, but by the mid-1980s, the bulk of the work was forensic analysis – accident reconstructions. In addition to many dozens of small boat accidents, I worked on some better-known big ship accidents; the Exxon Valdez grounding and the Summit Venture-Sunshine Skyway allision were the two biggest. The accident reconstruction work got me interested in forensics, leading me to join the SNAME T&R Marine Forensics Committee many years later. I now chair that committee and look forward to our quarterly discussions on both historic (e.g., Titanic) and current studies.

My years in model testing and more than a decade of full-scale structural instrumentation and sea trials projects made me a good fit for the T&R Program. For more than 30 years, I have been a member of many panels and committees and have chaired some of them. I also served a term as Functional VP of Technology – six of the busiest years of my life!

Professor Couch always said SNAME membership was professionally important and would provide me with many opportunities on that front – he was absolutely right, and I have tried to share that philosophy with anyone who will listen.



Ashcroft (right) costumed as “The Stage Manager,” a fun role in a 1990 production of Drood in Ann Arbor. He was the stage manager and assistant director for the production and was happy to make “art imitate life” and play the on-stage stage manager, too.

WORK-LIFE BALANCE

Although I spend a lot of time working, I have many other interests. I love to sail, and from 1978 to mid-2024, my wife, Chris, and I owned a string of sailboats – the last was a Catalina 30 MK III that we had for 24 years. This year, we joined “The Dark Side” (you know – powerboats) and bought a 2023 Jeanneau nc795 that we can trailer to new adventures.

I also love working behind the scenes on the technical side of theater productions. During my 20 years in Ann Arbor, I worked with the Ann Arbor Civic Theater, at first doing sound design and special effects. Later, I stage-managed all the theater’s Main Stage productions, was on the Board of Directors, and for 10 years was Vice President for Production, overseeing the 12-14 shows we

did each year. I also worked with other local theater groups.

Since moving to California in 1991, I have been involved with several regional theaters, doing sound and lighting design as well as special effects. One of my favorite assignments was special effects for *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Over the years, I have won “best of the season” awards for lighting and/or sound design and a few for special effects.

At first glance, my theater work may seem surprising for someone with a “day job” as an engineer, but these pursuits are so complementary.

Being on the board of directors for a theater non-profit requires both business and management skills I put to work regularly as an engineer.

Stage-managing a live production with more than 70 actors, two dozen stagehands, and a full orchestra requires many of the same skills as managing field tests or trials – when things don’t go as planned, you need to be able to think fast and come up with a solution that keeps people safe and the project moving.

Lighting, sound, and special effects are just plain fun – and require imagination, a basic understanding of the physics of light, acoustics, and engineering, as well as creativity within prescribed bounds ... Not so different from designing marine structures, model, and full-scale experiments after all.

And like SMC, the theater provides endless opportunities to network. More than once when I needed specialist advice, I called one of the electrical or aerospace engineers who worked on a production with me.

Coming full circle, what is it about SNAME that has kept me involved since joining as a college student? The genuine pleasure I get from my association with so many smart and talented people has kept me coming back for five decades and will undoubtedly keep me involved for the foreseeable future.

MEMBERSHIP



JOIN US AT THE SMC 2025 MEMBER LOUNGE!

Whether you are checking your SNAME membership status, renewing your membership, meeting up with fellow members, discussing business with fellow professionals, or just dropping in to say hello, the Member Lounge located on the fourth floor of Hilton Norfolk The Main is your go-to hub at SMC 2025.

Get the latest scoop on member benefits and discover new opportunities in technical content, career tools, discounts, and more.

While you're there, take a seat, relax, and charge your phone. The SNAME Membership Team will be more than happy to assist you in any way we can!

And don't forget to visit the dedicated area on the fourth floor where scholarship recipients, Student Paper Awardees, and Dr. James A. Lisnyk Student Ship Design Competition winners will be featured.

They will have the chance to talk about their accomplishments and present themselves, their goals, and future plans via poster walls. At this early stage of their career, their futures look bright.

IN MEMORIAM

George Curtis Gibby

June 13, 1940 – September 5, 2025

We are saddened to announce the passing of long-time SNAME member, George Curtis Gibby (SNAME-F).

Curt was born to George and Grace Gibby in Winthrop, Massachusetts. He grew up in West Topsham, Vermont, and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1961. After serving aboard the LST Suffolk County in Southeast Asia, he returned to Virginia and completed Underwater Demolition Team - Replacement training Class 29 in 1963, joining UDT 21, and soon after, SEAL Team 2.

In 1967, while in San Diego between SEAL tours to Vietnam (serving on the USS Cavalier APA 37 as a Navigator), he met Anne Graham. They married in 1968. Curt was discharged from the Navy 1971 and began his long career in naval architecture and marine engineering. He is survived by his loving wife Anne, children Graham, Sarah, and James, and brother Grant.

EARN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOURS AT FAST AND SMC!



The International Conference on Fast Sea Technology (FAST) and the SNAME Maritime Convention (SMC) will both offer great opportunities to earn Professional Development Hours, or PDH.

In fact, those attending FAST could earn as many as nine PDH hours, while SMC attendees could earn 11 PDH over the two days of the convention. Both events are packed with technical content and panel discussions. As an alternative to the FAST conference, three different pre-conference courses will also be offered on October 29 with even more PDH credit to choose from (see below for more details on those courses).

Professional Development Hours are educational units needed by professionals (such as engineers) to fulfill continuing education requirements for license renewal. Nearly all states, territories, and the Canadian provinces and territories allow people renewing their Professional Engineer's license to claim PDH credits as part of qualifying for the renewal. Engineers should keep a log with course or lecture details to support the claim for their hours.

While all PE-registering entities reserve the right to disallow claimed PDH if the person is selected for an audit, that rarely happens. This is generally referred to as self-certification, as it's left up to the license holder to decide what qualifies under the rules of their locality (though certificates of attendance are recommended). Generally, a minimum of 50 minutes of attendance in the session is required to claim 1 hour of PDH. This could include the presentation and Q&A session.

While at FAST and SMC, be sure to grab a PDH sign-in sheet when you walk in for each session to obtain credit for proof of attendance.

Attention, New York Professional Engineers: In New York State, the requirements for PDH credit are more stringent. All material must be pre-certified for PDH before being presented in a session. To accomplish this, SNAME is working with exceptional member volunteers **David Chapman** and **Bradley Golden**, who have both completed all requirements to review technical presentations for NY PDH credit. With their untiring support, SNAME is proud to announce that all FAST and SMC technical sessions, including pre-conference courses, will be reviewed and vetted for PDH credit assignment.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT SMC

The SNAME Maritime Convention (SMC), held in Norfolk, VA, this year, will kick off with a wealth of pre-conference courses on October 29. To sign up, use this [link](#).

Here's a quick look at each of the three courses.



ORCA3D: MARINE DESIGN IN RHINO

Instructor: Bruce Hays and Larry Leibman

Course length: 4 hours

Date/time: Wednesday, October 29, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

In this hands-on course, students will learn to use the Orca3D marine design and analysis plugin for Rhino. Areas covered include hull design and fairing; basic hydrostatics and stability; resistance prediction; and weight tracking. There will be a particular emphasis on Orca3D's latest intact and damaged stability analysis capabilities for vessel designs with internal compartmentation – all within the Rhino environment.

Students will learn to create a compartmentation model; define fixed load groups; create and modify load cases with fixed and fluid loads; include free surface of fluids in tanks; define stability criteria and heeling moments; and perform intact and damaged stability analyses. The course will also cover floodable lengths, curves of form, tank tables, tonnage calculations, and area/volume reports. Students should bring a laptop with Rhino 7 or 8 and Orca3D v3 already installed. Prior to the course, registered students will be given instructions on how to load free trial licenses of both if necessary.

SAWE COURSE

Instructor: David Hansch

Course Length: 8 hours

Date/time: Wednesday, October 29, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

This course exposes students to the fundamentals of marine vehicle weight estimating; it includes a review of the weight estimating methods described in the Society of Allied Weight Engineers (SAWE) Recommended Practice 14 “Marine Weight Estimating & Margin Policy Guideline.”

The class will cover the theory and application of weight estimating methods to specific examples and to whole ship design. The appropriateness of each method for each stage of ship design, construction, and operation will be discussed. Students will use multiple methods to work on examples related to estimating the weight of a vessel. Historic examples of weight estimating errors will illustrate practices that should be avoided. Students will be given estimation resources, including several papers, weight reports for a number of vessels, and an updated version of the Compendium of Parametric Weight Equations that the instructor previously presented at SNAME and SAWE conferences.

Finally, the class will collectively derive a parametric weight equation to illustrate the process and to highlight the pitfalls that should be avoided in the development of parametric estimating equations.

ORCA3D MARINE CFD: ACCURATE, PRACTICAL COMPUTATIONAL FLUID DYNAMICS (CFD) FOR THE NAVAL ARCHITECT

Instructor: Bruce Hays and Larry Leibman

Course Length: 4 hours

Date/time: Wednesday, October 29, 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.

In this interactive course, students will learn to use Orca3D Marine CFD, based on the SimericsMP RANS CFD code. Students will gain a basic understanding of CFD, with practical examples of resistance and self-propelled simulations in calm water for various types of vessels, including displacement, high-speed displacement, planing, and fully submerged. The course will cover the process of setting up a simulation in Orca3D, including a discussion of the geometry requirements and the surface and volume meshing parameters. Students will learn how to run the simulation in SimericsMP, create a report summarizing the results, and create a rendering in Rhino using Orca3D. More advanced examples will also be presented, including simulations in waves, turning simulations, and analyzing dynamic instability such as porpoising. Students should bring a laptop with Rhino, Orca3D, and SimericsMP installed. Prior to the course, registered students will be given instructions on how to load free trial licenses for all three software packages.

KEYNOTE AND PANEL SESSION 1

Date: Thursday, October 30

Time: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Keynote: Rebuilding America's Shipbuilding Power – A Call to Action

Sang Yi, Acting Administrator of the U.S. Maritime Administration

The U.S. shipbuilding industry is at a crossroads. This panel will bring together industry leaders, policymakers, and maritime experts to tackle the critical issues facing U.S. shipbuilding today.

Panelists:

- Will Cahill, Co-Founder Applied Maritime Sciences, Former National Security Council Director for Strategic Planning
- Ted Williams, President, Senesco Marine
- Brett Hershman, Director, Government Relations and Business Development, General Dynamics NASSCO
- Eugene van Rynbach, Senior Principal, Herbert Engineering
- Mark Martecchini, President, Webb Institute
- Moderator: Morgan Fanberg, CEO and President, Glosten

PANEL SESSION 2

Date: Thursday, October 30

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Navigating the Cold Frontier: The Future of Icebreaker Design and Construction in North America

This panel discussion brings together five experts to explore the challenges, innovations, and strategic importance of building icebreakers in North America for North America.

Speakers:

- Joanne Lostracco, PSPC Director of General Defence Procurement
- Dr. Claude Daley, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Ocean Naval Architecture Engineering
- Jim Carr, Senior Vice President, Seaspan
- David Walker, VP, ABS Global Government Services
- Moderator: Laurie Balan, COO, Genoa Design

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PANEL SESSION 3

Date: Friday, October 31

Time: 7:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Integrated Digital Environment (IDE) ... Transforming Naval Shipbuilding

An Integrated Product Development Environment (IPDE) with Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) software has emerged as the most significant breakthrough in naval shipbuilding in recent years. The panel members will share their views on the crucial features of an IPDE with PLM and how these features impact traditional shipyard processes.

Speakers:

- Dr. Jong Gye Shin, Chairman, Committee for Expertise of shipbuilding Specifics, Seoul National University
- Yeongung Ryu, Senior Vice President, HD Hyundai Samho
- Jonathan Sherman, P.E., Director of Digital Engineering, HIINNS
- John Rand Langmead, Technical Fellow, Siemens
- Moderator: Nick Guertin, Past Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, Acquisition, and Sustainment

PANEL SESSION 4

Date: Friday, October 31

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Reliability Journey for Technology and Energy Transition

This panel provides a platform for experts in the new technology/energy transition and Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Safety (RAMS) focus areas to collaborate in bringing the major challenges in the identified fields and presenting potential solutions.

Speakers:

- David Walker, VP, Government Business Development, ABS
- Brian Klesius, VP Service, Fairbanks Morse Defense
- Jason Strickland, Founder, Strickly Ships
- Moderator: Suzy Jiang, Technology Americas, Energy Transition American Bureau of Shipping

PANEL SESSION 5

Date: Friday, October 31

Time: 2:30 – 4:20 p.m.

Nuclear Power for Commercial Vessels: Feasibility, Challenges, and the Path Forward

The maritime industry faces mounting pressure to decarbonize, and nuclear power has re-emerged as a viable long-term solution. This panel brings together experts from naval architecture, reactor technology, policy, and ship operations to discuss the feasibility of nuclear-powered commercial vessels, key technological and regulatory considerations, and the necessary steps to make nuclear propulsion a reality.

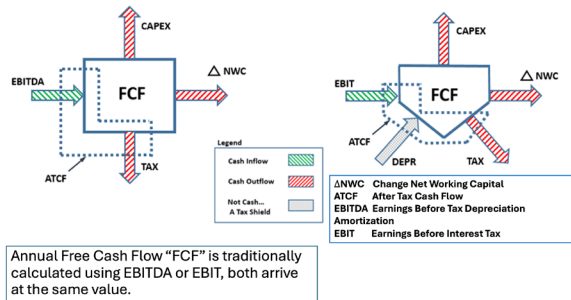
Speakers:

- Mikal Boe, Chairman and CEO, CORE Power
- Bud Darr, President and CEO, CLIA
- Ben Ackers, Vice President, Glosten
- Peter Wallace, Principal Engineer, Lloyd's Register
- Moderator Jonathan Stephens, P.E., Manager, Core Design, BWX Technologies, Inc.

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T & R AT SMC 2025

With over 40 sessions from which to choose, our FAST and SMC technical programming offers abundant opportunity to learn from experts in academia and industry. This year, we are particularly pleased to announce that SNAME's T&R Program is presenting two Technical Sessions at SMC.



THURSDAY

Session 2A (SMC-043)

11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Room: MAIN BC

Panel O-36 Maritime Economics Chair John Hatley presents "Payback Beware: A Valuable Antique or an Old Remnant of the Decarb Era?" For decades, the maritime field has relied upon Payback as the initial litmus test for determining the economic viability of an investment to improve performance. This presentation describes the shortcomings of Payback in the environmental era and why it should be discarded in favor of traditional Free Cash Flow. The presenter encourages attendees to read the paper prior to the presentation and participate in the discussion.

If you want to learn more about Panel O-36, Hatley will be hosting a meet-and-greet session from 2:00 – 2:30 PM in the Ghent Room. Please join him there and find out about opportunities to join this panel.

FRIDAY

Session 9A (SMC-042)

12:30 - 1:20 p.m.

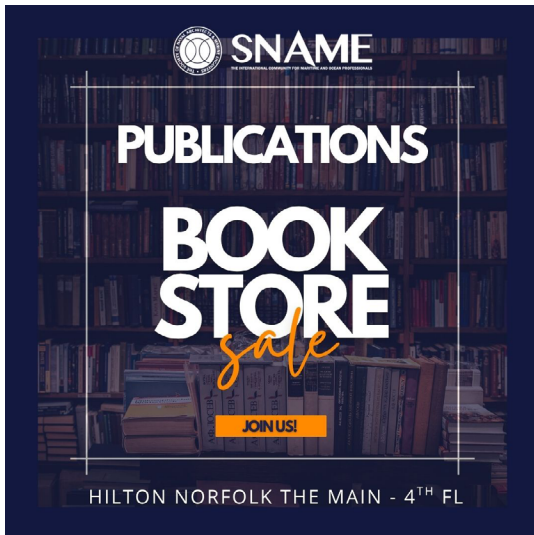
Room: MAIN BC

On behalf of Panel SD-6 Icebreaker Design, Amer Kalla will present "Icebreaker Design Panel Paper Status," covering three white papers that the panel is working on currently:

- ▶ "Icebreaker Power and Propulsion Parametric Initial Design Standards"
- ▶ "Optimizing Arctic Ship Repair Service: A Leagile Digital Transformation Approach to Ensure Non-Stop Operations"
- ▶ "Optimizing Plate Straking for Icebreaking Vessels Constructed via Cold Forming"

We expect lively discussion at this session. If you are interested in icebreaker design, please consider joining Panel SD-6!

PUBLICATIONS



BROWSE THE BOOKSHELF: SNAME'S PRINT AND DIGITAL BOOKS

The SNAME Publications Department will be on site in the Member Lounge throughout SMC.

Stop by to browse and flip through sample copies from SNAME's vast technical library, including leading textbooks, reference works, and research volumes. A team member will be available to take orders on the spot for titles from the SNAME online bookstore – covering the full range of text and reference books in the catalog. It's a great opportunity to preview the material firsthand and order the publications that support your professional or educational needs.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FAST SEA TECHNOLOGY (FAST) – OCTOBER 29



The theme of this year's FAST conference is **Connecting the Dots in High-Speed Craft Digital Design**, with papers concerning the digital thread running through all phases of the system lifecycle. Whether you're looking to connect, learn, or make an impact, FAST is the place to be. [Register today!](#)

KEY EVENTS FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Calling all future marine engineers and innovators! Get ready for an innovative experience at SMC. Build your network and open doors to internships, collaborations, and career opportunities. Registration is open!



STUDENT SHIPYARD TOUR

Date: October 29, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET

Join us for an exclusive tour of Colonna's Shipyard in Norfolk! Colonna's Shipyard is the oldest continuously family-owned and operated private shipyard in the United States. Experience firsthand the shipyard's dry docks, railway, 1,000-metric-ton Marine Travel-Lift, and more. This is a rare opportunity to get behind the scenes at a working shipyard.



DESIGN AND BUILD COMPETITION

Date: October 29, 2025

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET – Design & Build

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. ET – Design Competition

Put your creativity and engineering skills to the test using everyday household items to create the best vessel. It's always energetic, entertaining, and a great way to show off your adeptness.

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STUDENT AND YOUNG PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE

Date: October 30, 2025

Time: 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. ET

Curious about life after graduation or thinking about professional licensure (like the PE exam)? Join us for an open conversation with industry professionals and walk away feeling confident about your future.



STUDENT PAPERS SESSION

Date: October 29, 2025

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. ET



MARITIME JOB FAIR

Get your resume ready for the SMC 2025 Job Fair!

Looking for new opportunities? Join us on Friday, October 31, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Granby Foyer for the SMC Job Fair. This is your chance to connect with employers and get your foot in the door.

What to bring:

- ▶ Updated resume
- ▶ Professional attire
- ▶ Questions for employers

FUN EVENTS FOR ALL



SILENT ART AUCTION:

We're thrilled to announce our Silent Art Auction featuring maritime works by **Captain John Roach** and **Peter Hsu**! Explore these originals and bid with purpose.

Many of the pieces that SNAME has collected throughout the years will be included. Proceeds from the auction will fund SNAME's High School Student program.



HEADSHOT SALON

Get ready for your close-up – the Headshot Salon is back at SMC! Refresh your personal brand with a complimentary headshot that is included with your conference pass. Whether you need a professional photo for your LinkedIn profile or media kit, or you simply want a polished image while you're at SMC, the Headshot Salon has you covered. Don't miss this chance to get a brand-new, high-quality headshot –on us!



SNAME STORE

Explore the Store! SNAME Pop-Up Store exclusively at SMC

We are pleased to announce that at SNAME's upcoming SMC, you'll get first access to our pop-up SNAME Store. SNAME will be selling branded merchandise, including polos, socks, luggage tags, phone chargers, and more. These items are available exclusively at the convention, at preview pricing, while we prepare to launch the online store. It's your chance to see, feel, and pick up SNAME swag before anyone else! Swing by the SNAME Pop-Up Store and walk away with swag that says, "I'm proud to be part of SNAME."



SMC 2025 AWARDS RECEPTION AND GALA – CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN MARITIME INNOVATION

Get ready for a spectacular evening! Join us at the SMC 2025 Awards Gala, where we'll honor standout individuals and achievements in the maritime community. Together, we will celebrate the achievements that propel our industry forward through research, collaboration, or groundbreaking technologies.

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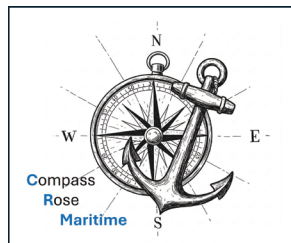
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The SNAME Maritime Convention starts on Wednesday, October 29! To help you prepare for SMC 2025, here are a few important things to know before you arrive:

📍 LOCATION & ARRIVAL:

October 29-31, 2025

Hilton Norfolk the Main
100 East Main Street
Norfolk, VA 23510

SMC Pre-Conference starts at 8:00 a.m. on the third floor.

FAST starts at 8:00 a.m.

🧳 WHAT TO BRING:

- Valid ID for check-in
- Notebook/laptop (if applicable)
- Comfortable clothing and layers for indoor/outdoor activities
- Dress code is business casual during the day and cocktail attire for the Awards Reception and Gala.

📶 CONNECTIVITY

- Free Wi-Fi will be available on-site.
- Charging stations will be available in designated areas.

STAY UPDATED

- Follow live updates and announcements via the event app or social media hashtags.

📍 NEED HELP?

- Visit the registration desk on the 3rd floor or the Member Lounge.

Registration opens on Wednesday, October 29, at 7:00 a.m. ET in the third floor foyer.

To check in, ask questions, and purchase tickets, please visit registration during the following hours:

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:
7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. ET**

Share your SMC experience on social media. We want to share this industry-leading event with the world, and we need your help! Tag SNAME social media accounts and use the hashtag **#SMC2025**.

- Twitter: @SNAME_HQ
- Facebook/Instagram: @SNAMEOfficial
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The Exhibit Hall opens on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. ET. See the latest technologies, services, and products for today's shipbuilding projects. The exhibit hall will be open during the following hours:

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