

PVA Rivers Region Meeting

November 1-3, 2022

Aboard *M/V THREE RIVER QUEEN*

Gateway Clipper Fleet

Pittsburgh, PA

FINAL

Tuesday, November 1

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

PVA Welcome Reception

Aboard the *M/V THREE RIVER QUEEN*

Gateway Clipper Fleet

350 W Station Square Drive

Wednesday, November 2

8:30 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

Steve Jones

Gateway Clipper Fleet

Pittsburgh, PA

Terry Wirginis

Gateway Clipper Fleet

Pittsburgh, PA

8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Effectively Managing Safety – Tools and Best Practices

Gary Frommelt

City Experiences

Chicago, IL

Steve Jones

Gateway Clipper Fleet

Pittsburgh, PA

Gus Gaspardo

Padelford Packet Boat Company

St. Paul, MN

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. **Merchant Mariner Credentialing Update – How You Can Minimize Delays**

John Hoesli
Regional Exam Center
United States Coast Guard
St. Louis, MO

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Roundtable - Successful Strategies to Attract and Retain Employees**

Moderators: Christian Wirginis
Gateway Clipper Fleet
Pittsburgh, PA

Terri Bernstein
BB Riverboats
Newport, KY

- Workforce Availability
- Employee Benefit and Retention Trends

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **New PVA Digital Marketing Tool - Ahoy New Adventures**

Suzanne Krug
Gateway Clipper Fleet
Pittsburgh, PA

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**

Coast Guard Priorities for the Western Rivers

RADM Richard Timme
Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District
United States Coast Guard
New Orleans, LA

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

State Legal Cannabis and the Impact on Passenger Vessel Operators

Mike Graham
Gateway Clipper Fleet
Pittsburgh, PA

Steve Jones
Gateway Clipper Fleet
Pittsburgh, PA

- Managing Positive Tests
- DOT Proposed Oral Fluid Testing Option

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Active Shooter – How to Prevent and How to Respond

Tim Nease
FTS, LLC
Graysville, PA

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Why Cybersecurity Matters

Carl Hatfield
Eighth Coast Guard District
U.S. Coast Guard
New Orleans, LA

Brian Krug
Gateway Clipper Fleet
Pittsburgh, PA

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Implementing the New PVA Alternative Security Program

Eric Christensen
Passenger Vessel Association
Alexandria, VA

- New Content
- Reporting Requirements

Thursday, November 3

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Strategies to Control Costs and Cope with Supply Chain Issues**

Joe D'Amico
Gateway Clipper Fleet
Pittsburgh, PA

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Roundtable - How to improve and Promote Onboard Spending**

Moderator: Terri Bernstein
BB Riverboats
Newport, KY

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **The View from Washington D.C.: Issues That Affect You**

Eric Christensen
Passenger Vessel Association
Alexandria, VA

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Region Old and New Business and Closing Remarks**

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