

PVA Southeast Region Meeting

September 25 – 27, 2024
Aboard *M/V Naples Princess*
Naples, Florida

AS OF 9/20/2024
Subject to Change

Wednesday, September 25

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception**
Aboard *M/V Naples Princess*
Boarding at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 26

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Welcome Remarks**

Erik Johnson
Ft. Lauderdale Water Taxi
Miami, FL

Zackery Reed
Ballyhoo Media
Miami, FL

8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **The Current Insurance Seascape – What you Need to Know**

Scott Whitehill
Gallagher
St Louis, MO

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Roundtable – Food and Beverage Trends**

Moderator:
Jenny Gezella
Naples Princess Cruises
Naples, FL

Panel:
Eric Vasta
JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort
Marco Island, FL

Sarah Foegen
Naples Princess Cruises
Naples, FL

Collette McCormick
Hertz Arena
Ft. Myers, FL

Heriberto Barranco
The Ritz-Carlton
Naples, FL

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. **Minimizing Merchant Mariner Credential Delays**

Mark Marquesen
Regional Exam Center
United States Coast Guard
Miami, FL

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Illegal Charters—Are We Making Progress?**

Brian Knapp
Senior Investigating Officer
United States Coast Guard
St. Petersburg, FL

Jesus Porrata
Investigations Division
United States Coast Guard
Miami, FL

12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**

Tourism Trends in the Southeast

Sandra Rios
Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention
& Visitors Bureau
Naples, FL

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Region Meeting Location 2025

Erik Johnson
Ft. Lauderdale Water Taxi
Miami, FL

Zackery Reed
Ballyhoo Media
Miami, FL

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Ready For Inspection – Avoiding Needless Delays

Erik Johnson
Ft. Lauderdale Water Taxi
Miami, FL

LT Ryan Thomas
United States Coast Guard
Ft. Myers, FL

- Available resources
- Preventative maintenance plans

2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Roundtable – Vessel Operator Concerns

Moderator:
Bob Bijur
Island Queen Cruises
Miami, FL

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

OSHA’s Proposed Heat Rule

Eric Christensen
Passenger Vessel Association
Alexandria, VA

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Legal Cannabis Updates and Workforce Impacts

Eric Christensen
Passenger Vessel Association
Alexandria, VA

Friday, September 27

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Fire Safety Best Practices – Engaging Local Resources**

Forest Herndon Jr.
MERE M-PACT Solutions
Willingboro, NJ

- Drills and Exercises with local fire departments
- Understanding the Unified Command

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **The View from Washington D.C. – Issues that Affect You**

Eric Christensen
Passenger Vessel Association
Alexandria, VA

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **TSA First Observer Workshop and IED Recognition**

Omer H Demers
Transportation Security Inspector
Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
Miami, FL

Optional Event

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Cruise aboard the *S/V Miss Naples*

Enter code: **PVASE2024** for discounted tickets courtesy of Naples Princess.

For the reservation link, please click below:
<https://missnaples.starboardsuite.com/e/afternoon-sightseeing-4751>

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