



## 56<sup>th</sup> Annual National Marine Conference

*Mobile, Alabama – March 4-6, 2018*

### REGISTRATION

Conference registration and fees should be received by **February 1, 2018**. Refunds will absolutely not be issued for cancellation received after **February 16, 2017**.

The Registration Form for this National Conference is attached. Conference registration fees includes: a Welcome Reception on Sunday, March 4, 2018; Registration, Breakfast and Lunch on Monday, and the Presidents Reception on Monday evening, March 5; and Lunch on Tuesday March 6. Also, on Tuesday, there will be a "Members Only" Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting, at which time the President and other National Officers will report on issues important to the members. As you will see from the conference schedule this is two full days with 12 hours CE credit.

Registration must be received by noon Friday, **February 23, 2018**. Anyone who finds at the last moment that they can attend is welcome to register at the door.

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

**NAMS has reserved a LIMITED block of rooms at the reduced rate of \$139.00** on a first-come first-served basis at the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602. We encourage attendees to stay at The Riverview Plaza since NAMS financial arrangements for the conference depends on this participation. **Please book your room directly through the hotel to help us meet our guaranteed room count as negotiated as part of our contract with the hotel for this conference.** Reservation can be made by calling 800-922-3298. Or on-line at [Book your group rate for National Association of Marine Surveyors - NAMS](#) Group Room Block Space is limited and only available until Friday, February 2, 2018. Ask for the NAMS Room rate \$139.00nt plus taxes. Single / Double standard room. Additional charges for upgrades. The hotel will accept reservation after the aforementioned date only on a space available basis and at the regular room rate. **We recommend early registration to avoid disappointment.**

<i>Room Rate</i>	<i>Taxes</i>	<i>Accommodations</i>
\$139.00	++	Standard Room - Single/Double

***Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel*** Experience Mobile from a luxury hotel, with an unbeatable location in downtown, Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel creates a setting that blends style and elegance. Connected to Mobile Convention Center via skybridge, the Riverview offers access to endless attractions. Visit historic destinations such as Museum of Mobile, and enjoy the nightlife of downtown. Back at the hotel, enjoy lovely rooms with unforgettable views and amenities that will help you achieve a successful conference. Connect to complimentary Wi-Fi or relax and watch a movie, after your sessions. When it's time to refuel, treat your taste buds to a mouthwatering meal at The Harbor Room, (signature restaurant featuring the freshest local seafood and seasonal produce, served in a modern and inviting atmosphere. They are open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner - be sure to sample one of the daily seafood specials! Or visit Fathoms Lounge with its vibrant environment of a downtown bar and the sophistication of a restaurant. Enjoy creative cocktails, live music, and covered outdoor or outdoor seating, it's the ideal spot for catching up with friends and colleagues after a busy day.. Discover a remarkable stay at Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel. Plan to attend NAMS "Happy Hour" on Sunday evening in Fathoms out door Lounge and The President's Reception on Monday Evening in the Harbor Room atrium.

**Parking:** Valet only (\$20.00 day). **Self-parking is not available.** NAMS members will be gathering for general sessions in the conference area located on the second floor.

**AIPRORT / TRANSPORTATION:** The Riverview Plaza hotel is located, about 30 minutes away from Mobile airport, one hour from Pensacola, and just over two hours from New Orleans.

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR' MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Marine Surveyors, Inc., on Sunday, March 4, 2018, starting at 1:00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel in the Grand Bay Ballroom. NAMS members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Board Meeting.

## WELCOME TO MOBILE – HOSPITALITY AND HAPPY HOUR

Welcome to Mobile, Alabama. Please join us on Sunday evening for Cocktails and Hospitality in the Fathoms Street Side Lounge, (weather permitting) located just off the 1<sup>st</sup>. Floor Lobby.

## PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

A President's Reception will be held Monday evening in Renaissance Riverview Plaza 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Harbor View Lobby.

## MEMBERS ONLY BREAKFAST

NAMS (Members Only) Breakfast will be held in the Bon Secour Ballroom Tuesday. During the breakfast NAMS will hold their Annual Business Meeting. This meeting provides an opportunity for NAMS's leadership to report to members. It also provides an opportunity to discuss the events of the past two days. This meeting is an opportunity for member to make suggestions and volunteer to serve NAMS.

## SPOUSE PROGRAM

**Ladies Day Out: Monday March 5, 2018**



A spouse accompanying a registered attendee is welcome to attend any of the conference sessions at no charge. There is a nominal charge if they wish to attend the Seminar luncheon on Monday.

### ***“Visit Mobile – A City Born to Celebrate”***

Entertainment Management Services has arranged for us to step aboard a *Gulf Coast Trolley Tour* for comfortable, climate controlled travel through the colorful history of Mobile. Learn about the history and customs of the area. Travel through the historic districts where you will see many ante bellum homes, oak lined street, and churches built during the turn of the century. We will tour the *Oakleigh Mansion / Historic Complex* in Washington Square and the *Mardi Gras Museum*. We'll visit the *Battle House Hotel “Whispering Arch”*, and ride through the financial district to *Bienville Square*, *Callaghan's Irish Social Club* (there may be time for an Irish coffee), see *Fort Conde*, *Church Street Cemetery*, *The GulfQuest National Maritime Museum* and *The National African American Achieves Museum*, *The Richard's DAR House*, and the *USS ALABAMA Battleship Park*.

After lunch, at *The Spot of Tea*, we will across the street to visit the beautiful *Basilica of the Immaculate Conception*, where construction began in 1835 but wasn't FULLY completed until 1910 when the last stained glass windows were installed. (These windows are some of the cathedral's finest attributes). On the tour you will learn about the interesting people of Mobile and the ones that came before them. These people were “Born to Celebrate”.

Lunch cost NOT included. Instead of being restricted to one or two lunch entrees to choose from, we will order from the menu (your choice; from one of their many hot or cold appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, seafood, meat, and veggie entrees or grilled specialties).

**\$70.00 per person with limited space.** (depending on the number of ladies that sign up we may have some funds available to apply toward lunch).

**Lunch: We will pay as a group in cash, but each lady will be responsible for her own portion of the bill. (Please no credit cards / cash only).**

*Gulf Coast Tours*



# NAMS CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**SUNDAY, March 4, 2018**

**1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**      **Board of Director’s Meeting –**  
*Renaissance Riverview Plaza - Mobile Bay Ballroom*

**5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**      **Welcome Reception**  
*Renaissance Riverview Plaza – Fathoms Street Side Lounge*  
*Happy Hour: Cocktails, Hors d’oeuvres, and Hospitality*

**MONDAY, March 5, 2018**

**7:30 AM – 8:30 AM**      **Conference Registration & Continental Breakfast**  
**Attendees Exhibitors & Speakers**  
*Renaissance Riverview Plaza – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Pre-convene Center*

**8:30 AM – 9:00 AM**      **Welcome Address & Introduction**  
*Renaissance Riverview Plaza – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bon Secor Bay I*  
**John Venneman**      Conference Co-Chair NAMS Vice President  
**Mark Shiffer**                      NAMS East Gulf Representative  
**Greg Gant**                      NAMS President                      Welcome

**9:00 AM – 10:15 AM**      **All Disciplines**  
**Speaker: Ray Toth**                      NAMS – CMS  
*“Corrosion Identification and Mitigation in the Marine Environment”*

**10:15 AM – 10:30 AM**      **Break** *Renaissance Riverview Plaza – Pre-convene Center*

**10:30 AM – 11:45 AM**      **Hull & Machinery and Cargo**  
**Jay Webster**                      NAMS – CMS  
*“Surveys and Social Media”*

**10:30 AM – 11:45 AM**      **Yacht & Small Craft**  
**Speaker: Charles Hazouri**                      NAMS – CMS  
*“Thermography”*

**11:45 AM – 1:30 PM**      **Buffet Luncheon**  
**Attendees Exhibitors & Speakers**  
*Renaissance Riverview Plaza – Pre-convene Center & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bon Secor Bay I*  
**Speaker: Captain Rob McLellan, Sector Commander,**  
**US Coast Guard Sector Mobile**  
*“TBA”*

- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**      **Hull & Machinery**  
**Speakers: Ed Shearer & Robert Keister**  
NAMS – CMS  
*“NAMS & Subchapter M changes”*
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**      **Yacht & Small Craft**  
**Speaker: Ray Toth**              NAMS – CMS  
*“Practical Application of CRF and ABYC Standard in Marine Survey Reports”*
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**      **Cargo**  
**Speakers: H.S. “Smitty” Thorne**  
Deputy Director & Chief Operating Officer  
Alabama State Port Authority  
*“An Overview of the Alabama State Port Authority: Port of Mobile”*
- 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM**      **Break**      *Renaissance Riverview Plaza – Pre-convene Center*
- 2:45 PM – 4:30 PM**      **All Disciplines**  
**Speakers: Greg Gant**              NAMS – CMS  
**& Jim Ruth**      Naval Sea Systems Command  
*“Rescuing Navy Destroyers”*
- 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**      **Presidents Reception**  
*Renaissance Riverview Plaza – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Atrium  
Cocktails, Hors d’oeuvres, and Hospitality*

**TUESDAY, March 6, 2018**

- 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM**      **Breakfast: Members Only & NAMS Annual Meeting**  
*Renaissance Riverview Plaza – Pre-convene Center & Bon Secour I*
- 6:30 AM – 9:00 AM**      **Breakfast: Non-Members Speakers & Exhibitors**  
*Renaissance Riverview Plaza – The Harbor Room Restaurant*
- 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM**      **Hull & Machinery and Cargo**  
**Speaker: Speaker: Andrew Kinsey**              NAMS – CMS  
*“Impacts on Marine Surveyors of Autonomous Vessels and Cyber”*
- 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM**      **Yachts & Small Craft**  
**Speaker: John Wenz**  
Chubbs Insurance  
*“Report Writing from the Perspective of the Client”*
- 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM**      **Break**      *Renaissance Riverview Plaza – Pre-convene Center*
- 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM**      **All Disciplines**              **Spouses Welcome to Attend**  
**Speaker: Chad Pregracke**  
Living Land & Waters  
*“Cleaning Up America’s River”*

**11:45 AM – 1:15 PM**     **Box Luncheon: Attendees Exhibitors & Speakers**  
*Renaissance Riverview Plaza – Pre-convene Center & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bon Secor Bay I*  
**Speaker: Dana Martin**  
Hill Rivkins LLP  
“NAMS Ethics Dilemmas  
Should you take the Job? Are you Qualified? Should you alter your report?”

**1:15 PM – 2:30 PM**     **All Disciplines**  
**Speaker: Ted Winston**  
Spinlock USA  
“*Advances in Life Jacket Technology*”

**2:30 PM – 3:00 PM**     **All Disciplines**  
**Speaker: Greg Gant**     NAMS President  
“*Conference Summary & Wrap Up*”

***End of Conference***