



March 7-10, 2022

Mississippi Coast Convention Center, Ballroom A  
2350 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531

## **Oceans In Action Program Agenda Monday, March 7**

- 11:00am – 1:00pm Registration and Check-In
- 1:00pm  
Welcome: Laurie Jugan, *Oceans In Action* Chair  
Welcome Video: Zdenka Willis, President, Marine Technology Society  
Welcome: Davis Pace, CEO, Mississippi Enterprise for Technology  
Welcome Video, Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves  
Emcee: Richard Crout, MTS Gulf Coast Section Treasurer
- 1:15pm  
Keynote: RDML Ronald J. Piret; US Navy Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command; Commander, Task Group 80.7  
Topic: Operational Navy Update and Future Plans
- 1:35pm  
Panel: NAVALX Gulf Coast Tech Bridge  
Moderator: Laurie Jugan, MSET  
Panelists:  
Holly Gardner, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City and Director, Gulf Coast Tech Bridge  
CAPT Micah Weltmer, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command  
Joe Calantoni, Naval Research Laboratory – Stennis Detachment
- 2:35pm  
Dr. Shannon Campbell, University of Southern Mississippi Programs
- 3:05pm  
BREAK
- 3:30pm  
Jamie Miller, Mississippi Development Authority (MDA)
- 3:50pm  
Laura Bowie, Gulf of Mexico Alliance
- 4:20pm  
Joseph (Joe) Spraggins, Mississippi Dept. of Marine Resources
- 4:50pm  
Dr. Robert Moorhead, Mississippi State University Programs
- 5:20pm  
Remarks: Biloxi Mayor Andrew (FoFo) Gilich (Invited)

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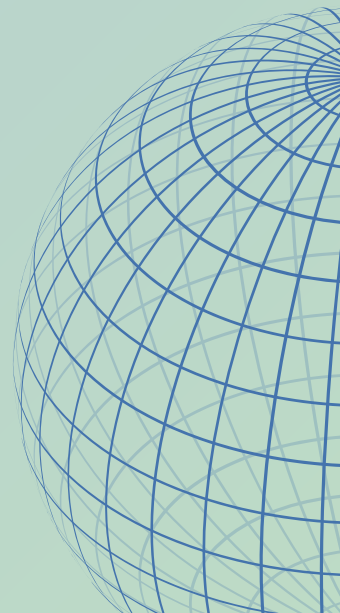


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## **Oceans In Action Program Agenda Tuesday, March 8**

- Emcee: Katharine Weathers, MTS Gulf Coast Section Chair
- 8:00am Welcome: Gold Sponsor, Peraton
- 8:05am Welcome Video, Mississippi Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith
- 8:10am Marc Wyatt, Environmental Protection Agency, Gulf of Mexico Program
- 8:40am Dr. Richard (Dick) Crout, Naval Research Laboratory – Stennis Detachment  
Topic: Local NRL Programs
- 9:10am C. Duane Armstrong, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)  
Topic: NASA Autonomous Systems Lab: Capabilities to Enhance the Blue Economy
- 9:30am BREAK
- 10:00am Rear Admiral Chad Cary, NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operation (OMAO)  
Topic: NOAA's Role in Advancing the Gulf Coast Blue Economy
- 10:30am Dr. William Burnett, NOAA's National Data Buoy Center  
Topic: NDBC Overview and Mission to Support Maritime Safety & Security
- 11:00am Sharon Mesick, NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI)  
Topic: Jumpstarting the NOAA UxS Data Enterprise
- 11:30am Panel: NOAA Strategic Approach to Uncrewed Systems  
Moderator: Philip Hoffman, NOAA Uncrewed Maritime Systems R&D Coordinator  
Panelists:  
CAPT Philip Hall, OMAO Ops Center  
Alex C. Ligon, Navigation Response Team – 1  
Bill Lingsch, Integrated Ocean Observing System  
Sharon Mesick, National Centers for Environmental Information

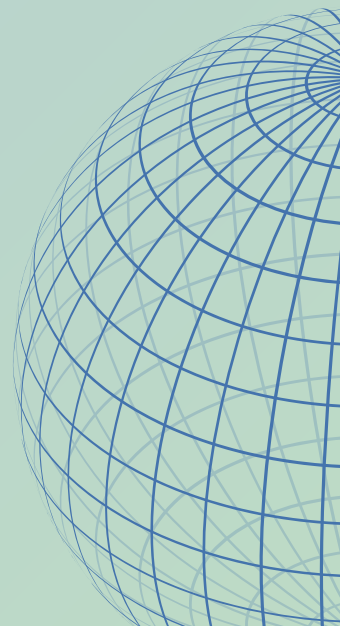
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- 12:30pm LUNCH
- Emcee: Mark Smits, MTS Gulf Coast Section Vice-Chair
- 1:30pm Video: Craig McLean, NOAA Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)  
Topic: United Nations Decade of the Ocean
- 2:00pm Panel: Mississippi's Blue Economy  
Moderator: Bill Cork, Mississippi Development Authority (MDA)  
Panelists:  
Laurie Jugan, MSET: Stennis Space Center  
Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport: Gulfport Innovation District  
Dr. Kelly Lucas, USM: Ocean Enterprise Facility  
Kevin Decker, OceanAero
- 3:30pm BREAK
- 4:00pm Tech Talk: Matt Moldovan, Suburban Marine  
Topic: Rapid Maritime Security Deployment with Opaleye
- 4:20pm Tech Talk: Destino Rivera, Wave Killer  
Topic: Wave Killer Systems Port Protection Perimeter Walls
- 4:40pm Tech Talk: Elizabeth Valenti, Qrisq Analytics  
Topic: Location-Specific Storm Surge and Wind Data
- 5:00pm Remarks: Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport
- 6:00pm – 9:00pm City of Gulfport Reception  
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At The Chapel at Centennial Plaza Resort

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## **Oceans In Action & ANTX: Gulf Coast: Program Agenda – Wednesday, March 9**

### **Events at the Convention Center:**

- Emcee: Laurie Jugan, MTS Gulf Coast Section Secretary
- 8:30am Betty C. Jester, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command  
Topic: ANTX Purpose & Success Stories
- 8:50am Dr. Philip Hoffman, NOAA Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)  
Topic: Navy-NOAA Partnership in ANTX20 and CENOTE
- 9:10am Dr. Daniel Sternlicht, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City  
Topic: Importance of the Warfare Center Partnership with the CNMOC Operational Command
- 9:30am Shuttles to USM/Gulfport Pier begin

### **USM Marine Research Center, Port of Gulfport**

- 10:30am Jennifer Hailes, Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command  
Topic: Welcome to ANTX Gulf Coast
- 10:45am Dr. Todd Holland, SSTM MIW Rapid Prototyping  
Topic: Perspectives on ANTX of the Future
- 10:30am – 4:00pm Tour of the Port of Gulfport, Industry and University Exhibits at USM's Marine Research Center, and Water-side Demonstrations at the Pier
- 11:30am Lunch provided by Shaggy's Gulfport



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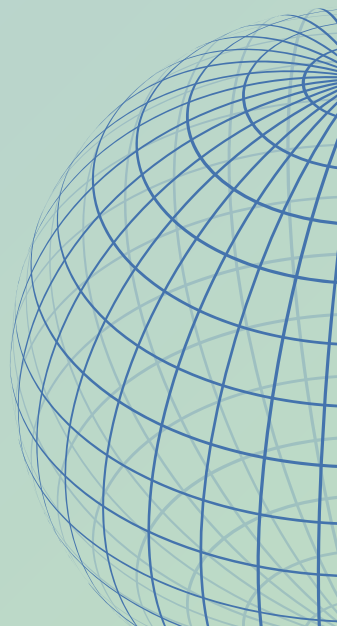
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### Marine Research Center, Port of Gulfport

- 1:00pm – 5:00pm Business-to-Business & Business-to-Government Sessions taking place at the Mississippi Coast Convention Center
- 1:00pm Tech Talk: Jeremy Johnson, Naval Surface Warfare Center  
Topic: Adaptive Persistent Awareness Systems
- 1:20pm Tech Talk: Shawn Harrison, Naval Research Laboratory, Seafloor Sciences Branch  
Topic: Leveraging Turn-key UxS for Coastal Science and Technology from Research to Operations
- 1:40pm Tech Talk: Dr. Steve Stanic, University of Southern Mississippi  
Topic: CUBEnet: High Resolution *in situ* Oceanographic and Meteorological Data
- 2:00pm Tech Talk: Brian Dzwonkowski, Dauphin Island Sea Lab  
Topic: Underwater Perspective of a Storm and Potential Forecast Benefits
- 2:20pm CAPT Ken Wallace, Naval Oceanographic Office  
Topic: ANTX Closing Remarks
- 4:30pm Last shuttle returns from USM/Gulfport Pier
- 5:30pm – 7:30pm Reception:  Gulfport, MS  
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## **Port Security Summit Program Agenda** **Thursday, March 10** **Mississippi Coast Convention Center**

- Emcee: John Cousins, MTS Gulf Coast Section, Past Chair
- 8:00am Welcome: Jon Nass, CEO & Executive Director, Port of Gulfport
- 8:05am Video: Senator Roger Wicker
- 8:15am CAPT LaDonn Allen, US Coast Guard Sector Mobile Commander  
Topic: Increasing Port Security Without Imperiling Maritime Commerce
- 8:45am Ron Weinberger, Naval Air Systems Command  
Topic: Ports to Port Bill – How Communities can Support our Nation’s Military
- 9:15 am Panel: Military Deployment Operations Successes at the Port of Gulfport  
Moderator: Andy Kilgore, USM’s Mississippi Defense Initiative (MDI)  
Panelists:  
COL Bobby Ginn, MSANG J4  
COL Bradley Howe, State Army Aviation Officer & Commander, 1108th  
Aviation Group (TASM-G)  
COL Joy Alexander, MFGI OIC, Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center  
(CSJFTC)  
COL Jeremy St. Laurent, 597th Transportation Brigade (SDDC)  
Shawn Meyer, Port of Gulfport
- 10:15am BREAK
- 10:45am Melissa Odegaard, S2 Global  
Topic: The Future of Cargo Inspection and Data Sharing
- 11:15am Glenda R. Snodgrass, The Net Effect LLC  
Topic: Cyber Security for the Supply Chain
- 11:45am Jon Nass, CEO & Executive Director, Port of Gulfport  
Topic: Challenges and Future Contingency Plans for a Secure Port

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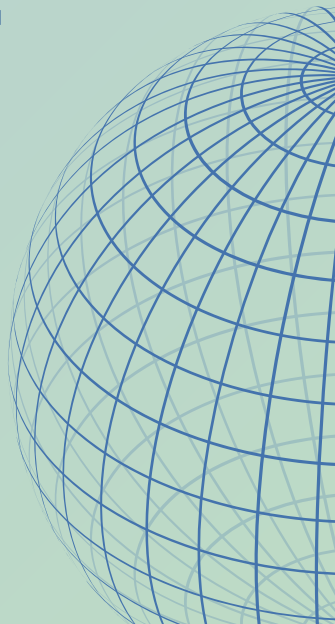


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| 12:15pm | LUNCH                                                                                                                                                                 |
|         | Emcee: Laurie Jugan, MTS Gulf Coast Section Secretary                                                                                                                 |
| 1:15pm  | Welcome Back                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1:20pm  | Video: Congressman Steven Palazzo                                                                                                                                     |
| 1:30pm  | Tech Talk: Robert Tabbara, 911 Security Drone Mitigation Company<br>Topic: Threat Mitigation Initiatives                                                              |
| 1:50pm  | Tech Talk: Jonathan Kilpatrick, Trulight LLC<br>Topic: Developments in Cyber Security                                                                                 |
| 2:10pm  | Dan Turissini, Educare of Northern Virginia, Inc; MTS Cybersecurity<br>Committee Chair<br>Topic: Introduction to the Committee and Thoughts on Port Security          |
| 2:30pm  | BREAK                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3:00pm  | Tech Talk: Dr. Jason McKenna, USM and Adam Hellmers, Radiance<br>Technologies<br>Topic: Enhanced Port Resiliency and Security                                         |
| 3:20pm  | Tech Talk: Todd Neely, ION<br>Topic: Port Digitalization: Securely Handling Cargo and Its Data                                                                        |
| 3:40pm  | Tech Talk: Matthew Searle, Maritime Arresting Technologies<br>Topic: The Use of Unmanned Platforms to Deploy Non-lethal<br>Effectors in the Port Security Environment |
| 4:00pm  | Emcee Closing remarks                                                                                                                                                 |

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