



**49<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Fall Conference**  
Totem Hotel and Suites, Valdez, Alaska  
Valdez Civic and Convention Center  
September 19 – 22, 2023



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### New Members:

**Petrocard** manages and operates the Port Angeles Boathaven and boatyard for the Port of Port Angeles.

**Contact:** Erik Widsteen

**MarinaLife Manager** delivers tools and resources to allow the boating community to fully embrace life on the water. Marinalife joined with Snag-A-Slip in 2017 and together, create tech-enabled solutions, allowing boaters and marinas to easily connect and transact. Headquartered in Baltimore, MD, their crew is passionate about two things: boating and delivering exceptional service to their customers.

**Contact:** Jamie Bernier

**Matter of Trust** is a public charity established in 1998 and based in San Francisco, CA. They have an unusual and popular program where they collect clippings of hair, fur, wool & fleece from salons, groomers, and ranches. They felt these waste fibers into mats, booms and tufts for oil spill clean-up, soil remediation and seagrass regenerations projects.

**Contact:** Lisa Gautier

**VoltSafe** is setting a new standard in marine shore power and EV charging. Because VoltSafe Marine contacts are never live to the touch, people will never experience arcing, electrical shock drownings, fires, or damaged pedestals. Their electrical shore power connectors feature proprietary smart features like current leakage detection, power-metering, level-2 EV charging, and automated utility billing.

**Contact:** Gaurav Parmar

Note: For contact information, please refer to [www.pccharbormasters.org](http://www.pccharbormasters.org), Membership Directory.

## Mission Statement

The Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters and Port Managers is an organization of commercial and recreational marina professionals promoting the enhancement of our industry and membership through communication, education, and professional development.

**MONDAY, September 18**

1:00pm **Board of Directors Meeting at PND Engineers Offices in Anchorage, AK**

**TUESDAY, September 19**

12:00pm **Travel via bus provided by City of Valdez, Ports and Harbors from Anchorage to Valdez, AK**

6:00pm **Welcome Reception - Totem Hotel**

**WEDNESDAY, September 20**

8:00am **Conference Check-in**

8:30am **Call to Order: Mike Loy**, Harbour Authority Association of BC  
Business Report  
Introduction of **PCC Board Members**

**U.S. Coast Guard - CDR Sarah Kristine Roasseau**, Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Unit, Valdez. Commander Rosseau was commissioned in 2005 and has crafted a career in marine safety and strategic planning. Prior to her current assignment in Valdez, she was assigned to the Office of Emerging Policy at CG Headquarters. CDR Roasseau is extremely versed in the Incident Command System and has participated in a number of notable pollution incidents. She has also had leadership positions in operational assignments in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Port Arthur, Texas and aboard the CGC TAHOMA. We are most appreciative in welcoming her to our conference.

**Welcome: Alan Sorum**, Mayor pro tempore, City of Valdez, AK

- 9:20am **Merritt Alves**, Training and Membership Coordinator, Association of Marina Industries
- 10:00am **Training and Education Committee:** Eric Olsson, Training & Education Committee
- 10:10am **Barbara Schwantes Report**, Mike Loy, Harbour Authority Association of BC
- 10:15am **Introduction of Sustaining Members:** Mike Turkington, False Creek Harbour Authority
- 10:35am **Networking Opportunity** - Meet up with your colleagues to discuss marina issues, share stories and find solutions to your issues. Also, an opportunity to get to know your PCC Sustaining Members (vendors) whose support helps make these conferences possible and who offer a wealth of information on products and services to enhance facility productivity and address your operational and maintenance concerns.
- 10:45am **Call of the Ports** - Introduce yourself and your guests. Give your affiliation and the PCC committee(s) that you serve. Tell us about yourself...what attracted you to a career as a marina professional? Highlight the issues that you consider are some of your biggest challenges, accomplishments, and successes. This is an opportunity to let the PCC membership know you better and understand what makes you and your facility unique.

Facilitators: Mike Turkington, False Creek Harbour Authority, BC  
Eric Olsson, Training & Education Committee

12:00pm **LUNCH:**

1:00pm **Port in the Spotlight:** This session offers marina and port managers and industry professionals an opportunity to engage us with a detailed overview of their facilities, their professional journey and how they have adapted over the years to run successful operations.

We are fortunate to have Kyle here representing the Port of Whittier in our Port in the Spotlight session. Kyle recently joined the Whittier crew and now serves as the Deputy Harbormaster. Kyle brings a unique background to this position and certainly draws from his often stressful and demanding Marine Corps and North Slope experiences in demonstrating his leadership skills and tenacious work ethic. While many lower 48 (and of course our BC contingent) PCC members share a lot of Alaskan harbor concerns, few have to continually deal with the seasonal extremes (and potential seismic activity) that must truly test the resolve, preparedness and hardiness of Alaskan harbor staff and equipment. This should be a most informative and enjoyable session.

Presenter: Kyle Loan, Deputy Harbormaster, Port of Whittier, AK

Facilitator: Jeremy Talbott, Port of Valdez, AK

1:35pm **Session 1: Emergency Response:** This is not a drill! Are you connected to your responders and are you prepared to assist? What you do first may be more important than the effectiveness of a delayed professional response. Are you and your staff prepared to answer the call...whether it be an oil spill, a terrorist threat, a fire, an earthquake, an explosion, or a medical emergency? Your initial actions can ensure the safety and health of your staff and customers and can help mitigate the environmental and economic impacts of manmade and natural disasters. This session will cover a variety of incidents that you may encounter and discuss the training and capabilities needed to confront these disasters. There will be information offered to develop checklists to better assess what threats your facilities are most prone to encounter and the types of emergency response resources and training you should consider employing to counter them. While the focus of this session will be on responses to oil spill incidents, there will also be an opportunity to discuss effective response actions to more widespread disasters. While the intent isn't to make everyone a certified responder, knowing the health and safety aspects of various hazards and some basic notification and containment procedures can save lives and alter the consequences of these events.

Presenter: Jeremy Talbott, Port of Valdez, AK

Facilitator: Eric Olsson, Training & Education Committee

2:45pm **Networking Opportunity** - Meet up with your colleagues to discuss marina issues, share stories and find solutions to your issues. Also, an opportunity to get to know your PCC Sustaining Members and get acquainted with your Alaska colleagues.

3:00pm **Session 2: Project Management.... there's more to the story:** In Eureka we heard from Nathan Duval, Port of Valdez, AK, about the benefits of a logical and effective approach to tackling a variety of projects. In a most informative and creative session, PCC members were offered strategies to effectively wade through the often-complex maze starting from a vague concept to actual project completion. This session will continue to offer an overview of project management principles and processes. You will learn how

some fundamentals of integrating projects into your operational environment to dampen the impacts to daily workload have been incorporated into fulfilling project requirements. This panel will acquaint us with some of the roles and responsibilities within the project management structure so you can better grasp how you and your staff will fit into the project management process.

Presenters: Aaron Glidden, City of Homer  
Kody Robinson, Port of Newport  
Bryan Hudson, PND Engineers  
Facilitator: Eric Olsson, Training & Education Committee

4:10pm **Session 3: Preventive Maintenance or Disruptive Repairs...your choice:** How do you determine a cost-effective preventive maintenance schedule? Do you or your staff have the capabilities and skills...or time to conduct extensive maintenance or do you subscribe to the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" philosophy? When is it time to replace rather than repair? These are questions operators and maintenance staff continually ponder. So, let's find out how you can integrate an effective PM schedule into your workplace while maintaining safe and efficient operations.

Presenter: Alan Sorum, City of Valdez, AK  
Facilitator: Jeremy Talbott, Port of Valdez, AK

5:00pm **Exhibitor Reception and Member Get Together:** Grab this opportunity!! Our gracious exhibitors welcome you to join them for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. This is a chance to discuss issues and problems confronting your facilities and perhaps walk away with an innovative and cost-efficient solution. This is also an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of our dedicated "vendor corps" for their support.

#### ***THURSDAY, September 21***

8:30am **Meeting Updates and Announcements**

8:45am **Session 4: Ready to hear about a really big marine project?** The \$618 Million Port of Nome project is moving forward. This project is aimed at establishing a greater American presence in the Arctic as our strategic rivals expand their efforts to lay claim to this region. The Port of Nome is poised to be the epicenter of America's marine presence and will establish a critical milestone in making Nome a true competitive Arctic trading center and project both our national security interests and lead to greater economic opportunities for residents of Northwest Alaska. As a consequence of warmer climates, long-term sea ice continues to recede further each year, opening these waterways to increased commercial traffic. This expansion will also alleviate congestion at Nome's port facilities and provide accommodations for larger vessels while opening Arctic trade routes. While the planning and construction hurdles are daunting, the funding for this immense project is equally challenging with a complex array of cost-sharing strategies in play.

Presenter: Bryan Hudson, PND Engineers  
Facilitator: Eric Olsson, Training & Education Committee

9:45am **Session 5: Mariculture in Alaska:** Mariculture is the farming and enhancement of seaweed and shellfish, and it's picking up steam in Alaska. While the industry is still somewhat in its infancy, proponents say the state – with its thousands of miles of coastline – has the potential to become a leader in the industry. Alaska has all the qualities of an ideal environment for mariculture: clean and abundant waters, hardy citizens with maritime experience, the existing seafood industry and infrastructure, and the Alaska seafood brand. The state has research and development capacity at the university and industry level, as well as a sophisticated seafood marketing organization that effectively reaches consumers all over the nation and the world. The regulatory process and agencies are accessible, and the Legislature has been supportive, including funding \$5 million for a new mariculture matching grant program and an additional \$49 million in federal assistance to develop the state's mariculture industry. Prof. Tommy Sheridan, an expert and educator in the field of fishery management and salmon hatchery operations will offer an intriguing session on the potential and vast opportunities in Alaska's mariculture future.

Presenter: Tommy Sheridan, Associate Director, Alaska Blue Economy Center  
Facilitator: Jeremy Talbott, Port of Valdez, AK

10:45am **Networking Opportunity:** An opportunity to gather to discuss the conference topics and the opportunities for exploring the Alaska neighborhood and entertainment options.

11:00am **Session 6: Need for Tourism BMPs:** This session is an extension of the cruise ship invasion discussion. Regardless of its form, tourism has its impacts on communities, cultures and resources...both positive and potentially offensive. Tourists can certainly inject substantial revenues into a community and contribute to enhanced employment opportunities but at what cost? This session will draw upon the experiences and skills of local tourism advocates who also acknowledge their commitment to help protect some of the world's most exhilarating yet fragile natural resources. The development and establishment of Best Management Practices can buffer the impact of tourist activities without totally excluding interactions except in the direst circumstances to avoid damage and depletion of natural resources and wildlife while also protecting the visitor. There must also be an awareness that cultural integrity must be preserved and a respectful attitude and safeguards in place to avoid trampling on local and indigenous customs and values. Alexandra Pierce grew up in Juneau and spent fifteen years in British Columbia doing tourism and recreation planning both on behalf of the 2010 Olympics and as a consultant. She returned to Juneau in 2016 to write a Parks & Recreation Master Plan for the City and Borough of Juneau. She served as the city Planning Manager before moving into a newly created tourism position in 2021, focusing on local and regional visitor industry management issues.

Presenter: Alexandra "Alex" Pierce, Tourism Manager, City & Borough of Juneau  
Facilitator: Eric Olsson, Training & Education Committee

12:00pm **LUNCH**

1:00pm **Host Port Activities – Visit to Solomon Gulch and Valdez Port Facilities**  
Solomon Gulch Hatchery is the largest pink salmon hatchery in North America and presents a unique opportunity to observe one of Alaska’s largest fisheries enhancement programs. The hatchery is owned by the Valdez Fisheries Development Association Inc. and was completed in 1983. Its mission is to ensure sufficient numbers of wild salmon return each year to increase the harvests of both sport and commercial fisheries in the Valdez area. The facility is permitted to incubate, rear and release 270 million pink salmon, and 2 million Coho salmon annually. This production capacity provides for an impressive release of 250 million pink salmon fry and 1.8 million Coho salmon smolts each year. As a side benefit, visitors can often marvel at bears, eagles, seagulls, sea lions and sea otters feeding on the returning salmon as well as observing fishermen harvesting the pink and coho salmon near the hatchery.

5:00pm **Return to Hotel**

6:00pm **Social Hour**

7:00pm **Banquet**  
Award Presentations and Entertainment

*FRIDAY, September 22*

7:00am **Breakfast**

Travel back home. See you in Newport, OR for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

## *Exhibitors*

