

**Speaker Biographies**  
*Leveraging Existing Safety Campaigns*



**Lauren Hyland: Director, Public Policy and Industry Engagement, National Marine Manufacturers Association**

Lauren Hyland serves as the Director of Public Policy and Industry Engagement at the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) in Washington, D.C. In this role, she leads advocacy initiatives and fosters collaboration across the marine industry to advance shared policy priorities, including protecting public waterways and boating access, keeping U.S. marine manufacturers globally competitive, driving marine technology and innovation, and improving and expanding recreational infrastructure. A native of Cleveland, Lauren’s passion for boating and the outdoors was shaped by her time on the Great Lakes, inspiring her lifelong commitment to advancing marine recreation and environmental stewardship.



**Mike Breslin: Senior Director, Safety and Sustainability, American Waterway Operators (AWO); Lead, AWO’s Recreational Boating Safety Work Group**

Michael Breslin is the Senior Director of Safety and Sustainability for the American Waterways Operators (AWO). Breslin has 17 years of experience in the towing and barge industry, beginning his career as a deckhand and building a comprehensive understanding of the maritime transportation industry with roles in logistics, safety, environmental compliance, regulatory compliance, training, claims, and operations prior to joining AWO in 2021. Preceding his maritime career, Breslin served in the Louisiana Army National Guard, deploying for Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

A proud New Orleans native, Breslin is passionate about mariner safety and sustainable practices. Outside of work, he enjoys coaching his son’s baseball team who are the current Lakeview Vikings 7/8 League Champions after completing an undefeated 2025 Fall Season.



**Scott White: prospective Chair, Massachusetts Bay Harbor Safety Committee; CEO of Montserrat Maritime, LLC**

Scott White serves as the CEO of Montserrat Maritime, LLC providing expert consultation and advice for complex matters pertaining to Marine Transportation System operations and Critical Infrastructure sectors. Additionally, he serves as the President for the Massachusetts Bay Harbor Safety Committee and a Board Member of the Beverly, MA Harbor Management Authority. Mr. White previously served within the Cybersecurity and

Infrastructure Protection Agency's Region 1 (Boston) office, initially serving as a Critical Infrastructure Analyst and rising to the position of Regional Operations Manager, where he was responsible for leading the integrated coordination of regional-level communication and geospatial activities to obtain an overall understanding of regional critical infrastructure. Mr. White retired from active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard in September of 2015 after serving for more than 28 years in numerous operational, leadership, and program management positions. He is a maritime operations and regulatory compliance expert with a comprehensive background in transportation safety, security, and preparedness operations and policy. Mr. White is a certified marine inspector with qualifications and experience in marine casualty investigations and enforcement, as well as incident management.