

54th Annual NAMSGlobal National Marine Conference
Savannah, Georgia - March 6-8, 2016

REGISTRATION

Conference registration and fees should be received by February 1, 2016. Refunds will absolutely not be issued for cancellation received after February 21, 2016.

The Registration Form for this National Conference is attached. The registration fee includes: a Welcome Reception on Sunday, March 6, 2016; Registration & continental breakfast and lunch on Monday, and the Presidents Reception on Monday evening, March 7; Lunch on Tuesday March 8. 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 CE credits.

Mail registration closes on Friday, February 26, 2016. 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 \$159.00 on a first-come first-served basis at the Hilton Savannah Desoto Hotel, 15 East Liberty Street, Savannah, Georgia, 31401. We encourage attendees to stay at The Hilton Savannah Desoto 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.

Hotel reservations must be made no later than 12 noon Monday, February 1, 2016. The hotel will accept reservations after the aforementioned date only on a space available basis and at the regular room rate. We recommend early registration to avoid disappointment.

Room rate \$159.00 plus taxes Standard room, single or double

Hilton Savannah Desoto is in the heart of Savannah's historic district. This 15 story contemporary hotel with beautifully decorated rooms provides panoramic views of the historic skyline Savannah, and is like stepping into the new definition of the old Southern style, service and hospitality, and is surrounded by beautiful landscaped gardens, magnificent homes, and architectural gems overlooking Madison Square, historic mansions, and oaks draped in Spanish moss. It offers a mix of warm Southern charm and modern style in the heart of Georgia's First City. While staying at the hotel, take advantage of all that the city has to offer: visit Savannah's treasured landmarks, museums, theaters, 22 city parks, and the Savannah College of Art & Design, or check out the incredible dining & shopping, or walk to River Street & the City Market, or just relax in a cabana beside the outdoor rooftop pool.

Rendezvous with history filled with 21st century comfort and the light of Southern hospitality. Experience an inviting hotel retreat and get into the spirit of this alluring coastal city. Try a southern specialty in DeSoto Grille and sip a cocktail in the stylish Lion's Den Pub. Work out in the fitness center, or enjoy a swim at the rooftop pool. NAMS members will be gathering for sessions in the conference area on the ground floor. (NAMS contracted Parking for Attendees is \$20.00 per night Valet or \$10.00 per day.)

AIPRRORT / TRANSPORTATION: The Hilton Savannah Desoto is conveniently located just a 20-minute drive away from Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. K-Shuttle Service the official shuttle service for the airport and is approximately \$30.00 roundtrip. They can be reached by calling: (912) 966-0592 or (877) 243-2050

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Marine Surveyors, Inc., on Sunday, March 6, 2016, starting at 1:00pm. NAMS' members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Board Meeting.

WELCOME TO SAVANNAH - HOSPITALITY AND HAPPY HOUR

Welcome to Savannah, Georgia. Please join us on Sunday evening for Cocktails and Hospitality in the Pulaski Ballroom, located just off the 1st floor Lobby.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

The President's Reception will be held Monday evening at Savannah Hilton Desoto in the Harborview Ballroom, located on the 15th floor.

MEMBERS ONLY BREAKFAST

There will be a breakfast for NAMS "Members Only" on Tuesday morning. During the breakfast we will hold the Annual Business Meeting. This breakfast provides an opportunity for NAMS' leadership to report to members. It also provides an opportunity to discuss the events of the past two days and for members to make suggestions and volunteer to serve NAMS.

SPOUSE PROGRAM

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

Ladies Day Out: Monday March 7, 2016

Low Country Charms

The Hostess City of the South - Savannah

Magnolia trees draped in Spanish moss line the avenues, framing exquisite Southern homes and accentuating the warmth and beauty of Georgia's very first city. In Savannah, no matter what the season, there's an abundance of charm and welcoming hospitality.

Savannah is a city that dates back centuries, and is brimming with marvelous history, intriguing attractions, superb architectural landmarks, beautiful squares, romantic riverfront, famous sites, stately mansions, art, culture and nightlife. The best way to gain a bit of knowledge about this city's past is to hop on board the Old Town Trolley. Departing the Hilton Desoto at 9:00 AM, journey through the Historic District and ride along cobblestone paved streets to experience the "Old South". Our fully narrated tour led by a local historian will transport us past several of the most significant places in the city. We'll be stopping off to visit the Andrew Low House, (Juliette Gordon Low founded Girls in the parlor of this stately home), and then visit the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. When our Trolley tour ends at 12:30pm we will indulge in a Traditional Victorian Style High Tea luncheon at the Gryhon Tea Room.

\$75.00 per person. Space is limited. (Tour includes lunch, tours, tips and gratuities)

NAMS CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SUNDAY, March 6, 2016

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Board of Director’s Meeting –**
Savannah Hilton Desoto – Ossabaw Suite - 2nd Floor

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM **Welcome Reception**
Savannah Hilton Desoto – Pulaski Ballroom & Patio 1st Floor
Happy Hour: Cocktails, Hors d’oeuvres, and Hospitality

MONDAY, March 7, 2016

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **Registration / Coffee / Continental Breakfast**
Savannah Hilton Desoto – Oglethorpe Ballroom & Conference Center Foyer

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM **Welcome Address & Introduction**
Savannah Hilton Desoto – Cumberland Room – Oglethorpe Ballroom
John Venneman Conference Co-Chair NAMS Vice President
Richard Learned NAMS Regional Vice President
Steven Weiss NAMS President Welcome

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM **All Disciplines**
Michael Hunter NAMS - CMS
“The Utility of the NAMS website and Marketing”

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM **Break** *Savannah Hilton Desoto – Conference Center Foyer*

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM **Hull & Machinery**
Speaker: TBA
“CSS GEORGIA - Recovery”

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM **Yacht & Small Craft**
Speaker: Frank Grate
QC Metallurgical, Inc.
“Defects Which Cause Failures”

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM **Cargo**
Speaker: Tiina Ruhlandt Medel
EIMC
TBA

11:45 AM – 1:30 PM **Buffet Luncheon for Attendees** *“Drayton Street Deli Lunch”*
Savannah Hilton Desoto – Conference Center Foyer
Speaker: TBA
Georgia Ports Authority
“Savannah’s Effect on the Economy of the US”

- 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM** **Hull & Machinery**
Speaker: Ed Shearer NAMS – CMS
& David Foret
The Action Group
“Towing Vessel Survey and Audits”
- 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM** **Yachts & Small Craft**
Speaker: Ray Toth NAMS – CMS
“ABYC Compliance vs. Code of the Day – Part I”
- 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM** **Cargo**
Speaker: Todd Hultgren
Mitsubishi
“TBA”
- 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM** **Break** *Savannah Hilton Desoto – Conference Center Foyer*
- 3:00 PM – 4:15 PM** **Hull & Machinery & Cargo**
Speaker: Jim Ruth
US Navy Supervisor of Salvage and Diving
“Tows / US Navy Tow Manual”
- 3:00 PM – 4:15 PM** **Yachts & Small Craft**
Speaker: Ray Toth NAMS – CMS
“ABYC Compliance vs. Code of the Day – Part II”
- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM** **Presidents Reception**
Savannah Hilton Desoto – Harborview Ballroom 15th Floor
Happy Hour: Cocktails, Hors d’oeuvres, and Hospitality

TUESDAY, March 8, 2016

- 7:30AM – 9:00 AM** **Members Breakfast and NAMS Annual Meeting**
Savannah Hilton Desoto – Cumberland Suite & Conference Center Foyer
- 7:30AM – 9:00 AM** **Non-Members, Honored Guest, Exhibitors -- Breakfast**
Savannah Hilton Desoto – Sapelo Suite & Conference Center Foyer
- 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM** **Hull & Machinery**
Speaker: Ed Shearer NAMS – CMS
“Subchapter M and NAMS”
- 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM** **Yachts & Small Craft**
Speaker: Joe Derie NAMS - CMS
“Association 921 and a Marine Fire Investigation - Part I”
- 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM** **Cargo**
Speaker: Scott Brown
AIG
“TBA”
- 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM** **Break** *Savannah Hilton Desoto – Conference Center Foyer*

- 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM** **Hull & Machinery**
Speaker: Jim Neville NAMS – CMS
“Shipyard Safety for the Marine Surveyor”
- 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM** **Yachts & Small Craft**
Speaker: Joe Derie NAMS - CMS
“Association 921 and a Marine Fire Investigation - Part II”
- 10:30 – 11:45 AM** **Cargo**
Speaker: John Monetta
Zurich
“Thefts Through Fictitious Pickup”
- 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM** **ROUNDTABLE – Lunch – Box Lunches**
Savannah Hilton Desoto – Conference Center Foyer
- Hull & Machinery & Cargo**
Moderator: Ed Shearer & Greg Gant NAMS – CMS
“The Practice of Marine Warranty Surveys-Incorporating into NAMSGlobal”
- Yachts & Small Craft**
Moderator – Jonathan Klopman NAMS – CMS
“TBA”
- Fishing Vessels**
Moderator – Joe Derie NAMS – CMS
“Common Safety Deficiencies on Fishing Vessel Examinations”
- 1:15 PM – 2:30 PM** **Hull & Machinery & Cargo**
Speaker: Andrew Kinsey NAMS – CMS
“Joint Cargo Committee Surveyors Code of Practice”
- 1:15 PM – 2:30 PM** **Yachts & Small Craft**
Speaker: Jonathan Klopman NAMS – CMS
“Photo Documentation and Illustration in Technical Reports”
- 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM** **All Disciplines**
Speaker: Steve Weiss NAMS President
*“Conference Summary & Wrap Up **End of Conference***



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 54th Annual National Marine Conference
 6 – 8 March 2016

Direct conference questions to NAMSGlobal at 757.638.9638
 Mail Registration form to: NAMS • P O Box 9306 • Chesapeake, VA. 23321-9306
 Email: office@namsglobal.org Fax to: 757.638.9639

Venue

The Hilton Desoto • 15 East Liberty Street • Savannah, GA. 31401

Hotel reservations 877.280.0751 or www.desotohilton.com enter NAMS Group code **NAM** in the Book box.
 Ask for the NAMS Room rate \$159.00 plus taxes, Single or Double - Corner King rooms additional \$30

Conference Registration Fees (U.S. dollars)

	If received by Feb 1	If received after Feb 1
Member	\$495.00	\$545.00
Non-Member	\$545.00	\$595.00

Sub-Total for Conference Fees \$ _____

Registration fee includes: Sunday evening Board Reception and Monday evening President's Reception for the registrant and spouse / companion. Please indicate your choices below.

- I will NOT be attending the reception Sunday Monday
 One (1) or Two (2) will be attending the reception. Sunday Monday

Additional Tickets for Sunday Reception (\$65.00 each) _____ Presidents Reception (\$85.00 each)

Number of extra tickets Sunday _____ Monday _____ Sub-Total for extra Tickets \$ _____

Spouse/Companion Attending Seminar Luncheon (Monday \$45.00 each – Tuesday \$30.00)

Number for Luncheon _____ Sub-Total for Luncheon \$ _____

Tour Program for Spouse/Companion, Cost \$75.00 each, lunch & gratuity included

Number for tour _____ Sub-Total for tour \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT U.S.\$ _____

Attendee Name to appear on conference badge _____

Company _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Cell _____

Spouse / Companion Name to appear on badge _____

Method of Payment Check MasterCard Visa

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

Billing Street Address or P.O. Box _____

Billing City, State, Zip Code _____