



**International Association of Marine Investigators
Western States Regional Training Seminar
May 2 & 3, 2017**

Agenda (tentative)

Tuesday - May 2, 2017

7:30 am IAMI Registration-Check-In

8:00-9:00 Marine Identification: This course will provide the basics of vessel identification, HINs, motor and equipment number recognition. It is the base platform for the understanding of marine theft and fraud issues. It will include: manufacturer, model and engine identification; recognizing engine and HIN tampering; and locating secondary HIN locations.

Pat Rowland, CMI, has completed over 26 years of service with the U.S. Coast Guard as a Master Chief Petty Officer (E9), which followed time served as a technical instructor, supervisor and manager of personnel, budgets and resources. He served as an accredited, sworn Federal Coast Guard Senior Special Agent for over 18 years. Lt. Rowland joined the Jackson County Sheriff's Office in 2003, as a sergeant managing the Marine Patrol/Search/Rescue operations. He was promoted to lieutenant in 2006. He is a graduate of the 142nd FBI National Academy, and has an Executive Certification from the Department of Public Safety, Standards & Training. In February 2013, Pat retired from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office with over 47 years of law enforcement experience. Pat has been a member of IAMI since 1994. During this time, he has held the position of Regional Coordinator, Board Members, 2nd Vice President, President (2002-2003), Board Director (2012-2013) and currently serving as IAMI's Secretary/Treasurer. Pat was also a founding member of the Certified Marine Investigator program, and currently serves on that committee.

9:00-10:00 PWC/Theft Investigations-Trends and Patterns of Thefts

Keith Jackson, Private Investigator, has worked in auto theft & marine investigations specializing in high performance boat theft investigations; with 32 years law enforcement experience as an LAPD police detective and detective supervisor. Keith has qualified as an expert in the identification & numbering systems of vehicles, boat trailers & boats. Keith developed training courses approved by the California Peace Officers Standards & Training, CA Dept of Justice. He is considered one of the leading experts in high performance boat theft investigations and claims in the country. Publications: Personal Watercraft Guide, developed for NICB and numerous law enforcement investigators. Keith teaches as an instructor for the CA Dept of Justice: instructing digital still, video recordings, and electronic audio recording & transmitting procedures for surveillance use. Keith was also once named Investigator of the Year by IAMI.

10:00-10:15 Break (15 minutes)

10:15-11:15 State Vessel Registrations & New USCG Numbering Regulations

Major Tim Baumgarten Throughout his 30-year career, Tim has focused on the advancement of knowledge regarding impaired boat operator detection and enforcement efforts. He was involved in the first impaired boating checkpoint in Arizona in 1993, and since then has participated and/or supervised numerous others. Tim is recognized throughout the Western States as one of the top experts in watercraft law enforcement, especially in OUI/BUI (boating under the influence) practices and techniques, boat theft

investigations, and watercraft accident investigations and is currently the Arizona State Boating Law Administrator. Tim continues to serve as a BUI instructor for NASBLA and has provided multiple classes to hundreds of officers across the U.S. since NASBLA launched its Boating Under the Influence Detection and Enforcement course in 2004. As an instructor, he has developed lesson plans and instructed classes for NASBLA and brought Arizona's innovative OUI special project "best practices" to other agencies. He also helped develop a watercraft law enforcement training program for Federal officers at the FLETC academy in Glynco, GA.

Madeline Fenske has been with Arizona Department of Game & Fish as the vessel registration coordinator for the Department of Wildlife, and is considered to be an authority on non-titled State vessel registrations.

11:15-11:30 Discussion

11:30-1:00 Lunch (on your own)

1:00-2:00 Stolen Boats – Trends & Patterns – Security Concerns

Charlie Meachum, ICL Investigations. Charlie has been a marine investigator for over 50 years, and until 2004, when he began to develop stolen boat investigation services for domestic carriers, he previously worked only for cargo and cruise ship owners and their insurance interests around the world. He has also global experience, having handled cases in 246 countries on 6 continents. Charlie was named IAMI Investigator of the year twice in 2005 & 2011. He also served for 3.5 years on the ANTI PIRACY taskforce based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, working the Malacca Straights for the Hong Kong Ship Owners Association, and has handled most of the major ship casualties since 1980. Charlie also worked with foreign governments in setting up security in their ports and on their vessels.

2:30-3:30 Using Technology for Marine Security

Brian Kane, Global Ocean Security Technologies (GOST), GOST Systems have been directly responsible for hundreds of prevented theft events, captured video activity, and tracking down of stolen boats. As Chief Technology Officer, Brian's duties include overseeing design, integration, and documentation of new security, tracking, monitoring, and video surveillance technologies for leisure, commercial, and governmental clients. Also, he is in charge of technical support to the global marine electronics installing dealer base along with end user client support. Outside GOST, Brian is on the Board of Directors for the National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) and intimately involved with many of its various committees.

3:30-4:30 Admiralty Law – Barratry & Marine Crimes

Neil Lerner, partner at Cox, Wooten, Lerner WL, Neil has been named a Southern California "Super Lawyer" for maritime and transportation law in 2012, 2013 and, recently, for 2014. Prior to joining CWL, Neil was a founding partner at Sands Lerner (1992-2013). He has practiced maritime & transportation law in State and Federal Court in Southern California since 1987. He represents domestic and foreign underwriters in 1st & 3rd party cases, fraud investigations and coverage matters. He also represents local maritime and transportation companies in business litigation, unfair competition cases, class actions and constitutional law cases involving preemption, the public trust doctrine and navigational rights. He is certified by the California Bar as a Legal Specialist in Admiralty & Maritime Law, serves as a Commissioner on the Bar's Admiralty Law Advisory Commission and has an Avvo rating of "Superb." His publications are "An Act of Piracy," Morgan James Publishing (book, pending), "Swamped with Suspicion, How Cigna Trumped the Boat Bully Who Sank One Yacht Too Many", Fraud Focus Magazine, "Fraud: A Success Story," National Association of Fraud Investigators magazine, "The Case Against Fraudsters," Los Angeles Business Journal, "Strictly by Accident," The International Fraud Update magazine, "California's Ongoing Unconstitutional Interference in Port Trucking," White Paper, Co-author.

4:30-5:00 Discussion

5:00 pm Break for Dinner (on your own)

5:30-7:30 Certified Marine Investigator Testing



Wednesday – May 3, 2017

8:00-9:00 Computer Generated Fake Documents/Using the Internet for Identification of Marine Crimes

Todd Schwede, Todd & Associates, Inc, has been a Marine Surveyor since 1984, and was accredited in 1989, and has worked in the marine industry since 1973, as a boat builder and partner in a San Diego boat yard. Areas of expertise include: accident and damage inspections, boating accident reconstruction, stolen boat investigation & recovery, vessel appraisal, risk assessment, repair cost review, claim settling, salvage and recovery, for yachts, commercial vessels, and certified craft. Todd is qualified as an expert witness in Municipal, State, & Federal Courts, and worked for 8 years with the Lloyd's Agency in San Diego and founded Todd & Associates, Inc. in 1992. He has also taught many training courses to marine lenders, insurance companies, and industry groups, in HIN identification, forensic photography, infrared thermography, survey report & document fraud review and insurance fraud. Todd is also an expert in Stolen Boat Investigations, works throughout North America & Mexico and has developed a facsimile broadcast and stolen vessel notification system with the largest stolen boat website on the Internet. Todd has also the recipient of the IAMI Investigator of the Year award, on 4 occasions. Todd has served on the Board of Directors of IAMI, and was a principal founder of the Certified Marine Investigator program, and currently serves on that committee.

9:00 10:00 Identification of Insurance Fraud & Schemes

Dan Rutherford, is Director of Claims and Risk Management for Maritime Program Group, a specialty insurance program company with over 20 years of in-house underwriting experience. MPG's core business segments include Recreational Marine, Inland Marine, Ocean Marine, and Private Client Services. He is based out of the Manchester, NH office. Dan has been engaged in the business of marine claims investigation and adjusting since 1982. He was President & Principal Investigator, of Ocean Marine Specialties, a Marine Claims Investigation and Loss Control firm based out of Cape May, NJ. He is a licensed Private Detective and Ocean Marine Adjuster and is a Certified Marine Investigator. Dan was also twice named the Investigator of the Year by IAMI. He holds a resident adjuster's license in New Hampshire and non-resident licenses throughout the United States. Dan has handled over 9,000 field assignments and recovered over twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) in stolen vessels and property for over 30 marine underwriters. Dan's teaching and lecturing engagements include the American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC), International Boat Builders Exhibition (IBEX) and the International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI), where he also served on the IAMI Executive Board and was a founding member of the Certified Marine Investigator program, and currently serves on that committee. In addition to his marine related activities, while residing in New Jersey, he was appointed as New Jersey State Police, Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management Coordinator.

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:30 Changes in Marine Underwriting & Fraud

Jonathan Klopman, CMS,CMI, Jonathan is the Senior Marine Surveyor at Chubb Insurance, and is a Certified Marine Surveyor, with the National Association of Marine Surveyors, and a Certified Marine Investigator. Jonathan has also served on the Boat US CAT Team, and is a prolific technical writer, and former Associate Editor for Professional Boat Builder Magazine. Jonathan has done numerous presentations at the International Boatbuilders Exhibition Conference, IBEX, and has taught Maritime Accident Investigation courses for the American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC), and has published many articles for marine professionals.

11:30-12:00 Discussion

12:00-1:30 Lunch (on your own)

1:30-2:00 Marine Border Security

John Griffin, US Border Patrol Air & Marine, John is a Senior Marine Interdiction Agent, Interceptor Vessel Commander, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations, with the San Diego Marine Unit, and a U.S. Border Patrol Agent. John has also served as an Air Mobile Unit Tactical Team Member, Air and Marine Operations, for 11 years, and since 2009 has been serving as a marine Interceptor Vessel Commander, and since 2013 has been assigned to the HIDTA Marine Task Force.

2:00-3:00 Marine Fires – Civil/Criminal

Arthur Murphy, Maze Investigations, Arthur is a Certified Fire Investigator through the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI-CFI), a Certified Marine Investigator through the International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI-CMI), and he is a Certified International Investigator through the Council of International Investigators (CII-CII). He is a licensed private detective in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine and Florida. He is a past president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators and a past president of the Licensed Private Detectives Association of Massachusetts. Arthur is a SAMS & NAMS Affiliate Member, a member of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC). He is retired from the Metropolitan Police; one of the consolidated State police departments in Massachusetts. Since 1987, Arthur has been specializing in investigating fires and explosions in marinas, commercial vessels, private boats and yachts.

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-4:15 Cargo Theft and Fraud

Damon Finneran, Allianz Insurance

4:15-4:30 Discussion/Other topics

4:30 Close

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