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Tampa Riverwalk Hotel 200 North Ashley Drive Tampa, Florida 33602

Business casual attire is suggested

Tuesday, January 24 All Times Listed are in EDT		
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pre-Function Outside Riverwalk Ballroom	Registration Open	
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Bayshore Ballroom	 Environment Committee Meeting Featuring: Ian Gansler, Manager, POWERS Program, American Association of Port Authorities; Update on AAPA Advocacy Priorities Stergios Stamopoulos, Manager, Global Sustainability, American Bureau of Shipping; International Maritime Organization (IMO) regulations and impacts on ports; Green Shipping Corridors Initiative Michael Carter and Daniel Yuska (MARAD); MARAD decarbonization efforts including Maritime Environmental 	

	and Technical Assistance Program, collaboration with other federal agencies, and Aspen Institute workshop series.		
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	AAPA Board of Directors Meeting		
12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	PPM In-Brief Meeting		
1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Welcome to the Inaugural AAPA POWERS Summit and Expo		
	Featuring: Christopher J. Connor, President and CEO, American Association of Port Authorities		
1:15 p.m. to 1:25 p.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Welcome from Port Tampa Bay		
	Featuring: Paul Anderson, CEO, Port Tampa Bay		
1:25 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Opening Keynote featuring Dr. Timothy "Tip" Meckel, Senior Research Scientist, Bureau of Economic Geology, The University of Texas at Austin		
	Fireside Chat Guided by: Kym Bolado, Publisher and President, SHALE Oil & Gas Magazine		
1:50 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Panel Discussion: Carrier Fuel Transitions		
	 Featuring: Bud Darr, Executive Vice President, Maritime Policy and Government Affairs, MSC Group Matthew Jackson, Vice President, Business Development, Crowley Edward Washburn, Senior Vice President, Fleet Operations, Pasha Hawaii Heather Wood, Director, Sustainability – North America, CMA-CGM 		
	In Conversation With: Christopher Cannon, Director of Environmental Management, Port of Los Angeles		
2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Riverview Room	Networking Break in Exhibit Area		
3:00 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.	Breakout Session: Lower Carbon Fuel Solutions for Ports and their Customers		

Riverwalk Ballroom	
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3:00 p.m. to 4:05 p.m. Bayshore Ballroom	 Breakout Session: Port Sustainability Planning Featuring: Jason Giffen, Vice President, Planning & Environment, Port of San Diego Jason Jordan, Director, Environmental Planning Programs, The Northwest Seaport Alliance Charles Liou, Manager, Environmental Initiatives, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey In Conversation With: Ian Gansler, Manager, POWERS Program, American Association of Port Authorities
4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Keynote Address Featuring Christine Harada, Executive Director, Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council Fireside Chat Featuring: Christopher J. Connor, President and CEO, American Association of Port Authorities
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tampa Riverwalk Hotel Poolside Terrace	Reception: Welcome to Tampa! Sponsored by: PROPANE council

Wednesday, January 25 All Times Listed are in EDT	
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Registration Registration will remain available through 5:00 p.m.



Pre-function Outside Riverwalk Ballroom			
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Sponsored by: PARETO ENERGY		
9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Welcome from Manager of the POWERS Program Featuring: Ian Gansler, Manager, POWERS Program, American Association of Port Authorities		
9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Main Stage Keynote Address featuring AAPA Chairman of the Board Featuring: Sean Strawbridge, CEO, Port Corpus Christi		
9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	 Main Stage Panel Discussion: Port Electrification Featuring: Michael Carter, Associate Administrator for Environment and Compliance, Maritime Administration/MARAD Alberto Cordero, Director of Business Development, Crowley Vincent Pellecchia, Director of Policy and Market Development, WAVE Karl Simon, Division Director, Transportation and Climate Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, EPA In Conversation With: Joshua Barney, Strategic Accounts, Maritime Ports Segment Lead, Schneider Electric 		
10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Riverview Room	Networking Break		
10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Main Stage Fireside Chat: Carbon Capture Featuring: Grant Pribilski, Corporate Development – CCS, Talos Energy Clay Sandidge, President, AERAS Technologies Matt Sweetwood, CEO, Greener Process Systems Daniel Yuska, Environmental Protection Specialist, Maritime Administration/MARAD		

	In Conversation With: Jeff Pollack, Chief Strategy and Sustainability Officer, Port of Corpus Christi		
11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Main Stage Panel Discussion: Offshore Wind		
	 Featuring: Jay Borkland, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Business Network for Offshore Wind John Pauling, Construction Lead, U.S., Orsted John Regan, Director of Policy & External Affairs, New Bedford Port Authority Fernanda Sossai, Port Development and ESG General Manager, Porto do Açu 		
	In Conversation With: Otto Candies IV, Offshore Wind Business Development, Southeast, Crowley Wind Services		
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Networking Lunch Sponsored by: PARETO ENERGY		
1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Panel Discussion: Coastal Resilience		
	 Featuring: Adeel Akhtar, Decision & Data Science Group Leader, Arcadis Gen Rear Admiral Tim Gallaudet, PhD, US Navy (Ret.), CEO, Ocean STL Consulting, LLC and Former Administrator, NOAA Jeff Littlejohn, P.E., President, National Stormwater Trust Elizabeth Thompson, LEED AP BS+C, AICP, Climate Resilience Specialist, Engineering Department, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey In Conversation With: Jen Armstrong, Director of Navigation Policy, American Association of Port Authorities 		
1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Breakout Session: Workforce Development		
	Featuring: - Franklin Brown, Learning Solutions Manager, McCarthy Building Companies, Inc Dave Bowen, Manager, Training and Development, Aviation Technical Services		

	 Trina Parks, Director of Craft Learning & Development, McCarthy, Inc Guy St. John, Apprentice Program Manager, Oceaneering International, Inc. Programmed in Partnership With: 		
1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bayshore Ballroom	Breakout Session: Introduction to the Leidos Port Community Information System		
	Featuring: Steve O'Malley, Senior Maritime and Supply Chain Consultant, Energy Mission Support, Leidos		
	In Conversation With: Matt Wiggins, Freight and Infrastructure Policy Associate, American Association of Port Authorities		
3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Riverview Room	Networking Break		
3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Main Stage Session: A Conversation with Florida DOT Secretary Jared W. Perdue P.E.		
	Q&A Moderated by: Mike Rubin, President and CEO, Florida Ports Council		
4:15 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Panel Discussion: Alternative Vehicles		
	Featuring:		
	 Gus Block, Director, Marketing and Corporate Development, Nuvera Fuel Cells, LLC 		
	Michael Willey, Assistant General Manager, PACCAR Leasing Company		
	In Conversation With: Tucker Perkins, CEO, Propane Education & Research Council		
4:50 p.m. to 5:25 p.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Getting Your Port to Carbon Neutral by 2040: The Port of Virginia Example		
	Featuring: - Travis Hill, Vice President, Maintenance, The Port of Virginia		

	 Nam Nguyen, Association Director, Virginia Department of Energy Heidi Rous, Project Planner, Kimley-Horn Scott Whitehurst, Director, Environmental Policy and Compliance, The Port of Virginia In Conversation With: Cathie Vick, Chief Development & Public Affairs Officer, The Port of Virginia 	
5:25 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Final Thoughts: Christopher J. Connor, President and CEO, American Association of Port Authorities	

Thursday, January 26 All Times Listed are in EDT		
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Sponsored by: PARETO ENERGY	
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	PPM Wrap-Up Activity	
9:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Welcome Back and Summit Recap Featuring: Christopher J. Connor, President and CEO, American Association of Port Authorities	
9:05 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Port Sustainability and Strategic Development: Case Study with Porto do Açu Featuring: - Carolina Brandl, Environmental Licensing Manager, Porto do Açu - Fernanda Sossai, Port Development and ESG General Manager, Porto do Açu Audience Q&A Moderated by: Ian Gansler, Manager, POWERS Program, American Association of Port Authorities	
9:40a.m. to 9:50 a.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Remarks from Congressman Randy Weber (TX-14), Member, Ports Opportunity, Renewal, Trade, and Security (PORTS) Caucus	

9:50 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Incorporating Energy Resilience into Port Decarbonization Featuring: - Kai Martin, Strategic Vice President, The Pasha Group - Jeffrey Pollack, Chief Strategy and Sustainability Officer, Port of Corpus Christi - Eric Putnam, Senior Associate Electrical Engineer, Burns & McDonnell In Conversation With: Matt Wartian, Business Development Manager, Burns & McDonnell	
10:25 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Breakout Session: Creating Coalitions for Sustainability Featuring:	
10:25 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Bayshore Ballroom	Breakout Session: Our Port, Our Community: Strategic Partnerships for Shared Prosperity Featuring: - Dre Avila, Planning and Engagement Specialist, Seattle Public Utilities - Christina Billingsley, Senior Program Manager, Community Engagement, Port of Seattle - Karl Simon, Division Director, Transportation and Climate Division, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, EPA In Conversation With: Rosaura Bailey, Director of Community Relations, Port of Corpus Christi	
11:15 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. Riverwalk Ballroom	Host Port Spotlight: Port Tampa Bay	



11:45 a.m.	Tour of Port Tampa Bay Sponsored by	PARETO ENERGY
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