

# Streamlining Information Sharing

*Improving Efficiency, Security, Safety and the Environment.*

The Global Maritime Information Sharing Symposium (GMISS) is hosted annually by the Office of Global Maritime Situational Awareness on behalf of the U.S. Maritime Administration to better coordinate interagency government interaction with the maritime industry, improve and increase industry-government maritime information sharing relationships, and to bring industry issues before the interagency bodies that coordinate government maritime policies.

Maritime information sharing can improve security, safety, and environmental stewardship, while increasing efficiency and reducing friction for legitimate commerce. Policies that govern the use and sharing of information are being developed to optimize the value of information. Proactive industry involvement in the development of maritime information sharing policies ensures the outcomes are beneficial to and effective for all stakeholders in the maritime community.



## GMISS 2009

September 15—17

Lincoln Hall

National Defense University

Fort Lesley J. McNair

Washington, D.C., USA

For more information, visit [www.gmsa.gov/gmiss](http://www.gmsa.gov/gmiss), or contact Lt. Pat Dowling, USN at 202-372-3074 or [Patrick.J.Dowling@uscg.mil](mailto:Patrick.J.Dowling@uscg.mil).

The over-arching goal of GMISS 2009 is to deliver more efficient mandatory and emergency reporting procedures for the maritime industry to improve operating efficiency and maritime security and safety. Improved reporting can simplify both routine and emergency actions for mariners, better support maritime law enforcement and security efforts and improve emergency response. By providing an easy-to-use reporting system, government agencies can expect members of the industry to volunteer more information that will aid in maritime security, law enforcement, safety initiatives, and management of maritime resources.

GMISS brings together representatives of the shipping industry, non-governmental organizations, and government agencies to collaborate on a global system of maritime information sharing. GMISS improves transparency and inclusiveness in federal policy decisions to optimize the balance between national security, efficient commerce, and the privacy and civil liberties of mariners and port workers.



**GMISS**  
Global Maritime Information Sharing Symposium



*Aligning government outreach to the maritime industry.  
Bringing the industry perspective into government policy.*

## Agenda

The GMISS agenda is being developed with input from stakeholders on the Maritime Awareness Wiki.

For details, please visit [www.gmsa.gov/gmiss](http://www.gmsa.gov/gmiss).

Sept. 14: Welcome reception

Sept. 15: Plenary sessions, working groups, social

Sept. 16: Plenary sessions, working groups, dinner

Sept. 17: Working groups, summary sessions

## Registration

To register, please visit [www.gmsa.gov/gmiss](http://www.gmsa.gov/gmiss) and print a registration form, or contact Lt. Pat Dowling at 202-372-3074 and request a form.

This is a working symposium, and includes:

- Three days of working sessions
- Breakfast and lunch Sept. 15— 17 at the symposium
- A hosted networking social Sept. 15
- A working banquet dinner Sept. 16
- Transportation between the Washington Marriott (Dupont Circle) and GMISS

## Symposium Lodging

The Washington Marriott (Dupont Circle) has offered to extend a conference rate to guests who are attending GMISS. The GMISS welcome reception (Monday, September 14) and gala dinner (Wednesday, September 16) will be at the Washington Marriott.

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## Office of Global Maritime Situational Awareness

The Office of Global Maritime Situational Awareness (OGMSA) is a U.S. multi-agency entity responsible for effective access to interagency and international information to develop situational awareness of maritime factors that could impact safety, security, the environment or the economy. OGMSA improves information sharing among the global maritime community of interest by fostering interagency, intergovernmental, and public-private sector relationships; identifying and aligning data standards, business processes and resources; and supporting the development of a digital architecture which allows information sharing among otherwise incompatible systems to enable a global maritime information sharing environment.

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