

Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate at The International Maritime Center
SMGG-at-The IMC cordially invites you to

An Inuigorating Morning of Networking, Sumptuous Food, Music, and Inspiring Remarks



World of Pancakes
Maritime Business Connections Breakfast

Thursday, September 28, 2023
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

International Maritime Center
Berth 40 Port of Oakland
4001 7th Street Oakland CA 94607

A Maritime Business Connections Gathering To

- **CELEBRATE WORLD MARITIME DAY** Established by the United Nations in 1978, World Maritime Day is meant to raise awareness about the importance of the shipping industry and the vital contribution it makes to places all over the globe. The 2023 theme – **MARPOL AT 50** highlights the UN's and the IMO's [International Maritime Organization] commitment to protecting and preserving the marine environment.
- **AFFIRM AND PROMOTE** the overall accomplishments, impact, and clean energy efforts of the bay area maritime sector. Our Bay Area maritime industry has embodied MARPOL and the spirit of World Maritime Day for many decades through innovations and programs that improve the maritime environment, maritime safety and security, international shipping, and community benefit. We will draw attention to and applaud those undertakings.
- **SUPPORT SEAFARERS** who are at the crux of maritime. They operate the ships that bring the goods that make our lives comfortable and convenient. Yet, their lives at sea are far from idyllic, with many international seafarers regularly completing long term voyages which leave them isolated from friends, family and loved ones for up to nine months at a time. The Seafarers' Ministry of the Golden Gate at The International Maritime Center provides help and support to the ship crews as call the Port of Oakland.

PLEASE RSVP TO RWILKINS@SMGG.ORG BY SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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is a multi-sector maritime welfare organization for seafarer wellness, maritime advancement, and community connectedness.

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HOST COMMITTEE: **Stanley Hebert, III** – Vice President of Student Affairs [Ret.], California Maritime Academy; **Jim Hopkins**, Pastor, Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church; **Lynn Korwatch**, Executive Director [Ret.], Marine Exchange of the San Francisco Region; **Nick Marrone**, Vice President, West Coast Region, Seafarers International Union; **Christopher Mourgos**, West Coast Regional Manager, Norton Lilly International; **Richard Ozer**, CEO, Office Information Systems, Inc; **Amy Tharpe**, Director of Social Responsibility, Port of Oakland