

# 11th Annual Waterways Symposium

**Implementing the Water Resources  
Reform & Development Act (WRRDA):  
What's Next for the Nation's Waterways?**

**The Drake Hotel  
140 E. Walton Place  
Chicago, Illinois USA  
November 12-14, 2014**

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**T**his year's **Waterways Symposium, taking place in Chicago, Illinois, November 12-14, 2014**, will examine issues related to the implementation of WRRDA and what comes next for our nation's waterways. Waterways Council, Inc., Informa Economics, Inc., and *The Waterways Journal* have teamed up again to present an informative, timely event that will address the final passage of WRRDA, the outlook for appropriations, the movement of commodities and capacity, invasive species, and what's occurring on other parts of the system.

**S**peakers from **industry, government, academia and trade groups will address** the vital impact of the rivers, waterways and ports to the domestic and world economy in terms of exports and jobs.

**T**he venue for this year's symposium is the **Drake Hotel**, an elegantly iconic hotel set in the prestigious Gold Coast neighborhood at the start of the Magnificent Mile and steps from Oak Street Beach and Lake Michigan. Full of history, the hotel's Cape Cod restaurant bar features the hand-carved initials of Joe DiMaggio and Marilyn Monroe, and its Palm Court served afternoon tea to Queen Elizabeth II in 1958.

**W**ho should attend this year's symposium? Barge and towing company operators, shippers, growers, port officials, investors, transportation planners, bankers, state/local/federal government officials, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, consultants, and academics interested in future opportunities of an efficient inland waterways system.

Reservations at the Drake Hotel can be made online with this link:

[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=10938420](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=10938420)

**Deadline to register is October 17.**



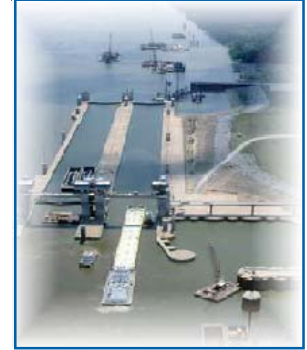
You may also call the hotel directly at 1-800-55DRAKE and use the code WAT for the group rate of \$239 per night (single/double); \$259 (triple/quad) plus tax before the October 17 deadline. A few government rate rooms are available.

Visit [www.waterwayscouncil.org](http://www.waterwayscouncil.org) for more information and to register online.

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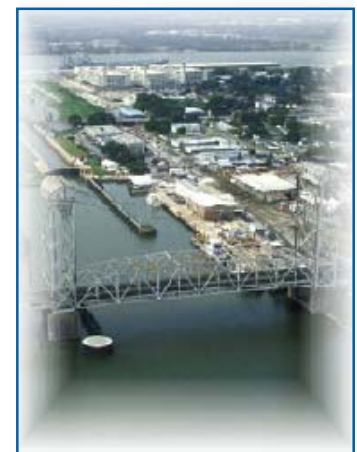
## ABOUT US

**Waterways Council, Inc.** ([www.waterwayscouncil.org](http://www.waterwayscouncil.org)) is the national public policy organization focused on educating policymakers, the news media and the general public about the critical importance of our Nation's lock and dam infrastructure. WCI works to ensure optimal levels of federal funding for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of port and inland waterways navigation improvements of national priority. Its members are committed to the sustained success of this initiative, and to doing their part for the economy of the United States and for global trade.



**The Waterways Journal** ([www.waterwaysjournal.net](http://www.waterwaysjournal.net)), published since 1887, is the only weekly trade publication serving the inland rivers and Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. The goal is to deliver dependable news to members of the industry and promote the industry to those not as familiar with the benefits of marine transportation.

**Informa Economics, Inc.** ([www.informaecon.com](http://www.informaecon.com)) is the world leader in broad-based agricultural and commodity market research, analysis and consulting. The company was founded in 1977 and, in 2003, was acquired by Informa Group plc. Informa Economics, Inc. serves hundreds of firms and institutions worldwide from its headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee. The transportation services program offers a wide variety of client services across all modes of transportation, annually publishes the *Barge Fleet Profile* and *Barge Commodity Profile* reports, and maintains the Barge Fleet web site, [www.bargefleet.com](http://www.bargefleet.com). Other programs include an *Annual Long-Term Grain and Transportation Outlook Conference* each April and a revolving *Transportation and Logistics Roundtable Series*.





**Wednesday, November 12, 2014**

9:00 am - 12:15 pm	<b>National Waterways Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting</b> ( <i>Trustees Only</i> ) (Venetian Room)
1:30 pm	<b>Symposium Registration Opens</b>
1:00 - 1:45 pm	<b>WCI Membership Committee Meeting</b> (Georgian Room)
2:00 - 2:15 pm	<b>WCI Annual Meeting</b> ( <i>open to all WCI members</i> ) (Grand Ballroom)
2:15 - 5:00 pm	<b>WCI Board of Directors Meeting</b> ( <i>open to all WCI members</i> ) (Grand Ballroom)
5:00 - 6:30 pm	<b>Opening Reception</b> (Drake Room)

**SYMPOSIUM DAY ONE: Thursday, November 13, 2014**

8:00 am	<b>Registration/Continental Breakfast</b> (Walton Room)
9:00 am	<b>WCI Annual Symposium</b> begins (Grand Ballroom)
9:00 - 9:15 am	<b>Welcome Remarks, Merritt Lane</b> , WCI Chairman of the Board
9:15 - 10:00 am	<b>Keynote Address by Paul “Chip” Jaenichen</b> , Administrator, U.S. Maritime Administration
10:00 - 10:15 am	<b>Break</b>
10:15 - 11:15 am	<b>The Voters Roar: 2014 Elections, 2016 Outlook</b> <b>Roger Bernard</b> , Policy Analyst, Informa Economics
11:15 - 11:45 am	<b>Break</b>
11:45 am - 1:00 pm	<b>Buffet Lunch and Lunch Address</b> (Walton Room) <b>“From CDP to WRRDA: Origination to Implementation”</b> <b>Steven L. Stockton</b> , P.E., SES, Director Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers <b>Jeanine Hoey</b> , PE, PMP Chief, Programs & Project Management, USACE, Pittsburgh District
1:15 - 2:00 pm	<b>Inland Navigation in the U.S.: An Evaluation of Economic Impacts and the Potential Effects of Infrastructure Investment</b> (Grand Ballroom) <b>Michael Hennessey</b> , Chairman Emeritus, National Waterways Foundation <b>Michael Toohey</b> , Secretary, National Waterways Foundation
2:00 - 2:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:30 - 4:15 pm	<b>What’s Moving on the Waterways? (Commodities Panel)</b> <b>Moderator: Ken Eriksen</b> , Senior Vice President, Informa Economics <b>Grain: Andrew Ballentine</b> , Senior Feed Grains Trader, Louis Dreyfus Commodities <b>Coal: Michael T. Somaes</b> , President, Murray American Transportation, Inc. <b>Crude: Christian O’Neil</b> , Executive Vice President, Commercial Operations, Kirby Marine Transportation Group, Kirby Corporation <b>Natural Gas: David Spigelmyer</b> , President, Marcellus Shale Coalition
4:15 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>
4:30 pm	<b>Reception</b> hosted by the <b>Inland River Ports &amp; Terminals Association</b> (Drake Room)
6:00 - 9:15 pm	<b>WRRDA Celebratory Dinner at the Signature Room on the 95th</b> , 2 blocks from the hotel. Join us for a special dinner to celebrate our teamwork and success with WRRDA from one of the world’s best venues for a spectacular view of the windy city.



Join us for a WRRDA celebratory dinner in the Signature Room!

## SYMPOSIUM DAY TWO: Friday, November 14, 2014

- 8:00 am            **Registration/Continental Breakfast** (Walton Room)
- 8:30 - 9:30 am    **Stemming Invasive Aquatic Species**  
                         **David Dale**, Director of Programs, Great Lakes & Ohio River Division, USACE  
                         **Gray Magee**, CEO, American Heartland Fish Products, LLC  
                         **Dr. Jim Garvey**, Director, Center for Fisheries and Illinois Aquaculture Center,  
                         Southern Illinois University
- 9:30 - 9:45 am    **Break**
- 9:45 - 10:15 am   **Update from the Pacific Northwest**  
                         **Kristin Meira**, Executive Director, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association
- 10:30 - 10:45 am **Remarks by Senator David Vitter**
- 10:45 - 11:15 am **Infrastructure Risk Exposure: Next Steps**  
                         **Jeffrey A. McKee**, Chief, Navigation Branch (Operations Division), USACE
- 11:15 am           **Closing remarks by Michael J. Toohey**, President/CEO, Waterways Council, Inc.
- 11:30 am           **Adjourn**

**Registration fees:** \$650 for Early Bird registrations received by **October 17**, and \$725 for registrations received after that date. Registrations for spouses and other guests attending the evening social events are available for \$250 per guest. Register online with a credit card at [www.waterwayscouncil.org](http://www.waterwayscouncil.org) or if you prefer to register by mail or fax, see details on the registration form (next page).

**Save the Date for WCI's 2015 Washington Meetings, Seminar and Leadership Service Award Dinner, February 10-12, 2015, St. Regis Hotel, Washington, DC**

## Registration Form

### Questions?

Call: Medina Moran, Waterways Council, Inc.

Telephone 202-765-2166

Your registration fee, payable to Waterways Council, Inc., should be submitted in full at the time of registration. For the fastest response, we encourage you to use your credit card and register securely **ONLINE** at [www.waterwayscouncil.org](http://www.waterwayscouncil.org)

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION \$650**  
**AFTER OCT. 17 \$725 (including on-site)**  
Spouse and Guest (evening special events) \$250

### REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

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I have a disability. Please contact me about my special accommodation needs.

### Spouse and Guest Registration

Yes! My spouse or guest will attend the Opening Reception on Tuesday night and the dinner at the Signature Room on Wednesday night. I will add the \$250 fee per guest to my payment.

Spouse/Guest First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE INDICATE METHOD OF PAYMENT (Payment required at time of registration)

- Enclosed is my check made payable to **Waterways Council, Inc.**
- My check payable to **Waterways Council, Inc.** will follow by mail to the above address.\*

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