



57th Annual National Marine Conference Vancouver, Washington – March 24-26, 2019

REGISTRATION

Conference registration and fees should be received by **February 11, 2019**. Refunds will absolutely not be issued for cancellation received after **March 8, 2019**

The Registration Form for this National Conference is attached. Conference registration fees include: Welcome Reception on Sunday, March 24, 2019; Registration, Breakfast and Lunch on Monday, and the Presidents Reception on Monday evening, March 25, 2019; and Lunch on Tuesday March 26th. Also, on Tuesday, there will be a "Members Only" Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting, at which time the President and other National Officers will report on issues important to the members. As you will see from the conference schedule this is two full days with 12 hours CE credit.

There is one other small increase in the conference cost for those who wish to bring a guest/spouse. NAMS has been able to not increase the conference fee for several years now. But unfortunately, food/beverage cost keep increasing as the years move on. Also, being on the west coast, things are also a bit higher. So, in order to not have to increase the conference fee more than the small amount we had to, we are asking guest (or husband depending on who writes the checks these days) to help defray the cost of the cocktail party. A \$50.00 fee (covers both evenings). (This keeps the attendees who do not bring a guest from having to cover the cost of those that do.) There has also been an increase in the numbers of guest / spouses and for that, we are grateful. Grateful for their interest in what you do, and the friendships our ladies have made with each other over the last several years, and the ability for them to be able to travel with you for these "outings". We love that this is happening. Last year we had over 30 ladies join the group. That number has greatly increased over the years.

Registration must be received by noon Friday, **March 8, 2019**. Anyone who finds at the last moment that they can attend is welcome to register at the door.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

NAMS has reserved a LIMITED block of rooms at the reduced rate of \$149.00 on a first-come first-served basis with the Hilton Vancouver Washington, 301 W. 6th Street, Vancouver, WA 98660. (Flying into Portland closest airport – 12 miles from hotel). We encourage attendees to stay at Hilton since NAMS financial arrangements for the conference depends on this participation. **Please book your room directly through the hotel to help us meet our guaranteed room count. This has been negotiated as part of our contract with the hotel for this conference.** Reservations can be made by calling **800-445-8667**, or on-line at <http://group.hilton.com/nationalassociationofmarinesurveyorsinc> Group Room Block Space is limited and only available until Friday, February 22, 2019. Ask for the NAMS Room rate \$149.00nt plus taxes. Single / Double standard room. Additional charges for upgrades. The hotel will accept reservation after the mentioned date only on a space available basis and at the regular room rate. **We recommend early registration to avoid disappointment.**

<u>Room Rate</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Accommodations</u>
\$149.00	++	Standard Room - Single/Double

Hilton Vancouver Washington The Hilton Vancouver Washington is in the heart of Downtown Vancouver USA, across the street from Esther Short Park. You will enjoy a central location in downtown Vancouver, Washington, with easy access (12.3miles) to/from Portland, Oregon and the Portland International Airport. There is a 4-minute drive from the Portland International Raceway, close proximity to the Vancouver Amtrak Station, and 7 miles from Veterans Memorial Coliseum, which makes this Vancouver hotel an excellent base for traveling to and from local attractions and businesses. In this updated 226 guest rooms hotel, make yourself at home. It features a modern design, complimentary guestroom Wi-Fi, recreational amenities (pool, spa tub and fitness center), and gift shop. Enjoy American cuisine at Gray's at the Park, a restaurant which features a bar and garden view. Upgrade rooms are available as some rooms offer private patios and views of Esther Short Park or to a Parkview room for a spacious living room with an executive work desk, dining room and guest room. From the hotel, guests can walk to area shops, restaurants and businesses. A short stroll will take you down to the Columbia River promenade.

Parking: Valet approx. \$25.00 day or self-parking approx. \$20.00.

Plan to attend: NAMS Welcome Reception on Sunday evening and The President's Reception on Monday Evening.

NAMS members will be gathering for general sessions in the conference area located on the second floor.

AIPRRORT / TRANSPORTATION: Hilton Vancouver Washington is located, 12.3 miles from Portland International Airport. Best mode of transportation is UBER approx. \$20-25.00 or taxi aa bit higher.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Marine Surveyors, Inc., on Sunday, March 24, 2019, starting at 1:00pm on the 2nd floor of the Hilton Vancouver Washington in the Cedar Room. NAMS members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Board Meeting.

WELCOME TO MOBILE – HOSPITALITY AND HAPPY HOUR

Welcome to Vancouver, Washington. Please join us on Sunday evening for Cocktails and Hospitality in the Hemlock/Oak Room on the 2nd floor near the conference area.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

A President's Reception will be held Monday evening in Hilton Vancouver; Washington Heritage Ballroom on the 2nd floor.

MEMBERS ONLY BREAKFAST

NAMS (Members Only) Breakfast will be held in the Hemlock/Oak Room Tuesday at 7:30AM. During the breakfast NAMS will hold their Annual Business Meeting. This meeting provides an opportunity for NAMS's leadership to report to members. It also provides an opportunity to discuss the events of the past two days. This meeting is an opportunity for members to make suggestions and volunteer to serve NAMS.

SPOUSE PROGRAM

Ladies Day Out: Monday March 25, 2019

A spouse accompanying a registered attendee is welcome to attend any of the conference sessions at no charge. There is a nominal charge if they wish to attend the Seminar luncheon on Monday.

“A Pacific Northwest Road Trip – Columbia River Sampler”

Monday March 25th. We will be departing the hotel about 9:00 am for a Portland neighborhood, landmarks, and history tour.

About 11:00 we will have lunch at Lucca, a wood fired Italian-inspired restaurant (we will order from the menu and pay as a group (one bill) please bring cash.)

After lunch we will visit Multnomah Falls and Vista House (both on the National Register of Historic Places) before returning to the hotel by about 3:00pm)

Multnomah Falls is a waterfall located in the Columbia River Gorge, east of Troutdale, between Corbett and Dodson, Oregon. The waterfall is accessible from the Historic Columbia River Highway Spanning two tiers on basalt cliffs, it is the tallest waterfall in the state of Oregon at 620feet . The land surrounding the falls was developed in the early-twentieth century, with a pathway, viewing bridge, and adjacent lodge being constructed in 1925 The falls are the most visited natural recreation site in the U.S. Pacific Northwest.

Vista House is a museum at Crown Point in Multnomah County, Oregon, and also serves as a memorial to Oregon pioneers and as a comfort station for travelers on the Historic Columbia River Highway. The site, is situated on a rocky promontory, is 733 feet above the Columbia River on the south side of the Columbia River Gorge. The hexagonal stone building was completed in 1918.

The tour cost is \$100.00 pp and includes transportation, diver, guide & Gratuity. LUNCH Additional.

We hope to see each of you in Vancouver, WASHINGTON in March.