

# 2020 Annual Conference



**Thursday ★ January 16, 2020**  
**Maine Maritime Museum ★ Bath, Maine**  
**8:30 am –1:00 pm**

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# 2020 Conference Agenda

TIME	Meeting Room	Entrance
8:30 – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast	TRADE FAIR Exhibits
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome: Updates from the MMTA President and Treasurer	TRADE FAIR Exhibits
9:15 – 9:35	TOPIC 1: YOUR VOICE IN LEGISLATION	TRADE FAIR Exhibits
9:35 – 10:00	Break	TRADE FAIR Exhibits
10:00 – 10:25	TOPIC 2: MARIJUANA LAWS	TRADE FAIR Exhibits
10:25 -10:50	TOPIC 3: ABANDONED BOATS	TRADE FAIR Exhibits
10:50 -11:10	Break	TRADE FAIR Exhibits
11:10-11:40	TOPIC 4: FLOOD INSURANCE	TRADE FAIR Exhibits
11:40 – 12:10	Lunch	TRADE FAIR Exhibits
12:10 – 12:40	MMTA Director -MMTA Updates during dessert	TRADE FAIR Exhibits

## Presentation Information

### YOUR VOICE IN AUGUSTA

**Curtis Picard, President & CEO of the Retail Association of Maine**

In this presentation Curtis Picard will explain some of the basics of the legislative process and how you can easily get involved.

Curtis Picard joined the Retail Association of Maine (formerly the Maine Merchants Association) in November of 2007. Prior to his current position, Curtis was Vice President of Business Development and International Trade for the Vermont Chamber of Commerce. He is a 2008 graduate of the U.S Chamber's Institute for Organization Management and earned his Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation in January of 2012

### MARIJUANA AND EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE

**Amanda O'Leary, Maine Dept of Labor**

In this presentation we will get clarification about the Marijuana Legalization Act and how it pertains to the workplace. Amanda O'Leary from the Maine Department of Labor will explain what employers can do

regarding workplace policies for pre-employment, testing, discipline and enforcement. Amanda's work focuses on Maine's Substance Use Testing law where she assists employers in developing their company policies. Amanda is also the instructor for the Impairment Detection Training for Employers course available through the Department's SafetyWorks! Institute. She has presented on Impairment and Marijuana Use in the Workplace at various professional venues, including the 2019 Convention of Maine Counties and the Maine Safety & Health Conference. In addition, Amanda is a member of the Marijuana Advisory Commission, representing the Department of Labor.

### **ABANDONED BOATS/ DERELICT BOATS**

#### **Ben Ford, Partner, Verrill Law**

Unfortunately, many boatyards and marinas find themselves with the occasional vessel sitting on their property accumulating storage costs without payment. In this session we will learn what can be done legally-- and when, to deal with the situation. Specific language should be included in storage contracts and agreements to help avoid further complications should the situation arise. Ben Ford, a partner at Verrill Law, will be presenting on this topic. Ben's legal work focuses on labor, employment, and maritime issues. Ben served as a board member for Maine Marine Trades Association from 2013-2016 and has served as Board Secretary since then. He also serves on the Board of Advisors for the University of New England and does work with the Arctic Economic Counsel. Ben is a boater and had restored his own vintage boat.

### **FLOOD INSURANCE**

#### **Cale Pickford, Allen Insurance and Financial**

Insurance is a significant cost of doing business anywhere, but coastal, lakefront and riverfront properties often have the added burden of flood insurance. This presentation could help you think about how to better prepare for expansion, facility upgrades, and/or succession planning with regard to flood insurance. Cale Pickford specializes in both personal and business insurance and has previously presented to Maine's real estate industry regarding flood insurance issues.

Cale joined Allen Insurance and Financial in December 2012. Previously a commercial and personal insurance specialist with Atlantic Insurance and Benefits in Belfast, Cale is a graduate of Mt. View High School in Thorndike and of Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. Prior to his insurance industry experience, Cale worked in the securities industry in New York City and in advertising and sales in both New York and St. Thomas, USVI

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