



SHIP OPERATIONS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

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Ship Operations Cooperative Program Meeting

July 11-12, 2006

*Hosted by Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts*

Featured Guest Speaker

*RADM Robert D. Reilly Jr.
United States Navy, Military Sealift Command*

Join us July 11th & 12th in Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts for the second Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP) meeting held in 2006. The meeting will focus on “*Short Sea Shipping Opportunities*” and the development of a short sea shipping system that can assist in reducing growing freight congestion on our Nation's rail and highway systems.

The meeting will also provide the opportunity for open discussions regarding promoting short sea shipping as a means to improve the performance of the national transportation system and to contribute to environmental sustainability. Additionally, it will provide a forum for discussions highlighting obstacles and business opportunities related to short sea shipping.

All industry representatives are welcome to attend. While there is no registration fee, interested persons are urged to reserve a seat by contacting Kim-Anh Rester at your earliest convenience by email at kim.rester@dot.gov or by phone at (202) 366-0364. Please provide your name, position title, organization, address, phone, fax, and email address.

SOCP is an industry-government partnership that was formed in 1993 to share resources in the development and evaluation of technologies to advance shipboard safety, training, reliability and productivity for its members in an effort to improve the competitiveness of the U.S. maritime industry.

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