



THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION (MLA) OF THE UNITED STATES

**JOINT MEETING BETWEEN  
AUTONOMOUS SHIPS AND SMART MARINE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
CRUISE LINES & PASSENGER SHIPS COMMITTEE  
AND  
OUR OCEANS COMMITTEE  
2023 SPRING MEETING AGENDA**

New York, NY  
Blank Rome Law Offices  
1271 Avenue of the Americas  
Room: MPR

**Thursday, May 4, 2023 09:00-10:30 a.m. Eastern Time**

*ATTENDEES MUST RSVP TO THE FOLLOWING BY APRIL 30 TO ARRANGE ACCESS*

- **Cruise Lines:** Blythe Daly - [bdaly@kdblegal.com](mailto:bdaly@kdblegal.com)
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**PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY AS WE WILL START PROMPTLY AT 09:00**

<b>I. Cruise Lines 09:00-09:20</b>	09:00-09:15	Blythe Daly - Opening Remarks - Cruise Lines <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cruise Lines Emerging Decarbonization Issues</li></ul>
	09:15-09:20	Q&A
<b>II. Our Oceans 09:30-09:50</b>	09:20-09:25	Sean Houseal - Opening Remarks - Our Oceans <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scope of Committee</li><li>• New UN High Seas Treaty</li></ul>
	09:25-09:40	SailPlan - Charlotte Runzel and Steve Bomgardner <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emission Technology in Maritime Operations: How SailPlan helps ships measure, report, and reduce emissions and fuel consumption using high-resolution, real-time data; exemplar with connection to cruise lines industry</li></ul>
	09:40-09:45	Q&A
<b>III. Autonomous Ships 09:30-10:00</b>	09:45-09:55	Rear Admiral Fred Kenney, USCG (ret.), IMO Director, Legal and External Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IMO Updates on MASS</li></ul>



	09:55-10:10	LCDR Lars Okmark, USCG (CG-LMI-P) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• USCG updates on MASS</li></ul>
	10:10-10:25	Prof. Martin Davies, Tulane University School of Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emerging issues with autonomous shipping: Insurance implications regarding product liability actions against manufacturers and designers, choice of law issues; reference to new book "The Global Insurance Market and Change: Emerging Technologies, Risks, and Legal Challenges"</li></ul>
<b>IV. Closing Remarks/Q&amp;A</b>	10:25-10:30	All Committee Open Q&A

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