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ISMA: Who?

➤ International Ship Masters' Association (ISMA)

- Founded in 1886
- Joint U.S. & Canadian
- Non-profit organization
- Member "lodges" around the Great Lakes
- Navigation, Legislation, & Engineering Committee (NELC)
 - ISMA works to promote safe navigation on our waterways
 - ISMA helps educate policy makers and elected officials
 - ISMA promotes harmony amongst Great Lakes officers/mariners
- ISMA provides scholarships to future maritime officers; mentorships



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Convention: *When? Where?*

- January 28th through February 1st, 2026
- Holiday Inn Downtown Duluth
- “Grand Ball” at DECC (Harborside Ballroom) Friday 1/30
- **Only sixth time ISMA Convention will have come to Twin Ports**



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Guest Speakers



J.M. “Mike” McCoshen
GLS Seaway Administrator



Kevin Beardsley
Duluth Seaway Port Authority



Sara Fuentes
American Maritime Partnership



Mary Sabuda
Great Lakes Commission



Pat Kelly – CEO
Fraser Industries



Helen Stewart
Fugro

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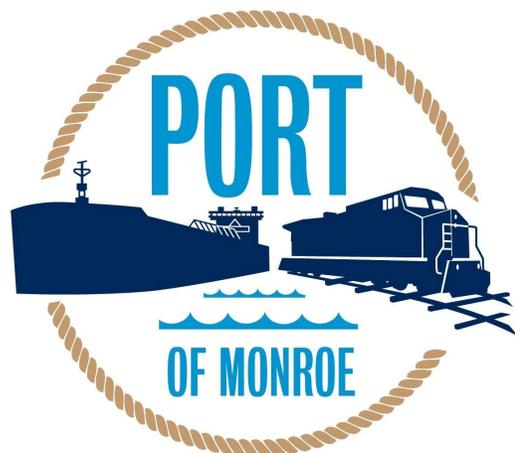
- Convention program book advertising **hard deadline is Dec. 31st**
- We can accept sponsorships right up until convention time
- ISMA is not making any profit. Convention functions are paid for by sponsors, advertisers, and contributors.

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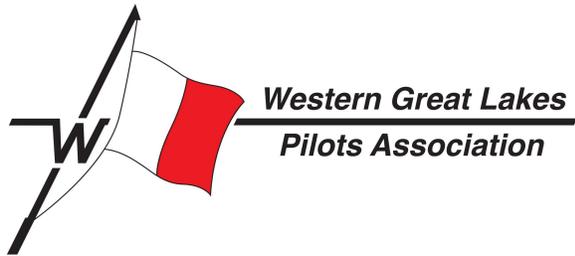
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Entertainment

Thursday, Jan. 29
Piano Man Peter Grewe



Friday, Jan. 30
Grand Ball
Shirts & Skins



Saturday, Jan. 31
Ship Masters' Theme Night
1980's Party!



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GRAND BALL Preview
DECC (Harborside Ballroom)
 Friday, January 30

- 5:00 pm Doors open
- 5:15 pm -- 6:45 pm Extended social/networking hour
- 6:45 pm Opening ceremonies
- 7:00 pm Meal served & draw 50/50 ticket
- 7:40 pm Scholarship Presentation & Grand President's Award
- 8:00 pm Guest Speaker: Congressman Tom Tiffany
- 8:20 pm Live Music: Shirts & Skins (5-piece variety rock band)
- 11:30 pm End of activities

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Also worthy of mention:

- Vendor tables at Holiday Inn (Thurs & Fri)
 - American Merchant Marine Veterans (AMMV)
 - www.ammv.us
 - DRE Designs & Great Lakes Marine Products
 - www.dredesignsglmp.com
- Vendor tables available for Grand Ball night (\$150)
- 50/50 raffle (drawn at Grand Ball)
- Cash prize for best costume on Saturday "1980's party"
- Hospitality Room (R. 515 Holiday Inn)

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Questions?



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