

September 16-18, 2025 | Halifax, NS PROGRAM

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Time	Program Location	
3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Registration Early Check-in Conference Desk, Conference Level 1 st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian	
	Check-in early to pick up your badge at the conference information and registration desk. Scan the conference app QR code in your hotel room or at registration to not miss anything.	
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	CEOs Exclusive Cocktail Trade Show Hall (Atlantic Ballroom), Westin Nova Scotian	Sponsored by: ATLANTIC REGION CPAs
	Sponsors and exhibitors are invited to meet CPA CEOs over cocktails.	BULLETPROOF a GLI'company
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6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception Trade Show Hall (Atlantic Ballroom), Westin Nova Scotian	Sponsored by:
	A Ports Canada tradition, all delegates are welcome to join us for this meet and greet.	DP WORLD

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

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7:30 – 8:15 am	Optional Harbour Fitness Walk Rendez-vous point: Lobby, Westin Nova Scotian Lane Farguson, Chief of Staff and External Relations, Port Halifax	Hosted by; Port Halifax
7:30 am – 3:00 pm	Registration Check-in and Information <i>Conference Desk, Conference Level 1st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian</i>	
7:30 – 8:45 am	Breakfast Mezzanine hallway, Conference Level, Westin Nova Scotian	
	Join fellow delegates and participants for either a light start to your day or a hot breakfast from the buffet.	
7:30 am – 4:00 pm	Trade Show Hall Atlantic Ballroom and Mezzanine, Conference Level Westin Nova Scotian	Sponsored by: ATLANTIC REGION CPAs
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8:45 – 9:30 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks Conference Plenary Hall (Commonwealth Room A) Conference Level 1 st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian	
	Join Daniel-Robert Gooch , President and CEO, Association of Canadian Port Authorities and Lori MacLean , Director of Communications Marketing, Halifax Port Authority as they welcome delegates to the 2025 edition of Ports Canada.	
	With: Chevalier Dr. Joe Michael, Elder, Keptin – Mi'kmaq Grand Council Fulvio Fracassi, President and CEO Halifax Port Authority Ian Hamilton, Chair of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities and President and CEO of the Hamilton- Oshawa Port Authority	
9:30 – 10:15 am	CN Outlook Conference Plenary Hall (Commonwealth Room A) Conference Level 1 st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian	

	CN Rail is a critical partner for moving goods between Canada's ports, producers and consumers. Janet Drysdale, Interim Chief Commercial Officer, will touch on how CN is adjusting to the ever-changing trade and supply chain landscape and anticipating and innovating for the future, and how ports and CN are working together. Moderator: Olga Farman, CEO, Port of Quebec Keynote: Janet Drysdale, Interim Chief Commercial Officer	PORT QUÉBEC *D'ICI, ON VOIT LOIN FROM HERE, WE SEE FAR AHEAD
10:15 – 10:45 am	Morning Networking Coffee Break Innovation Pitch Stage (Maritime Room) Trade Show Hall (Atlantic Ballroom) Mezzanine Exhibitor Area	
	Explore the trade show, attend an Innovation Pitch stage presentation, and make connections with delegates, speakers, and sponsors while enjoying a snack.	
	Innovation Pitch Stage: 10:15 Bulletproof Solutions 10:30 KPMG	
10:45 – 11:40 am	Global Ports and Marine Outlook Conference Plenary Hall (Commonwealth Room A) Conference Level 1 st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian	
	Leticia Astudillo, Deputy Director, Drewry , will provide the global state of play in ports and shipping while also giving a sense of what can be expected for the upcoming year.	
11:40 am – 12:00 pm	Medal Of Merit Ceremony Conference Plenary Hall (Commonwealth Room A) Conference Level 1 st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian	
	Join us in honoring Fritz King, the former Managing Director of ACL Shipping in Canada , at the ACPA Medal of Merit Ceremony.	
	The award will be presented by Fulvio Fracassi, President and CEO of Halifax Port Authority, and Ian Hamilton, Chair of the Association of Canadian Port Authorities and President and CEO of the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority.	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch <i>Mezzanine, Conference Level 1st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian</i>	Sponsored by: POMERLEAU
	Enjoy a full buffet lunch and network with your fellow attendees in the Atlantic Ballroom or Commonwealth B room. Innovation Pitch Stage: 12:30 Provix 12:45 ICC Distribution Group	
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1:00 - 2:15 pm

Resilience and Emergency Response

Conference Plenary Hall (Commonwealth Room A) Conference Level 1st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian

North America ports often deal with operational disruptions, such as extreme weather or sudden events like the container ship collision in Baltimore that are impossible to predict. However, planning and response can lessen the impact and provide the foundation for the resilience ports and supply chains must have when faced with these unanticipated challenges. Captain Sean Griffiths, CEO, Atlantic Pilotage Authority will invite Frederick Dolbow, Port Security & Recovery Specialist, U.S. Coast Guard to present a case examination of the Key Bridge collapse in Baltimore followed by a facilitated discussion on key learnings from this and other major supply chain disruptions.

Panelists:

Fulvio Fracassi, President and CEO, Halifax Port Authority **Sean Pierce**, CEO, Logistec **Gary Ivany**, CCG Atlantic Region Assistant Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard

2:15 - 2:45 pm

Afternoon Networking Break

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Innovation Pitch Stage:

2:15 Global Spatial Technology Systems 2:30 Ramboll

2:45 - 3:45 pm

North American Trade Diversification

Conference Plenary Hall (Commonwealth Room A) Conference Level 1st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian

North American trade has undergone significant and ongoing disruption. Diversifying trade is an imperative yet increasingly a challenge within this context. Lead by the **Canadian Chamber of Commerce**, hear from panelists on how business and government are adjusting to this new reality.

Moderator:

Pascal Chan, VP Strategic Policy and Supply Chains Canadian Chamber of Commerce

Panelists:

Hon. Colton LeBlanc, Minister of Growth and Development, Province of Nova Scotia

	Craig Hutton, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Transport Canada	
	Terry Hubbard, President, Impact Assessment Agency of	
	Canada	
	Laura Dawson, Executive Director, Future Borders Coalition	
4:15 – 6:15 pm	Port Boat Tour and Georges Island Experience	Sponsored by:
	Tall Ships' Quay, located at the Halifax Seaport	PSA HALIFAX
	Embark on a delightful journey from the International Ships' Quay, where you'll enjoy stunning views of the harbour while learning about the Port of Halifax. We'll make a stop at Georges Island capturing the moment with photos of the picturesque backdrop. The tour concludes at the Cable Wharf pier, where delegates and guests can walk to the Cable Wharf reception for an evening of mingling and refreshments.	KPMG
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Evening Reception at the Cable Wharf	Sponsored by:
	Cable Wharf	RAMBOLL
	1751 Lower Water St, Halifax, NS B3J 1M4	RAMBULL
	Experience the magic of Halifax's waterfront at our evening	
	reception at Cable Wharf. As the sun sets, enjoy live music and	
	being right on the water. Mingle with guests, sponsors, and	
	delegates while savoring delicious hors d'oeuvres and	
	refreshing drinks. It's the perfect way to unwind and connect at	
	the end of a full conference day.	

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8:30 – 9:15 am	Innovation and Impact at the Port of Hamburg Conference Plenary Hall (Commonwealth A) Conference Level 1 st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian	Sponsored by:
	The Port of Hamburg, Germany, is recognized as a leader in technological and digital innovation, with a long history as Germany's gateway to the world. Karsten Schönewald, CEO of Flotte Hamburg , will talk about how he spearheaded the digitalization and use of innovative propulsion technologies to develop eco-friendly vessels for the Port of Hamburg fleet.	Navigate Tomorrow Today
	Introduction of keynote: Richard Kolacz, Chief Executive Officer, Global Spatial Technology Solutions	
9:15 – 10:15 am	The Canadian Shipper and Supply Chain Response to Global Change Conference Plenary Hall (Commonwealth A) Conference Level 1 st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian	
	From conflict in Europe and the Middle East to trade and tariff disputes much closer to home, rapidly evolving geopolitical events have put a strain on planning and predictability in global trade and transport flows. This session will focus on the interplay of these dynamics and how Canadian shippers and supply chains are responding to serve domestic customers and strategic growth.	

	Moderator: Paul MacIsaac, Senior Vice President, Halifax Port	
	Authority	
	Panelists:	
	Steven Van Roestel, Vice President, Transportation, Canadian	
	Tire	
	Jody Fitzpatrick, Vice President, Supply Chains, Sobeys	
	Leticia Astudillo, Deputy Director, Drewry	
	Joel Werner, Chief Operating Officer, DP World in Canada	
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	10:15 GRIFFIN Engineered Systems	
	10:30 DP World	
10:45 – 11:45 am	Enhancing Port Operations: A Collaborative Approach	
	Conference Plenary Hall (Commonwealth A)	
	Conference Level 1 st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian	
	Ports are bustling hubs of activity, and managing potential	
	hazards is crucial to mitigating risks. See how strong partnerships	
	and stakeholder collaborations ensure the capacity to handle the	
	largest vessels visiting North America's east coast. Join us for an	
	insightful session that begins with an overview explaining the	
	Joint Operations Centre (JOC) and the Operations Centre	
	(OPCEN), highlighting how they work together to ensure efficient	
	and safe port operations.	
	Moderator: Mike Davie, VP, Operations, Sustainability and	
	Technology, Port of Halifax	
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	Panelists:	
	Corey Gleason, Deputy Harbour Master, Port Halifax	
	Colin Gardham, Rail Manager, PSA Halifax	
	Mohamud Mohamed, CN	
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	12:30 GreenMarine	
	12:45 SafeContractor	

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The PIER Network at the Centre of Port Innovation

Conference Plenary Hall (Commonwealth A)
Conference Level 1st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian

Ports and the marine industry are innovative by nature; hear how some of the Port of Halifax's Port Innovation and Engagement and Research (The PIER) members are fulfilling its mandate.

Moderator:

David Thomas, Executive Director, The PIER *Case studies and speakers:*

Data Integration Hub:

Derrick Whalen, Director of Information and Technology Services, Port of Halifax

• Marine Domain Awareness:

Corey Gleason, Deputy Harbour Master, Port of Halifax Corey Kirkhus

eDNA:

Serene Allen, Vice President, Strategy & Performance, Port of Saint John Kristin Tweel, Director, Sector Innovation, Genome Atlantic

Air Gap Project:

Mike Davie, Vice President
Dr. Chris Whidden, Assistant Professor,
DeepSense/COVE Digital Ocean Research Chair, Faculty
of Computer Science, Dalhousie University

1:45 - 2:15 pm

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Innovation Pitch Stage:

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2:15 - 3:15 pm

The Growing Importance of Cruise to Atlantic Canada

Conference Plenary Hall (Commonwealth A)
Conference Level 1st Floor, Westin Nova Scotian

Canada's major cruise markets have all seen tremendous growth in cruise passengers over the past decade, with the industry experiencing strong rebound. **Sarah Rumley, Executive Director, Cruise Atlantic Canada** will engage our panel to look at cruise from the Atlantic region perspective.

Panelists:

Robyn Stewart, Manager of Cruise Development, Halifax Port Authority

	Marie-Andrée Blanchet, Director, Cruise Development and	
	Business Ecosystem, Port of Québec	
	Tasha Patey, Director, Cruise Development, Ambassatours	
	Darlene MacDonald, Executive Director, Tourism Nova Scotia	
3:15 - 3:45 pm	Closing Remarks and Reveal of Ports Canada 2026	
	Conference Plenary Hall (Commonwealth A)	
	As we come to the end of this incredible conference, we invite	
	you to join us for the closing remarks, to reflect on the insights	
	and connections made over the past few days. This will mark the	
	end of the beginning as we reveal the location for Ports Canada 2026.	
6:00 – 10:45 pm	Transportation to Celebration Night	
0.00 10.43 pm	Rendez-vous point: Front Door, Westin Nova Scotian	
	A shuttle service will be offered from the three conference	
	hotels: the Westin, the Hollis and Sheraton, to Pacifico for the	
	Celebration Night.	
6:00 – 11:00 pm	CELEBRATION NIGHT	Sponsored
	Pacifico, 5171 George St, Halifax, NS B3J 1M6	by:
	This is the night we close out the conference in a big way. Hosted	Port
	by Port Halifax, explore a multi-level celebration with plenty of	Halifor
	food, music and dancing!	Halifa =