

MARITIME LAW BREAKFAST SEMINAR

June 19, 2008

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
REGISTRATION

8:30 a.m. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
PRESENTATIONS BEGIN
Speakers: **THOMAS W. EMERY**
 PETER B. WORDEN, JR.
 ADAM K. GORDON

TOPICS

- Basic overview of maritime law - including whether State or Federal Law controls.
- Quick review of maritime terminology (Glossary provided with course materials).
- Distinctions between State and Federal Law, including availability of Limitation of Liability, Tort Reform.
- First party claims and coverage defenses - including an exploration of the "wear and tear" exclusions, "racing exclusions", "sue & labor" clauses, intra-family exclusions and "ubermaiee fidae". Also a review of SSO's ("Striking Submerged Object")
- Underinsured/Uninsured Boater Coverage - triggers and defenses of claims.
- Theft claims - when the insured is upside down on his boat.
- Salvage, Towing and Wreck Removal - a discussion of the basic distinctions and tips on negotiating with a pirate.
- Specialized investigators - when to bring in a marine surveyor, salvor, tower or other expert - and why.
- Subrogation claims against marinas and other contractors, including products liability.
- CASE STUDY - An analysis of two boat collisions plus an analysis of third party liability claims, and some of the basic concepts of apportioning fault.

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION
RETURN EVALUATION FORMS

Comprehensive written materials will be distributed to all program attendees.