



Christopher L. Aversano, Q88 Position List Product Manager, elected as President of the Connecticut Maritime Association (CMA)

Fritz Heidenreich, Founder and President of Q88, is excited to announce that Christopher L Aversano, Q88 Position List Product Manager, has been recently elected as President of the Connecticut Maritime Association (CMA). ‘Q88 has been a longtime supporter of the CMA both in terms of membership and as a vendor at the tradeshow,’ says Fritz. ‘We look forward to continuing our relationship with the CMA as it is part of our philosophy and partnering efforts of *Relationshiping*’.

Chris Aversano, in his acceptance letter to CMA members, had this to say:

‘It is an honor to have been elected as the next President of the CMA. I just want to take a minute to thank the outgoing President, Captain Joe Gross. Joe has done a great job in navigating the CMA not only through a change of our event organizers from the good folks at IMS, Jim Lawrence and Lorraine Parsons to our new partners at Informa, but now he steers the ship around the unsettled waters caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The sense of community is one of the founding principles of the CMA and something that during these uncertain times, that can be a source of encouragement, hope and most importantly networking opportunities. This could be as simple as getting in touch with a vendor or supplier via the friendships formed through the CMA or even for reaching out for employment leads. Whatever it is, the CMA is a conduit on which our members can rely on.

While the ‘C’ in CMA is for Connecticut, our community knows no borders. We have members from all over the United States, including large populations in NY, Houston, Miami and countless other regions. As we recover from the pandemic, we will look to work with members in those regions to host local events that will bring together the shipping community and showcase the relevance of the CMA. Additionally, we have members in other countries, and those members routinely support our events. Over the past few years, our community has been solidified through not only our events but co-operation with other regional maritime hubs. Most notably, the CMA sponsored a cadet from SUNY Maritime to spend time in China to learn about shipping there. That in turn, expanded the reach of our community here.

I close by wishing everyone fair winds and following seas. Keep in mind everyone reading this can rely on the CMA to be a part of their extended community during these trying times.’

Stay safe and be well, thank you,

Christopher L. Aversano
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President CMA