2026
FERRY SAFETY + TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Ferry Safety and Technology Conference
May 6 - 7, 2026

On the Waterfront in New York City



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Ferry Safety and Technology Conference

Conference, Workshop, Networking Receptions &
Live Music on the Waterfront in NYC
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On May 6, 2026 we will launch this years conference at the **Waterfront Museum Barge** in Red Hook, Brooklyn.

Our esteemed roster of speakers will update us on the latest news and decision-making for electric ferries coming to NYC. They will also discuss the operational and structural approaches to the dilemma of carriage of Lithium-ion battery electric vehicles aboard ferries and what to do moving forward.

We will engage in discussions about the impact and response to changing global weather, innovative design solutions, and global opportunities. We'll look into the progress with the Blue Highway—moving urban freight by ferry for profitability and for civic benefits.

On May 7, the conference goes online to experience the award-winning student designs. The conference will then go on-the-water to view key sites on the Blue Highway.

LIVE MUSIC! Indie Rock Band from Gowanus, Brooklyn!



Thank You **Con Edison** for sponsorship of the conference, **Siemens** for material assistance, **New Yeller** for their amazing music.
Thank you for being great to work with: **David Sharps, Waterfront Museum, Mai Armstrong,** graphic design.

Speakers

Capt. Gordon Loebl KEYNOTE	Vice President, NYCEDC, for NYC Ferry Operations and Safety
Joseph Hudspeth MC of Conference	Elliott Bay Design Group
Buckley McAllister	CEO, McAllister Towing, including Bridgeport-Port Jefferson Ferry
Ed Schwarz	Siemens Marine Energy Solutions
Francisco Planells	SWITCH — Hydrogen fuel cell ferries coming to NYC
Yasuyoshi Tarao	NK Japan — Safe Carriage BEV on Ferries Report
Capt. Nurur Rahman	Hannur Maritime Consultants
Dr. Joe Sienkiewicz	Meteorologist and Oceanographer
Nelson Vaz	National Weather Service
Don Liloia	SVP, NY Waterway
Ilana Mayid-Dennis	US Coastal Services
Matt Perricone	Lehigh Maritime Corp
Tom Fox	Tom Fox Associates
Shari Corrigan	Interferry, Ferry Safety Committee
Aleik Nurwahyudy	Maritime Safety Transportation Committee. Indonesia Government
Roberta Weisbrod	Worldwide Ferry Safety Association

Conference Program

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

At the Waterfront Museum in Red Hook, Brooklyn

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Registration and Lunch
1:00 - 1:10 p.m.	Opening
1:10 - 1:40 p.m.	Excellent Vessels: Electric & Hydrogen Fuel Cell — What, where, and how
1:40 - 2:15 p.m.	Emerging Issues: Sudden Hazardous Weather and High Waves
2:15 - 2:30 p.m.	Coffee Break
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Dilemma Issue: Safe Carriage of Battery Electric Vehicles on Ferries
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	The Blue Highway: Moving Urban Freight by Water
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker: Navigating the Uncertain Future
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Reception
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Music by *New Yeller* Feel free to move with the music

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Online portion

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	About Ferry Safety and the Design Competition
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	Award-winning student team design presentations
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Charles R. Cushing esthetic award presentations
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Upcoming Issues: Battery Electric Vehicles on Vessels; High Waves; Blue Highway
11:00 - 11:10 a.m.	Preview of next design competition

On-Water portion

Rockaway ferry departs from Wall Street Pier 11 at 1:05 p.m.
Please arrive 10-15 min. early.

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Narrated ferry tour

The International Conference on Maritime Safety and Weather Technology

Banyuwangi, Indonesia (ferry port from Java to Bali)
August 18-19, 2026



This conference explores the safety impacts of climate change on maritime weather; the lack of adequate maritime weather information globally; and offers practical approaches for the maritime community of seafarers and responsible agencies. Innovative and new technologies will be featured.

For more information feel free to contact the conference organizers at **ferrysafety@gmail.com**

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Other conferences of note:
Interferry Ferry Conference Bangkok October 31 – Nov 4, 2026
Marine Log Ferries 2026 Seattle, Nov. 10 – 11, 2026

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