

# INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

New London, CT – The Connecticut Port Authority was honored to join Governor Dannel Malloy at New London’s City Pier to announce a \$15 million investment for infrastructure improvements at State Pier. These funds will revitalize the pier, maximizing its potential as a driver of regional economic growth.

With New London’s unobstructed access to its deepwater port as well as Connecticut’s vibrant manufacturing community, our region has a major advantage in maritime development initiatives.

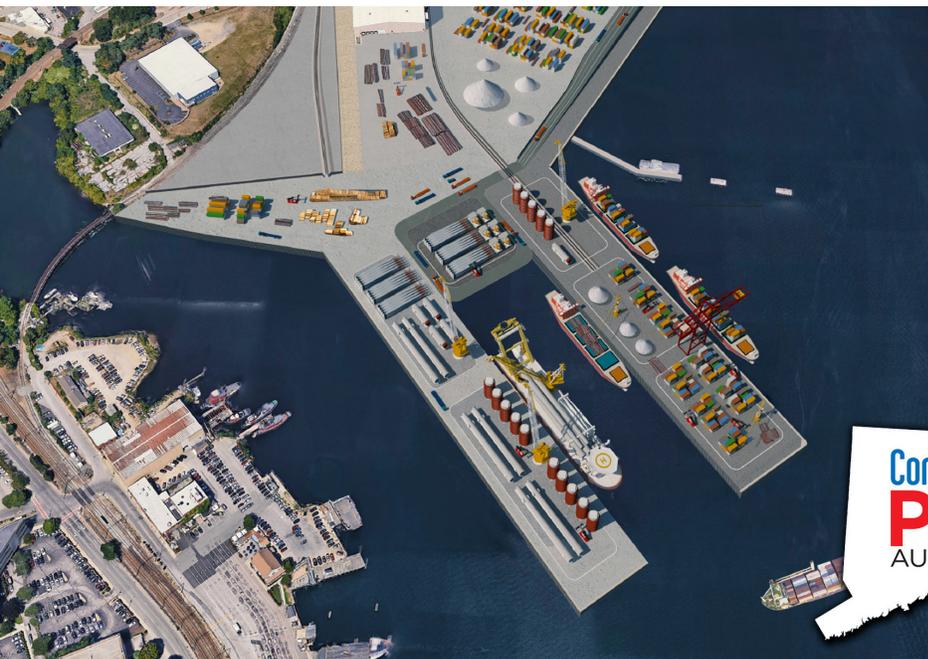
“I have no doubt that the funding we invest today will have lasting economic benefits to the entire region in the years and decades to come,” said Governor Malloy.

“This investment in State Pier will pay dividends for years,” said Chairman Scott Bates of the Connecticut Port Authority. “Governor

Malloy has worked hard to rebuild Connecticut’s infrastructure as a way to create jobs and long-term economic growth. Make no mistake about it, this is the most consequential strategic investment in State Pier in generations.”

The CPA will oversee the improvements, and has already begun working on preliminary planning.

CPA has released an RFP for State Pier development and operation. [Click here for more information.](#)



Artist renderings reflecting two potential maximum buildout configurations of the State Pier facility.

## State Bond Commission approves funding for New Haven port to rail study

New Haven, CT - Scott Bates, the chairman of the Connecticut Port Authority, and New Haven Mayor Toni Harp announced plans are moving forward on a state funded study of connectivity between the Port of New Haven and regional freight rail lines. The study is being funded with \$500,000 allocated by the State Bond Commission under the leadership of Governor Dannel Malloy.

“The Port Authority is grateful for this chance to help New Haven achieve its long-standing vision for superior rail connections to the

Port of New Haven. This project exemplifies the mission of the port authority, which is to improve the maritime economy, and in doing so improve the overall transportation system in Connecticut,” said Scott Bates, chairman of the port authority. “We will work closely on this project with the New Haven Port Authority.”

Funding for the study was approved unanimously by the State Bond Commission at its June 1 meeting.



## Cruising Connecticut

New London, CT – On May 21, the first cruise ship to visit Connecticut in four years docked at New London’s City Pier. The Connecticut Port Authority worked hand-in-hand with the city and the United States Coast Guard to make New London the first stop on the M/S *Hebridean Sky*’s week-long voyage from New York to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

“This day demonstrates Connecticut’s appeal to the cruise industry,” said Chairman Scott Bates of the Connecticut Port Authority. “We are making investments in growing this economic opportunity for the people of Connecticut.”

The CPA is actively working to expand the capabilities of Connecticut’s deepwater ports and small harbors, building on our state’s appealing coastline to connect with investors and

secure new opportunities. A thriving maritime industry means a thriving economy for all of Connecticut. To that end, the CPA is currently researching redevelopment options in New London in the hope of expanding access for cruise ships.



Scott Bates, chairman of CT Port Authority, Capt. Andrey Rudenko and New London Mayor Michael Passero.

## CPA, City of Norwalk Open New Visitors’ Dock

Norwalk, CT – Just in time for Memorial Day weekend, the Connecticut Port Authority and the City of Norwalk cut the ribbon on the newly reconstructed public visitors’ docks. Featuring two boat launches, dock space for emergency vessels, and daily and overnight docking options, the new docks will allow more families and fisherman to enjoy our local waters.

The CPA invested more than \$908,000 to complete the docks as part of their Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP). The old docks were hit hard by Hurricane Sandy. These reconstructed docks sit higher above the water and are constructed with stainless steel, aluminum, treated timber, and concrete.

“We are very grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Port Authority on this long anticipated project,” said Norwalk Mayor



L-R: Evan Matthews, Executive Director, Connecticut Port Authority, Scott Bates, Chairman of Port Authority Board, Mayor Harry Rilling, Senator Bob Duff, Norwalk.

Harry Rilling. “The Port Authority has done a magnificent job identifying important large- and small-scale maritime projects and following through to make sure they get done, enhancing the overall maritime economy.”

The Norwalk visitors’ dock is one of 18 SHIPP projects authorized in December of last year, and one of the first to be completed.

## CPA Applauds Electric Boat's Investment in Connecticut's Workforce and Waterfront

Chairman Scott Bates and Executive Director Evan Matthews commended the Governor's announcement of a major new partnership with Electric Boat at a press conference at Fort Trumbull. Already one of the largest employers in our state, Electric Boat announced it would grow its workforce to 13,000 over the next seventeen years, and commit and additional \$800 million in capital investments.

"This investment advances the maritime economy of our state, strengthens the workforce and sets the stage for future success," said Bates. "Next up, revitalization of the working waterfront at State Pier."

Electric Boat currently produced two submarines a year, and is adding a third by the year 2021. Countless small manufacturers and maritime businesses will also be able to increase their workforces thanks to the growth of Electric Boat.

Chairman Scott Bates and Executive Director Evan Matthews.



## CPA Helps Harbor Masters Harness the Power of Our Ports

Old Lyme, CT - The Connecticut Port Authority was proud to join the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the first Harbor Master Training and Education Workshop. CPA Program Manager Joe Salvatore provided an update on completed and future dredging projects as well as an overview of the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP).

Salvatore also provided an update on the CPA's role in the ongoing lawsuit regarding the disposal of dredging materials in the eastern Long Island Sound.

Connecticut has 41 appointed Harbor Masters and 19 appointed Deputy Harbor Masters serving our harbors and waterways.



## CPA Executive Director Named NAPA President

Old Saybrook, CT – This month, Executive Director Evan Matthews of the Connecticut Port Authority was formally named President of the North Atlantic Ports Association (NAPA). He will serve for two years and help coordinate on all issues affecting ports in the region.

"I am honored to assume this leadership role," Matthews said. "My work with the North Atlantic Ports Association is tied directly to the work of the Connecticut Port Authority and gives Connecticut a greater voice at the table when it comes to discussing the various economic development issues surrounding the maritime economy in this region. Connecticut is very serious about expanding our role in the maritime sector and holding a leadership role at the regional level will help in that effort."

NAPA was founded in 1949, and is one of the oldest associations of its kind. It has roughly 100 members—including the Bridgeport Port Authority and New Haven Port Authority, as well as terminal operators, stevedores, port authorities, governmental agencies, non-profits, consultants, academics, maritime lawyers, ships' agents and others, all located between Virginia and the Canadian Maritimes.

## IN THE NEWS

**New London benefits from state funding for three projects**

*The Day, June 1, 2018*

**Connecticut Port Authority welcomes opening of new Norwalk Visitor Docks**

*The Hour, May 25, 2018*