

Connecticut Port Authority Supports the Education of Port Leaders



From September 10 – 14, the Connecticut Port Authority hosted the International Association of Maritime & Port Executives (IAMPE) Professional Certification Program, a weeklong course to train and update Maritime Port Managers (MPM) and Maritime Port Executives (MPE) on the latest information and resources available for managing ports and terminals.

The IAMP program is endorsed for academic credit by the Loeb-Sullivan School of International Business and Logistics at the Maine Maritime Academy, and credits are generally accepted for maintaining professional certification. The course covers critical information for any MPE or MPM, including Port and Terminal Administration and Finance, Cargo Planning Processes, and Port and Terminal Safety and Security. By ensuring that our port managers and executives have all the latest information and training, the CPA is working to ensure that ports are reaching their fullest potential.

When asked about the partnership with CPA, the Director of Education and Standards for IAMPE, Capt. Jeffery Monroe said, "It is great to have the Connecticut Port Authority as an educational partner of the International Association of Maritime and Port Executives (IAMPE). Our programs provide professional development opportunities for the current and future generations of port managers and executives. With over 2,000 members and trained professionals the CPA support of this program, along with the support of our other many port and association partners, will ensure we maintain a high standard of professionalism and expertise in our industry"

"This course was very rewarding, engaging, and entertaining. I would highly recommend this course to anyone who wants to get

into or are already in the port business," said Bruce Marshall, Harbor Director for the Port of Olympia who was enrolled in this month's class.

The CPA is proud to be a part of training our port operators, and will continue identifying new ways to strengthen our maritime economy.

State Bond Commission Approves \$5 Million Investment in State Pier Dredging

On Thursday, September 20, the State Bond Commission approved funding for a portion of the multi-phased dredging and maintenance dredging of State Pier in New London. As indicated in the Connecticut Maritime Strategy, the dredging of Connecticut Ports and improving the economic and job creating potential of State Pier are top priorities for the CPA.

"State Pier is CPA's largest asset with the potential to be a catalyst for the New London region and the state's maritime industry as a whole," said Scott Bates, chairman of CPA. "This new investment in State Pier sends an important signal to the marketplace that Connecticut is serious about using its maritime resources to create jobs and economic opportunity. CPA thanks Governor Dannel Malloy for his leadership on this issue and his leadership in the area of inter-modal transportation."

Did you know?

In 2017, over 2.2 million metric tons of non-containerized goods were imported through Connecticut's deepwater ports.

Managing the Utilization and Profitability of State Pier

Last month the CPA unveiled the Connecticut Maritime Strategy, which will guide CPA's investment decisions and resource allocations over the next five years, in an effort to maximize the economic potential of Connecticut's ports and waterways. The Connecticut Maritime Strategy is supported by 8 key objectives, with the first focusing on how to best utilize State Pier. The strategy outlines that a principal source of CPA revenue will continue to stem from its lease of State Pier and by increasing this source of revenue CPA has the potential to end its reliance on state government funding while creating jobs and business opportunities at one of Connecticut's three deep-water ports. The redevelopment of the port has the potential to open up new cargo opportunities, while also streamlining Connecticut's transportation system by improving the link between the port, freight rail and highway transportation systems already present in Southeastern Connecticut. [The full Connecticut Maritime Strategy can be found here.](#)

IN THE NEWS

New London's State Pier Could Become Hub for Smaller Cargo Ships, Says Federal Maritime Head

August 21, *American Journal of Transportation*

Connecticut Port Authority Adopts New Maritime Strategy

August 23, *Maritime Executive*

Bid Reviews Set to Begin for New London Pier Improvements

August 31, *Hartford Business Journal*

Connecticut Port Authority adds two new team members

ANDREW LAVIGNE

Manager of Business Development and Special Projects

The Connecticut Port Authority (CPA) has hired Andrew Lavigne as Manager of Business Development and Special Projects.



Lavigne will be in charge of a large portfolio of responsibilities including stakeholder engagement, marketing, research, and communications. He is joining CPA in this capacity as the authority enters its third year as a stand-alone state quasi-public agency responsible for creating jobs through the development of the Connecticut maritime economy.

While serving as a consultant to the authority, Lavigne coordinated the development of Connecticut's five-year maritime strategy – which was recently published by the CPA and delivered to the governor and legislature.

"I am very happy to be joining the port authority at this critical time in the agency's history. Connecticut has a strong maritime heritage and state government leaders have made a clear effort to tap into the full job-creating potential of our maritime assets. I look forward to this new challenge and working with the full CPA team," Lavigne said.

Lavigne holds a Master of Science in National Security and Public Safety from the University of New Haven and is a graduate of Eastern Connecticut State University. He has previously worked for a Washington, D.C.-based think-tank where his focus was on transportation, infrastructure, and national security issues. Andrew lives in southeastern CT with his wife and daughter.

CASANDRA "SANDY" BERTHIAUME

Financial/Administrative Assistant

A native to Connecticut, Casandra "Sandy" Berthiaume comes to The CT Port Authority from The Hudson Bay Company, where she was a Property Manager for Saks Fifth Avenue, Lord & Taylor and Home Outfitters for six years. As a Property Manager, Berthiaume audited lease expenses and tenant obligations. Prior to that Berthiaume was the Property Accountant for the Westfield Corporation at Meriden Square for 20 years where she actively handled the financing, lease administration, and development of the property.



"I'm excited to be taking this next step during a time when the Connecticut Port Authority is experiencing tremendous growth. I'm looking forward to working with the multitude of diverse projects led by the CPA, as they continue to improve the viability and economic potential of Connecticut's waterways," said Berthiaume.

Berthiaume is an avid boater and resides in East Hampton, CT with her husband Donald. Her daughter Breeanna Korcak resides in Deep River, CT.