

Q-WEST NZMTA CONFERENCE 2025

Programme


10-12 June 2025, QT/Rydges Hotel, Queenstown

Tuesday 10 June, 6.00pm: Meet and Greet function. Reds Bar, QT Hotel
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DAY 1: PROGRAMME Wednesday 11 June

9.00am	Welcome and introductions	Chris Musgrave, President Margaret Wind, Executive Director
9.10am	Opening Address by the Hon James Meager in his role as Associate Minister of Transport, Minister for the South Island, Minister for Hunting and Fishing and Minister for Youth	Hon James Meager
9.30am	RealNZ: Leadership & Insights from the CEO Dave Beeche, CEO of RealNZ, shares insights into leading one of New Zealand's premier tourism and transport operators. He will discuss the company's journey, key achievements, and the challenges and opportunities shaping the tourism sector.	<i>Dave Beeche, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of RealNZ</i>
10.00am	Q-West Boat Builders: Hybrid Innovation & New Builds One of New Zealand's leading boat builders shares the latest updates on their exciting hybrid and new build projects.	Colin Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer Q-West Boat Builders
10.30 am	Morning Tea	
10.45am	Introduction to the Regulatory Approach and practical examples	Kirstie Hewlett, Chief Executive & Director Maritime New Zealand
11.00am	A range of speakers providing more examples of what the regulatory approach means in practice, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSWA Officer Obligations. • Regulatory Reform. • Workforce. • Certification and Licensing. • New Technologies. 	Maritime New Zealand
12.15pm	VESSEV – the future of hydrofoiling in the commercial maritime sector	Eric Laakmann, Director, Vessev
12.45pm	Lunch	
1.15pm	MARPOL and Maritime Rule Part 199 – unpacking the requirements as they relate to New Zealand and establishing guidelines for Surveyors	Bruce Maroc – Surveyor of Ships Coram Surveys
1.45pm	Marine biosecurity update	John Walsh, Director Pest Management Biosecurity New Zealand
2.15pm	MAN engine emission reduction strategy	Marco Masia Director of Seapower Australia Pty Ltd
2.45pm	Heron Construction Ltd: Marine Projects & Innovation A showcase of key projects by one of NZ's leading workboat operators, including salvage work on HMNZS <i>Manawanui</i> .	Dave McArtney, Marine Superintendent Heron Construction Ltd
3.05pm	Afternoon Tea	

3.20pm	General purpose of Transport Accident Investigation Commission with findings and lessons from its inquiry into the capsizing of charter fishing vessel i-Catcher	Jeremy Dann, Marine Investigator Louise Cook, Chief Investigator of Accidents Transport Accident Investigation Commission
3.50pm	The Common Pitfalls in vessel build agreements	Peter Dawson, Director Dawson & Associates
4.10pm	Unlocking the full potential of our waterways	Candela and Green Pacific Shipping
4.30pm	Health and Safety – a modern look at how it applies to the maritime sector	NextEra – specialists in health, safety and wellbeing. Jo Zoricich - Director
4.50pm	NZMTA update and the year ahead Seafarer of the Year – announcing the finalists	Margaret Wind, Executive Director Chris Musgrave, President, NZMTA
6.30pm DALKON Shield Challenge (North versus South)		
7.00pm Conference Dinner & Seafarer of the Year Award , sponsored by McMullen and Wing		
SODA Restaurant, 2 Rees Street, Queenstown		

DAY 2: PROGRAMME Thursday 12 June

9.00am	<u>EXCURSIONS:</u> A tour of the Queenstown Marina with an optional jet boat experience (or water taxi option). We also hope to visit the historic <i>Earnslaw</i> slipway where the famous ship is scheduled for a major refit project. Return transport provided from the Rydges Hotel	Everyone welcome
11.35 am	NETWORKING LUNCH provided on return	
12.15-1.00pm	<i>NZMTA Annual General Meeting</i>	Members are welcome to attend

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