CFA 2026 Conference and Trade Show
September 20 – 22, 2026
The Westin Ottawa | 11 Colonel By Dr | Ottawa, ON K1N 9J1

Sunday, September 20, 2026 **Confederation Ballroom + Confederation Ballroom Foyer (4th Floor)**	
12:00 pm	**Registration opens**
12:00 – 5:00 pm	**Exhibitor Set-Up**
5:00 – 7:00 pm	**Welcome Reception (sponsored by Hammonds Fuel Additives, Inc.)** ***Governor General Ballroom***

Monday, September 21, 2026 **All sessions will be held in the Confederation Ballroom (4th Floor)**	
7: 45 am	**Breakfast & Exhibitor Hall open**
8:30 am	**Welcome to the CFA Conference** Nicolas Jimenez, Chair, Canadian Ferry Association Colin Tibbo, Chair, Innovation Committee, Canadian Ferry Association
8:45 am	**Welcome from the Government of Ontario** Jason Buick, Manager, Marine Services, Ontario Ministry of Transportation
9:00 am	**Theme 1 – From Data to Decisions: AI, Automation and Smart Operations** ***Panel Discussion*** David Tyler, Managing Director - North America, Artemis Technologies Roeland Duursma, Global Business Development, AutoMooring Solutions (AMS) Vladyslav Sokol, Vice President of AI, Nikaxu Inc
10:20 am	**Networking Break**
11:00 am	**Wärtsilä - Innovations in Ferry Technologies** Patrik Silfver, Head of Ferries, Wärtsilä Finland Oy Matteo Sartori, Team Leader, System Development & Design, Wärtsilä Italia S.p.A.
11:15 am	**Operators Panel**
12:00 pm	**Lunch**
1:30 pm	**Breakout sessions - Sharing best practices** Topic – What are challenges facing the ferry sector in its efforts to extend the lifecycle of assets while responding to current demands? (climate change, environment, customer requirements, fiscal constraints, etc.). • Provincial and Municipal Operators • Private Operators and Operators under Contract • Suppliers
2:45 pm	**Networking Break**
3:15 pm	**Theme 2 – Innovation Underway: Technology Solutions for Workforce, Safety and Reliability** ***Panel Discussion*** Kristian Fiskerstrand, Head of Remote & Autonomy and Fleet Operations, Kongsberg Maritime

	Louis Choinière, Vice-président aux immobilisations, Société des traversiers du Québec Carl Johansson, Vice President Commercial & Strategy, Zeabuz
4:45 pm	**Sponsor Presentation - Japan Ship Machinery & Equipment Association**
5:00 pm	**End of Presentations**
5:30 – 8:00 pm	**Reception** *National Gallery of Canada (Scotiabank Great Hall)*

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 All sessions will be held in the Confederation Ballroom (4th Floor)	
8:00 am	**Breakfast & Exhibitor Hall open**
8:45 am	**Welcome to Delegates**
9:00 am	**Building, Maintenance and Recycling Ferries in Canada – A Study** Serge Buy, CEO, Canadian Ferry Association
9:15 am	**Operator Panel**
9:45 am	**Damen Shipyards - The road to improved maintenance** Toine Cleophas, Product Director Digital Solutions, Damen Shipyards
10:00 am	**Networking Break**
10:40 am	**Theme 3 – Innovating Responsibly: Technology, Sustainability and Regulatory Readiness** ***Panel Discussion*** Geoff Cole, Manager, Ferry Asset Management, City of Toronto Maryam Ebrahimian, VP Sales Canada, Corvus Energy Sveinung Odegard, President, Zinus Power LLC
12:00 pm	**Sponsor Presentation – Schottel – elkon** Sylvain Robitaille, Regional Manager – Canada, Schottel
12:05 pm	**Lunch**
1:15 pm	**Sponsor Presentation - Kongsberg**
1:25 pm	**Operator Panel**
2:25 pm	**Sponsor Presentation – Innovation Norway** Geir A. Haugum, Commercial Counsellor, The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Ottawa
2:35 pm	**Networking Break**
3:15 pm	**Transport Canada Update** Michael Vandergrift, Deputy Minister, Transport Canada
3:45 pm	**Anchor Operating System - From Data to Decisions: How Digital Platforms Are Powering Smarter Ferry Operations** Nasi Peretz, President & CTO, Anchor Operating System
3:55 pm	**Sponsor Presentation – Acelleron Canada Inc.** Mike Guntern, Regional Technical Manager, Accelleron Canada Inc.
4:05 pm	**Operators Panel**
4:30 pm	**End of Presentation and Exhibit**
6:00 – 6:30 pm	**Reception** *Governor General Ballroom Foyer*
6:30 – 9:00 pm	**Gala Dinner (Sponsored by Corvus Energy Inc.)** *Governor General Ballroom*

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