

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 (4 th Floor)	
12:00 pm	Registration opens
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Exhibitor Set-Up
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception (sponsored by Hammonds Fuel Additives, Inc.) <i>Governor General Ballroom</i>

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 <i>Panel Discussion</i> 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 <i>Panel Discussion</i> 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, Damen Digital Solutions B.V.
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 Maritime Canada Owen Brine, Sales Director, Kongsberg Maritime
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 Shoon Wai, Client Success Manager, Anchor Operating System
3:55 pm	Sponsor Presentation – Accelleron 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 <i>Governor General Ballroom Foyer</i>
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Gala Dinner (Sponsored by Corvus Energy Inc.)

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