

GMISS gives the maritime industry an on-going forum to help shape the development of maritime information sharing policies.

The benefits of maritime information sharing include:

- *Reduced friction for legitimate commerce*
- *Increased efficiency*
- *Improved security*
- *Enhanced safety*
- *Better environmental protection*

This annual symposium brings together representatives of the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and government agencies to collaborate on a global system of maritime information sharing. For details and agenda, please visit www.gmsa.gov/gmiss.



NATIONAL MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS COORDINATION OFFICE

The National Maritime Domain Awareness Coordination Office (NMCO) is a U.S. multi-agency entity responsible for developing effective access to interagency and international information for building situational awareness of maritime factors that could impact safety, security, the environment or the economy. NMCO improves information sharing across the global maritime community of interest by fostering interagency, intergovernmental and public-private sector relationships; identifying and aligning data standards, business processes and resources; and by supporting the development of a digital architecture which will enable information sharing among otherwise incompatible systems.

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GMISS 2010 is an executive-level forum in which the global maritime industry collaborates with federal, state and local governments on innovative information sharing strategies that satisfy both government's need for maritime information and industry's need for efficient, safe and secure operations, while safeguarding the privacy and civil liberties of our mariners and port workers. The National Maritime Domain Awareness Coordination Office (NMCO) conducts GMISS in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard, Maritime Administration, U.S. Navy, U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented



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The Global Maritime Information Sharing Symposium (GMISS) is hosted annually by the NMCO on behalf of the U.S. Maritime Administration to better coordinate interagency government interaction with the maritime industry, improve and increase industry-government maritime information sharing relationships and to bring industry issues before the interagency bodies that coordinate government maritime policies.

A key focus of GMISS 2010 is collaborating on progress toward an efficient global system for maritime security, including emergency, environmental threat and hazard reporting. By consolidating, improving and streamlining existing systems through equal partnerships between federal, state, tribal, and local agencies, foreign states, and the maritime industry, simplified maritime reporting could help reduce piracy and smuggling, protect the environment, safeguard mariners, and strengthen the U.S. and its global partners against natural disasters, accidents and terrorist threats.



VENUE & LODGING

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REGISTRATION

GMISS 2010 will be held at the Hilton Baltimore, located adjacent to Camden Yards at Baltimore's Inner Harbor, one of America's oldest seaports. Accommodations are available at the Hilton Baltimore and other nearby hotels.

