

FEATURING:

Webinar on From Hull to Habitat: Addressing Biofouling for Healthier Oceans and Sustainable Ports

Date: Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Washington D.C.

This webinar, organized by the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), brings together leading experts from Drake Marine Environmental Services from the United States, the Brazilian Maritime Authority and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to explore this multifaceted issue from scientific, regulatory, and operational perspectives. Through a series of presentations, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the biological and economic dimensions of biofouling, ongoing international efforts to advance a harmonized regulatory framework, and national-level approaches to management and mitigation.

This session aims to foster dialogue, share best practices, and highlight collaborative efforts needed to address biofouling effectively, supporting healthier marine ecosystems and more sustainable port operations worldwide.

Agenda

- 11:00 – 11:10** **Opening Remarks**
Jorge Durán, Chief of the Secretariat, CIP-OAS
- 11:10 – 11:15** **Introduction and Moderation**
Sabina Malnis, Program Manager, CIP-OAS
- 11:15 – 11:30** **Dr. Lisa Drake**, Owner, Drake Marine Environmental Services
- 11:35 – 11:50** **Dr. Colin Henein**, Coordinator, International Maritime Organization
Correspondence Group on Development of a Legally Binding Framework on
Ships' Biofouling
- 11:55 – 12:10** **Capt. Cecília de Castro**, Head, Department of Environmental Affairs in Coastal
Areas and Brazilian Jurisdictional Waters, Brazilian Maritime Authority
- 12:10 – 12:20** **Q&A Session**
- 12:20 – 12:30** **Closing Remarks**
Jorge Durán, Chief of the Secretariat, CIP-OAS

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