



NMSF Program overview

Charting the Course: Building a Safe, Healthy and Sustainable Maritime Workforce

Date: Thursday, 12 November 2026

Format: Hybrid (In-person and virtual)

Venue: Cliftons Brisbane, 23/288 Edward St, Brisbane City QLD 4000

Program breakdown

8.30am | In Person Attendee Registration

9.00am-9.15am | Forum Commences and Welcome

AMSA's Chief Executive Officer will officially open the Forum, welcoming participants and setting the scene for a day of insightful discussion and collaboration.

9.15am-10.30am | Regulator Briefing: Progress, Priorities and Partnership

Government and regulators support a safe, sustainable and resilient maritime industry through effective regulation, compliance, service delivery and stakeholder engagement.

AMSA and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts will outline strategic priorities, regulatory reforms, compliance focus areas and future initiatives. Participants can engage directly with representatives to share perspectives, address sector challenges and identify opportunities to strengthen compliance and performance.

10.30am-11.00am | Break

11.00am-12.00pm | Sector Spotlight: Priorities, Pressures and Possibilities

Industry and education leaders will share initiatives and lessons to attract, develop and retain Australia's maritime workforce. An interactive discussion will allow participants to exchange experiences and identify opportunities for sector-wide collaboration.

12.00pm-1.00pm | Break

1.00pm-2.00pm | Human Factors at Sea: Wellbeing, Safety and Workforce Sustainability

This facilitated panel will bring together seafarer welfare, industry, workforce and regulatory perspectives on building a safe, healthy and sustainable maritime workforce. Panellists will discuss wellbeing, fatigue, health, workplace culture, attraction and retention, and practical initiatives supporting people who work at sea.

2.00pm-2.30pm | Closing Remarks

The forum will close with reflections on the day's key themes, insights and opportunities. Participants will understand how their contributions will shape future engagement and ongoing dialogue between AMSA and maritime stakeholders.