

National Association of Marine Laboratories (NAML) 2005 Annual Meeting and Retreat

- Date:** 2:00 PM on 21 September to 12:00 Noon on 23 September 2005
- Location:** F. T. Stone Laboratory, Ohio Sea Grant College Program, The Ohio State University, Gibraltar Island, Put-in-Bay, Ohio.
- Registration Fee:** \$300 by 12 September and \$350 afterwards. Please make checks payable to Ohio State University. We cannot accept credit cards. This fee will cover two nights lodging, a reception on 21 September, 6 meals, 4 coffee breaks, and transportation to and from Gibraltar Island each day to allow visitors to enjoy the island nightlife. If you choose to stay in a hotel on South Bass Island, your registration fee will be \$200 and \$250 (before and after 12 September) and you will be responsible for paying your hotel bill.
- Registration Form:** Attached. Please fax to 614-292-4364, email to Bonita Cordi at cordi.2@osu.edu, or mail to Stone Laboratory, Ohio State University, 1314 Kinnear Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43212.
- Accommodations:** All meetings and meals will be at Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island (www.sg.ohio-state.edu) in the harbor at Put-in-Bay, Ohio. The village of Put-in-Bay is on South Bass Island. By visiting our web site and progressing to Stone Laboratory, Directions and Maps, About Us, and Island Campus, you will find directions and see an aerial photo of Gibraltar Island (<http://www.sg.ohio-state.edu/slab/about/campus.asp>). I can accommodate up to about 40 on Gibraltar Island in either single or double occupancy rooms (no cost difference). We will accommodate as many as possible in single rooms and then go to double occupancy. Those not wishing to stay in University housing, or wishing to guarantee a single room, can book their own hotel rooms in Put-in-Bay. I suggest the Islander Inn at 1-877-500-7829. They have given us a rate for this Stone Laboratory affiliated group of \$90/night. It is very easy to stay in this hotel and take the water taxi (5 minutes) to and from meetings on Gibraltar Island. Please call if you would like to come a day early.
- Travel:** Cleveland Hopkins International Airport is suggested, but Detroit Metro and Toledo will also work. It is about a 1.5-2 hour drive from Cleveland to the Miller Ferry Boat that services Put-in-Bay. We will provide a van and make one round trip leaving Cleveland Hopkins International Airport at 11:00 AM on the 21st and returning at 3:00 on the 23rd for those not wishing to rent cars. For those renting cars, I suggest that you leave them in parking lots on the mainland and not bring them over to South Bass Island on the ferryboat. Miller Ferry from Catawba Point (<http://www.millerferry.com/>) costs \$11.00 for a roundtrip fare (not

included in your registration fee). You can also come on the Jet Express Ferry (\$22.00 roundtrip) from Port Clinton, Ohio, if you choose (<http://www.jet-express.com/PortClinton.html>).

Dress: Casual dress will be appropriate for all portions of the event. Shorts and sandals are fine. The weather should be very nice at this time of year, but it is always a good idea to bring a coat and sweater and a raincoat, just in case.

Draft Agenda

This meeting will be a retreat with the primary focus being the reformation of NAML and the development of our governmental affairs agenda and policies. We will be addressing the following issues during the course of the meeting:

- Increasing NAML's influence on coastal, marine and Great Lakes issues
- Our governmental affairs agenda—our major wants and needs
- Development of NAML's strategic plan
- Financing NAML's governmental affairs program
- NAML's web site and outreach efforts
- NAML's general policies for communication, outreach and advocacy
- Membership policies
- Plans for March meeting in Washington
- Updates from regional associations
- Possibly several guest speakers

Wednesday, 21 September

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| 11:00 AM | Depart Cleveland Hopkins International Airport in Vans |
| 2:00 PM | Refreshments on Stone Laboratory Dining Hall porch |
| 2:30 | Welcome and Introductions
Jeff Reutter, President of NAML and Director of Stone Laboratory |
| 2:45 | Introduction to Governmental Affairs Discussion
Tony Michaels, Chair NAML Public Policy Committee and Jeff Reutter |
| 3:15 | Review of Lewis-Burke Activities
Joel Widder, Lewis-Burke and Associates |
| 4:00 | Discussion of NAML's Governmental Affairs Agenda and Strategy |
| 5:00 | Reception |
| 6:00 | Dinner |

7:00 Evening on your own in Put-in-Bay or more discussion

Thursday, 22 September

7:00 AM Breakfast

8:00 Early morning session

10:00 Break

10:30 Mid-morning session

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Early afternoon session

3:00 Break

3:30 Late afternoon session

6:00 Dinner

8:00 Sunset from top of Perry's International Peace Memorial

Friday, 23 September

7:00 AM Breakfast

8:00 Early morning session

10:00 Break

10:30 Plans for March meeting in Washington

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Depart for Ferry

1:00 Ferry and vans to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport