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Marine Renewables Canada's Annual East Coast Summer Event *An Evening on the Tall Ship Silva*

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Every summer, Marine Renewables Canada (MRC) holds a summer event to bring its members and the broader ocean and energy industries together for an evening of networking and catching up on progress and opportunities in the sector. With the COVID-19 pandemic ongoing, this year is obviously much different for all of us – and we were not sure whether there would be an opportunity for any in-person events. Now that Nova Scotia and Atlantic Canada as a whole are easing restrictions, we are excited to announce that we have decided to move ahead with our annual summer event on a smaller-scale – and – with absolute adherence to all public health directives.

Moving forward with the summer event is important to MRC for many reasons: We want to create an opportunity for our members to connect with colleagues again and get updates on industry opportunities and progress; We believe that engaging local businesses to help us deliver events like this is integral to ensuring that small businesses can overcome the losses they have faced; and we also feel strongly that although virtual meetings and events are effective for many business needs, they still do not have the same impact as face-to-face interactions.

We hope that you can join us on the Tall Ship Silva for a wonderful evening featuring a cruise on Halifax Harbour, live music, and an opportunity to re-connect with colleagues!

Health & Safety Measures - What to expect

Event attendees' health and safety is a priority for MRC and the Tall Ship Silva ("Silva"). MRC has been working closely with the Silva to ensure that the event implements all current Nova Scotia public health directives. The event will also follow the Silva's [COVID-19 protocols](#). As public health directives are changing on a continuous basis, we are monitoring them closely and will ensure that the most recent requirements are implemented. At this time (June 24), attendees can expect the following:

- **Physical distancing:** The event will be limited to 50 people (1/3 of the Silva's capacity) and all attendees will be required to practice physical distancing. Groups of 10 people will be permitted to gather as stated by [Nova Scotia's gathering restriction requirements](#). The Tall Ship Silva has implemented new measures onboard to assist attendees with physical distancing.
- **Symptoms screening:** Before any attendee boards the Silva, they will be required to fill out a COVID-19 screening tool and provide their signature. If they have any symptoms of COVID-19,

they will not be permitted to board the Silva. MRC will also have the names and contact information of all attendees to assist public health authorities with any contact tracing should that become necessary.

- **Service of food & beverage:** The Silva requires use of staff masks in any area of operation where six-foot physical distancing cannot be consistently maintained (such as servers). All food & beverage will be served for individual consumption only (there will be no buffets or re-use of glasses, etc.). This information will not be disclosed unless required.

MRC has also developed COVID-19 **health and safety guidelines** for all events and will implement aspects of the guidelines that are relevant to the Tall Ship Silva event.

Cancellation policy

Given the many uncertainties posed by COVID-19, MRC has established a flexible cancellation policy for this event. Full refunds will be given to registered attendees prior to August 7, 2020. After August 7, only substitutions will be accepted. In the case that the event needs to be cancelled due to a change in gathering restrictions and/or other public health directives, full refunds will be given to all attendees.