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20TH ANNUAL SEARCH & RESCUE FORUM

February 23rd – 28th 2026

Dedicated to Serve “So Others May Live.”

MONDAY – Feb. 23rd, 2026

TIME	EVENT	HOST
0700-0800	Registration	SAR Staff
0800-0845	Welcome & Opening Remarks	USCG & POV
0845-0900	Keynote Address – US Coast Guard	Capt. Britton
0900-0945	Forum Expectations / Opening Session	USCG & POV
0945-1000	Break	
1000-1030	2025 Year End Review and Strategic Growth	USCG & POV
1030-1100	Marine Weather	NWS
1100-1200	Command Center/ Drift & Search Pattern Development	USCG
1200 - 1300	Lunch	
1300-1330	Ops Brief for VSL Supervisors/TF Leaders	SAR Staff
1300-1700	Practical Stations	SAR Staff
Task Force 1	Small Boat Operations/Booming	SAR Staff
Task Force 2	Towing Operations	TowBoatUS
Task Force 3	Sonar Operations	Marine Sonic/Garmin HumminBird
Task Force 4	Raymarine Electronics/ SAR Patterns	Raymarine/USCG
1730	Debriefing	SAR Staff



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TUESDAY- February 24th, 2026

TIME	EVENT	HOST
0730-0745	Operations Brief	TFL's/VSL Supervisor
0800-0900	Finding the Invisible: Radiological & Nuclear Detection	POV Staff
0900-0915	Break	
0915-1030	Sonar Theory and Operations	Marine Sonic/HumminBird
1030-1130	Garmin Technologies Class	Garmin
1000 – 1200	Command Leadership Discussion	USCG & POV
1200 - 1300	Lunch	
1300-1330	Ops Brief for VSL Supervisors/TF Leaders	SAR Staff
1300-1700	Practical Stations	Ops Section Chief
Task Force 1	Raymarine Electronics/SAR Patterns	Raymarine/USCG
Task Force 2	Small Boat Operations/Booming	SAR Staff
Task Force 3	Towing Operations	TowBoatUS
Task Force 4	Sonar Operations	Marine Sonic/Garmin HumminBird
1730 - 1830	Dinner	
1830 – 1845	Nighttime Brief	SAR Staff
1900 – 2100	Nighttime Underway Familiarization of the Norfolk Harbor	SAR Staff



WEDNESDAY- February 25th, 2026

TIME	EVENT	HOST
0730-0745	Operations Brief	TFL's/VSL Supervisor
0800-1200	Practical Stations	Ops Section Chief
Task Force 1	Sonar Operations	Marine Sonic/Garmin HumminBird
Task Force 2	Raymarine Electronics/SAR Patterns	Raymarine/USCG
Task Force 3	Small Boat Operations/Booming	SAR Staff
Task Force 4	Towing Operations	TowBoatUS
1000-1200	Local 911 Communications Panel	USCG
1000-1200	Command Leadership Discussion	USCG & POV
1200 - 1300	Lunch	
1300-1700	Practical Stations	Ops Section Chief
Task Force 1	Towing Operations	TowBoatUS
Task Force 2	Sonar Operations	Marine Sonic/Garmin HumminBird
Task Force 3	Raymarine Electronics/SAR Patterns	Raymarine/USCG
Task Force 4	Small Boat Operations/Booming	SAR Staff
1700 - 1800	Dinner	
1800 – 1830	Flare Safety Presentation	Ops Staff
1830-2200	Nighttime Navigation/Radar Exercise Distress Flare Demonstration	UC/Ops Section



Thursday - February 26th, 2026
Vendor Day

TIME	EVENT	HOST
0730-0745	Operations Brief	TFL's/VSL Supervisor
0800-0900	USCG Sector VA Command Center Make-Up	USCG – LTJG Kate Mrak
0900 - 0930	USCG Elizabeth City Helicopter Lecture	USCG Station Elizabeth City
0930 - 1200	USCG Helicopter Demonstration/ SAR Techniques	USCG Station Elizabeth City
1200 - 1300	Lunch	
1300-1700	Maritime Active Shooter Training	SAR Staff
	Vessel Clearing (Law Enforcement)	VBPD
	Tactical Causality Care & Advancing M.A.R.C.H. (Fire/EMS)	U.S. Navy
1330 - 1430	Commercial Providers Forum	USCG
1430 - 1700	Open Forum/ Additional Training/ Vendors	SAR Staff
1700 - 1800	Dinner	
1830-2200	Nighttime Search & Rescue Evolution Underway SAR Exercise	UC/Ops Section



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FRIDAY- February 27th, 2026

TIME	EVENT	HOST
0800 – 0830	Exercise Brief	UC/Ops Section Chief
0900 – 1200	Final SAR Exercise	SAR Staff
1200 - 1300	Lunch	
1300 – 1600	Final SAR Exercise	SAR Staff
1800 – 2100	SAR Forum School Dinner & Networking Event	Ballroom



SATURDAY- February 28th, 2026

TIME	EVENT	HOST
0800 – 0900	Final Exercise Hotwash	POV & USCG
0900 – 1030	Responding to the Potomac River Mid-Air Collision	Washington DC Fire
1030 – 1200	Investigation and Command and Control on the Potomac River	DC Metro PD / FBI
1200 - 1300	Lunch	
1300 – 1400	Debrief	SAR Staff
	Closing Remarks	USCG & POV
	Evaluations	
	Presentation of Certificates Special Awards	SAR Staff