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WATER SPORTS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 10-11, 2026

# PARASAIL OPERATORS SYMPOSIUM

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

## Day 1 • Nov 10TH

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| 7:30 | Registration & Exhibitor Hall Open | Coffee Served |
| 8:00 | Breakfast — Sponsored by Custom Chutes Inc. | |
| 9:00 | Kickoff & Welcome | |
| 9:10 | **Opening Remarks from the U.S. Coast Guard** | CDR Kelli Dougherty & LCDR Jorge Santiago |
| 9:25 | ***Product reveal that will change your life*** | Custom Chutes |
| 9:30 | Top Tier Sponsor Presentations | Custom Chutes Inc. · Volvo Penta · indexic · BRP |
| 9:45 | **Clear Skies: FAA Waivers & Airspace Safety** | Jenny Ledford, Tactical Operations Team |
| 9:55 | **Before Help Arrives: Lifesaving Skills Every Parasail Crew Should Know** | Janet Celli & Susan Whitney |
| 10:40 | Top Tier Sponsor Presentations | Yamaha WaveRunners & Boats · Grasso Moeller |
| 10:50 | **A New Choice for Parasail Insurance** | Berkley Offshore \| ONE80 Intermediaries |
| 11:35 | Exhibitor Hall Open | |
| 12:00 | Lunch — Sponsored by Grasso Moeller | |
| 1:00 | **Preventative Maintenance That Prevents Lost Revenue** | Volvo Penta |
| 2:00 | Sponsor Presentations | Viewpoint · waverez |
| 2:05 | **Weather: Forecasting the Future** | Brendan Schaper, National Weather Service |
| 2:35 | **On-Boat Equipment Walk-Through & Demo** | Bryce Wickersham & Lee Abbott |
| 2:55 | Sponsor Presentations | Recreation Risk Retention Group · souvenirpix |
| 3:00 | **FWC: Safety, Enforcement & Lessons Learned** | Capt. Rachel Bryant & Lt. Nick Korade |
| 3:20 | **ASTM Safety Standards Updates & Topics for Discussion** | Katerina Koperna |
| 3:35 | **Cummins Engine Essentials: Performance, Maintenance & Reliability** | Kyle McDonald & John Tyson |
| 4:30 | 4:00 Private Meeting for Recreation Risk Retention Group Members — Salon 18 (Upstairs)<br>Exhibitor Hall Reception — Sponsored by Yamaha | |
| 6:00 | Dinner — Sponsored by indexic | |
| 7:00 | Prize Giveaways | *Registered Attendees Only* |
| 7:15 | **Parasail Industry Award Lifetime Achievement: James Vaught** | |
| 8:00 | Attendee Meet-up at Pointe Orlando | |

## Day 2 • Nov 11TH

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| 8:00 | Exhibitor Hall Open | Coffee Served |
| 8:30 | Breakfast — Sponsored by Berkley Offshore \| ONE80 Intermediaries | |
| 9:15 | Salute to Veterans in Attendance | |
| 9:20 | **Engine Diagnostics: A Systematic Approach to Troubleshooting** | Volvo Penta |
| 10:30 | **Keeping the Winch Working: Maintenance, Diagnostics & Performance** | Thomas Neligon |
| 11:15 | **Legal Discussion & Review of Recent Cases with Q&A** | Joe Grasso |
| 11:35 | **Thinking like a PRO: West Marine's Program for Operators** | Will Boudreaux |
| 11:45 | Exhibitor Hall Open | |
| 12:00 | Lunch served — Sponsored by Volvo Penta | |
| 12:10 | **Lunch & Learn: Keeping Your Drive Alive** | Volvo Penta |
| 1:00 | Closing Reception Opens — Sponsored by BRP | Exhibitor Hall |
| 1:10 | **Parasail Operators Challenge Competition** — Built & sponsored by Custom Chutes Inc. | |
| 1:50 | Competiton Winners Announced | |
| 2:00 | End of Event / Exhibitor Hall Closing | |