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MON

	WYNDHAM NEWPORT HOTEL - 240 Aquidneck Ave, Middletown, RI 02842		
07:30	REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST		
08:00	WELCOME	RADM Darryl Walker, USN NWC President	David Brown, COL USA (R) -- CIWAG Director CAPT George E. Lang Jr., USN (R) -- NWCF President & CEO
08:30 - 09:15	KEYNOTE SPEAKER		Dr. Geoffrey Till
09:15- 11:00	PANEL 1 SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES		Chris Burns, BG USA (R) -- Doug Livermore -- Frank Dowse -- Tom Sass, CAPT USN (R)
11:00 - 11:45	FIRESIDE CHAT		John W. (Fozzie) Miller, Vice Admiral, USN (R) w/ Tom Sass, CAPT USN (R)
12:00 - 13:15	LUNCH		
13:30 - 14:45	PANEL 2 LITTORAL MARITIME SECURITY		Dr. Michelle Paranzino -- Dr. Joshua Tallis -- Dr. Curtis Bell
14:45 - 16:00	PANEL 3 CARTELS NARCOTERRORISM		Dr. Timothy Hoyt -- Dr. Michelle Paranzino -- Salvador Artiaga
16:15 - 16:30	CLOSING REMARKS		
16:30 - 18:00	RECEPTION		

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TUES

07:30	REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST		
08:30	REVIEW		
09:00 - 09:45	KEYNOTE SPEAKER		Dr. Richard Tilley, PDASW SO/LIC
09:45 - 11:15	PANEL 4 SHADOW FLEET		Dr. Geoffrey Till -- Michelle Bockmann Freddy Furulund -- Sarah Emerson
11:30 - 12:30	LUNCH		
12:45 - 14:00	PANEL 5 MARITIME LAWFARE		Sean P. Henseler, J.D., CDR USN (R) -- James Kraska, LL.M, S.J.D -- CDR Sara Neugroschel, JAGC, USN
14:15 - 15:30	PANEL 6 MARITIME HOMELAND DEFENSE / PORTS		Dr. Nikolas Gvosdev -- Mike Edgerton -- Jeff Garvey
15:45 - 17:00	PANEL 7 SEIZURE AT SEA MARITIME ESCORT OPS		Dr. Doyle Hodges -- CAPT Victor Sheldon, USN -- CAPT Brian Breguet, USCG -- John W. (Fozzie) Miller, Vice Admiral, USN (R)
17:00 - 17:15	CLOSING REMARKS		

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WEDS

07:30	BREAKFAST		
08:30	REVIEW		
08:45 - 09:30	IW PUBLICATION		David Maxwell, COL USA (R) - Small Wars Journal and Dr. John Pennell - PRISM
09:30 - 10:45	PANEL 8 NATO & ARCTIC CHALLENGES		Dr. Peter Dombrowski -- James Bergeron -- James Langan UK MOD -- Jeremy McKenzie
11:00 - 12:15	PANEL 9 MARITIME AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS		Chris Booth -- Michael Stewart, CAPT USNR (R) -- Austin Gray -- Ivan Ablamskyi
12:15 - 12:45	CLOSING REMARKS		

PROGRAM OF EVENTS
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