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**Subject:** The Maritime Association of South Carolina 90th Annual Meeting and Gala  
**Location:** Charleston Area Convention Center, 5001 Coliseum Dr, North Charleston, S.C.  
**When:** 1/29/2016 7:30:00 PM - 9:30:00 PM

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**APPROVED BY:** NH on 11/5

**EVENT:** The Maritime Association of South Carolina 90th Annual Meeting and Gala

**DATE:** Friday, January 29, 2016

**TIME:**

6:30 PM: Cocktails (NH was invited to attend but we regretted.)

7:30 PM: Dinner

Award Presentation will begin immediately upon completion of dinner

Dancing will take place until midnight

**LOCATION:** Charleston Area Convention Center, 5001 Coliseum Dr, North Charleston, S.C. The event will be in the ballrooms A, B, & C of the Convention Center.

**LOCATION SET-UP:** There will be round tables for 10 with a reserved head table. There will be a stage, podium, and microphone. The head table will be on the stage facing the audience.

**TABLE:**

1. Governor Haley
2. First Gentleman Michael Haley
3. Hal Burton (Owner/CEO of Premier Logistics - also the Title Sponsor for the Event and the outgoing Chairman of the Board of Directors of MASC)
4. Betsy Burton
5. Pam Zaresk, President, Maritime Association of SC
6. Pat Barber (owner/CEO Superior Transport)
7. Kim Barber
8. Captain of the Port of the Coast Guard Gary Tomasulo
9. Kelli Tomasulo

**ATTIRE:** Black-tie optional

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**PURPOSE:** Governor Haley and the First Gentleman will attend the Maritime Association of South Carolina Annual Gala where the Governor will be awarded the Christopher Gadsden Award. The Christopher Gadsden Award is the SC Maritime Association's highest honor and is not award every year. The group voted to award Governor Haley in recognition of the impact she has had on the Maritime industry. The association also voted on a second award for Maritime Advancement to be given posthumously to Senator Pinckney for his efforts on the Jasper Port.

**PRESS:** Yes.

**PUBLIC:** Yes.

**INVITED BY:** Bratton Riley

**ATTENDEES:** Expect 700 attendees.

**INTRODUCED BY:**

Vince Marino  
Container Maintenance Corporation  
Former MASC Board Chair

**LENGTH OF SPEAKING:** The Governor will have as much or as little time (up to 20 minutes is she so chooses) for her acceptance and comments.

**SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:**

6:30 - 7:30 PM Cocktail Hour

(Open Bar but also a cash champagne bar with those who purchase champagne receiving extra tickets for a drawing for a cruise and a piece of jewelry from Croghan's Jewel Box)

7:30 PM Meeting called to order, Pamela Zaresk  
Pledge of Allegiance, Captain Gary Tomasulo  
Invocation, Rev. Len Williams (Port Chaplain)  
Introduction of Events Committee, Billy Adams  
Dinner is served

8:30 PM As soon as "head table" is cleared President Pam Zaresk will introduce special guests  
Recognize former Gadsden Award winners in attendance; recognize sponsors; etc. and then introduce  
Vince Marino

8:40 PM Mr. Marino will introduce the Governor and present the award.

8:45 PM The Governor will gives remarks and accept the award

At the conclusion of the Governor's comments President Pam Zaresk will call to the podium out-going Chair Hal Burton to say a few brief words and introduce incoming Chair Pat Barber. Mr. Barber will present the outgoing Chair gift; say a few short words; introduce the band; have the drawing for the cruise and jewelry; adjourn the meeting and invite everyone to have dessert and coffee (dessert and coffee will be served in the foyer) and then enjoy the entertainment - the band Party on the Moon.

All of the formalities will be completed by 9:30 at the very latest.

**BACKGROUND:**

**The Christopher Gadsden Award**

Christopher Gadsden was born in Charleston in 1724. As a businessman, he is best remembered as the builder and owner of Gadsden's Wharf, one of the largest commercial shipping and vessel repair facilities in North American. Located at the foot of what is today Calhoun Street, it had its own lock system, so operations could be conducted around the clock, regardless of tide.

Because of his early and staunch support for independence from Great Britain, Gadsden became known as "The Flame of Liberty". He was a member of the Continental Congress; served as a brigadier general in the Continental Army; and was twice lieutenant governor of South Carolina.

The Christopher Gadsden Award is presented by the Maritime Association of South Carolina to a person whose local, statewide or national achievements are worthy of recognition. Criteria for selection include sustained leadership in a field or fields related to international commerce and exhibition of vision, integrity and loyalty. The award is not necessarily presented every year. The award is presented during the Annual Dinner and Gala of the Maritime Association of South Carolina.

**Christopher Gadsden Award Recipients**

1995	SC Secretary of Commerce Robert V. Royall
1997	W. Don Welch
2000	US Senator Ernest F. Hollings
2001	Warren F. Lasch
2003	SC Senator Glenn F. McConnell
2005	Whitemarsh S. Smith III
2007	John F. Maybank, Sr.
2008	D. Loy Stewart
2009	US Congressman James E. Clyburn
2010	John F. Hassell, III
2011	Admiral Thad W. Allen, USCG (Ret.)
2012	Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr.
2014	US Senator Lindsey Graham
2015	Bill Stern

**TALKING POINTS:**