

# SESBLC

## The Rising Tide of SBA Lending

MARCH 18-20, 2026  
Westin Savannah Harbor Resort



## ATTENDEE GUIDE

### VENUE INFORMATION

The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa  
1 Resort Dr., Savannah, GA 31421  
(912) 201-2000  
Hotel Check-In/Out: 4:00 PM/11:00 AM  
[Visit the Hotel's Website](#)

### CONFERENCE CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION

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| Wednesday 3/18 | 12:00 PM – 6:30 PM |
| Thursday 3/19  | 7:30 AM – 4:15 PM  |
| Friday 3/20    | 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM |

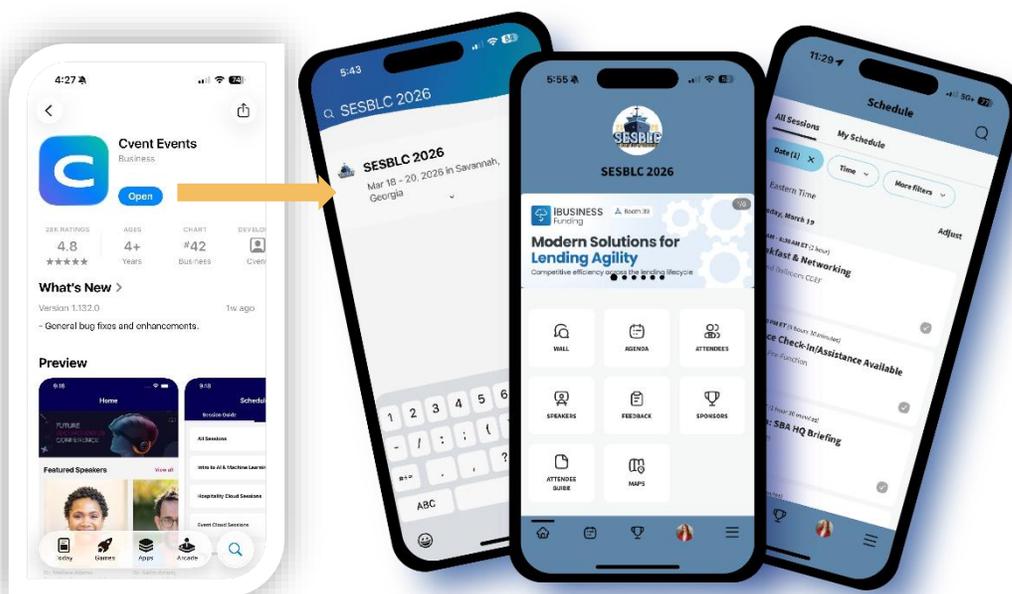
**REMINDER:** Opening Session is WEDNESDAY @ 3:30 PM -  
Check-In before 3:00 pm to avoid long lines!

We ask that all attendees consider NOT attending if you are currently experiencing any flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough, etc.

## MOBILE APP INFORMATION

### Download the **NEW MOBILE APP** before the conference begins

Use the mobile app to access the conference agenda, speakers, materials, and much more – this is a DIFFERENT app (CVENT EVENTS) than we've used in our previous events. **Download BEFORE** the conference to start planning your schedule and connecting with other attendees!



1. **From your mobile device, [CLICK HERE](#)**  
OR find & download the CVENT Events app in your App Store.
2. Follow prompts to create/update your profile (using the same email as the one used to register for the conference).
3. **JOIN** the **SESBLC 2026** event.
4. Start navigating the app:
  - Find sessions/customize your schedule in **AGENDA** and complete session **FEEDBACK** after each session!
  - Post or comment on the **WALL**
  - Connect with others in **ATTENDEES**
  - Visit our **SPONSORS** and **SPEAKERS**
  - Explore the venue using **MAPS**

[CLICK HERE](#) to Access the WEB VERSION of the Conference App

# NETWORKING EVENTS

All times listed in Eastern time zone.



## HARBOR MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT WEDNESDAY, 3/18 8:00 AM

Our shotgun scramble tees off at 8:00 AM at The Club at Savannah Harbor, located on property at the Westin, just a 5-minute walk or 2-minute shuttle ride away. Range practice and breakfast begin at 7:00 AM. The Westin shuttle will depart at 6:55 am, 7:15 am & 7:35 am from the hotel's main lobby drive. *All registered golfers should have received an email with full details and foursome assignments. [Email us](#) if you have not received the email.*

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## “SETTING SAIL” WELCOME RECEPTION WEDNESDAY, 3/18 5:00-7:00 PM

After the Opening Session, drop an anchor and join us in the Exhibit Hall for a lively kick off to the conference! Reconnect with your SBA lending colleagues and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks before heading out to dinner.

Visit our exhibitors during the reception to start *sinking your opponent's ships* in our classic game of *Battleship* (game card can be found in the pocket of your name badge). Included for conference attendees and registered guests.

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## CAPTAIN'S NIGHTCAP WEDNESDAY, 3/18 9:00-11:00 PM

Wear your badge, grab a drink at the lobby bar, and then join us for our late-night meetup at the Midnight Sun Lounge (located behind the Lobby bar) for an assortment of desserts and live entertainment. All conference attendees and registered guests are included (badges required).



# MOONLIGHT ON THE MARINA

**THURSDAY, 3/19 6:30-9:30 PM**

Join us for a magical evening under the stars on the scenic River Lawn. Enjoy a relaxed night filled with coastal charm, live entertainment from Xtreme Atlanta Party Band and a riverfront view. Sip cocktails (drink tickets available in your badge pocket - cash bar also available), enjoy a delicious dinner and desserts, play lawn games, and catch up with friends. Included for all attendees and registered guests.

**IMPORTANT:** This is a private event and **your conference badge is REQUIRED** for entry.

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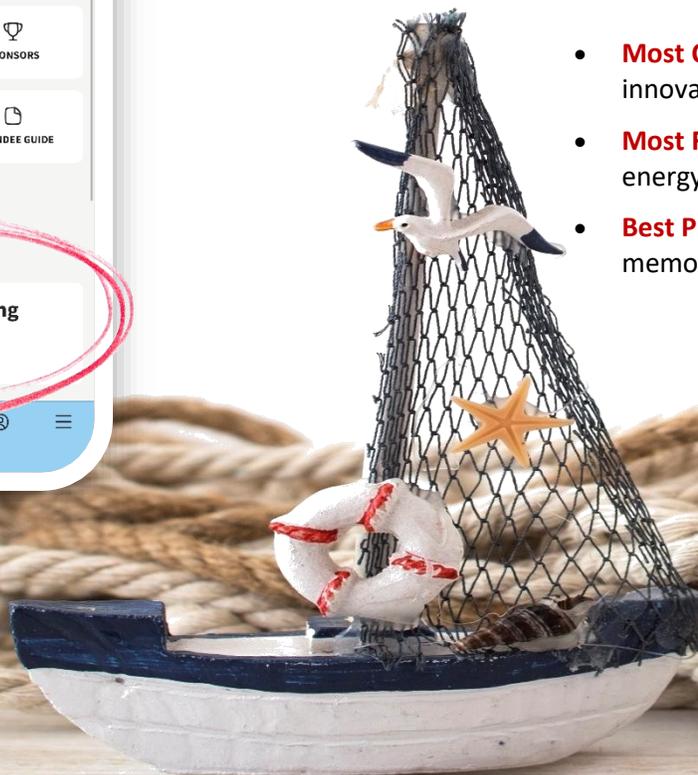
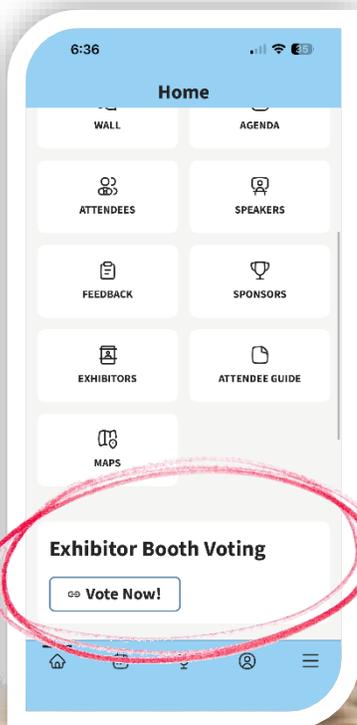


## MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

### EXHIBITOR BOOTH CONTEST! THREE WINNERS AS VOTED ON BY YOU!

Visit each exhibitor's booth and vote for your three favorite ones throughout the conference based on these categories:

- **Most Creative Booth** – The booth with the most innovative and eye-catching design
- **Most Fun Booth** – The booth that brings the most energy and interactive experience
- **Best Promo Item** – The exhibitor with the most memorable giveaway



**Our three WINNERS will earn \$200 off their 2027 SESBLC sponsorship!**

# DON'T MISS THESE SESSIONS

All times listed in Eastern time zone

## “ALL ABOARD” OPENING SESSION WEDNESDAY 3:30 – 5:00 PM KEYNOTE: ROB DOOLEY

Climb aboard for our opening session as we set sail on this year’s conference voyage. Our journey begins with a keynote from Rob Dooley, CFO of the Georgia Ports Authority, who will help chart the course ahead. Join us as we launch the conference on a strong tide!

*As Chief Financial Officer of the Georgia Ports Authority, Rob Dooley plays a critical role in overseeing the financial strategy, capital planning, and long-term growth of one of the nation’s most vital port systems. With extensive experience in finance, operations, and infrastructure investment, Rob is known for driving disciplined financial management while supporting innovation and expansion.*



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## FROM THE HELM: SBA HQ BRIEFING THURSDAY 8:30 – 10:00 AM GENERAL SESSION

Join us for a strategic panel discussion featuring leadership from U.S. SBA Headquarters as they navigate the latest policies and procedures shaping the waters ahead. Gain critical updates straight from the helm and ensure you’re sailing with the most current guidance. Check the app for a listing of all participating SBA HQ speakers!

## RETURNING TO PORT: CLOSING SESSION FRIDAY 9:00 – 11:30 AM GENERAL SESSION

Our closing session is loaded with valuable insights and a splash of fun! Join the crew as we hoist the colors for this year’s SBA Award winners from the Georgia and North Carolina districts, celebrating their outstanding voyages. Then stay on deck for important updates from NAGGL and NADCO to help navigate the waters ahead.

We’ll finish our journey with the Exhibit Booth winners, Battleship game drawings, and a few more surprises before we drop anchor on another successful conference.

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# HOTEL & TRAVEL INFO

## Hotel Highlights:

Our room block at [Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa](#) is now closed, and the hotel is sold out on most nights of the conference. To make any changes to your existing reservation, please contact the hotel directly at 912.

- CHECK-IN time is 4:00 pm; CHECK-OUT time is 11:00 am
- Discounted resort fee of \$33/night
- Discounted Parking: Self-Parking \$22; Valet \$40
- Complimentary guest room internet Wi-Fi
- Access to pools & fitness center

The closest airport is [Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport](#) which is 15 miles from the hotel. Taxi and car service is available, as well as Uber rideshare service.

A **Water Ferry** is available from the Westin to and from downtown Savannah. [Click HERE](#) for stops and schedule.



## **\*\*\*ST. PATRICK'S DAY TRAFFIC ALERT\*\*\***

If you are traveling into Savannah on March 17<sup>th</sup>, please note that heavy traffic is expected between 9:30 am until 1:00 pm for the St. Patrick's Day parade, when multiple downtown streets will be closed.



## DINING OPTIONS

Please see below for included meals for conference attendees & registered guests. For non-conference meal times, we highly recommend making reservations if you want to dine at one of the [onsite restaurants](#) on Wednesday evening, or making a reservation near a Water Taxi stop downtown (see *Water Ferry information above*).

## INCLUDED MEALS for all Registered Conference Attendees:

- **Wednesday:** Welcome Reception (5:00 – 7:00 pm) - includes beverages & hors d'oeuvres (dinner is on your own tonight); Captain's Nightcap Meetup in Midnight Sun Lounge (9:00 – 11:00 pm) – includes assorted desserts
- **Thursday:** Breakfast (7:15 - 8:15 am buffet in exhibit hall), morning and afternoon breaks, Lunch (11:45-1:00 pm buffet in exhibit hall), and Moonlight on the Marina Dinner Event (6:30 – 9:30 pm) – includes full dinner, dessert & drink tickets (in your badge pocket) with cash bar available.
- **Friday:** Breakfast (7:30-8:45 am buffet in exhibit hall)

**INCLUDED MEALS for PRE-REGISTERED/PAID GUESTS:** Wednesday's Welcome Reception and Thursday's Moonlight on the Marina Event are included for pre-registered/paid guests. *We are NOT able to accommodate any walkup guests that are not pre-registered, as we are now at capacity for all events.*

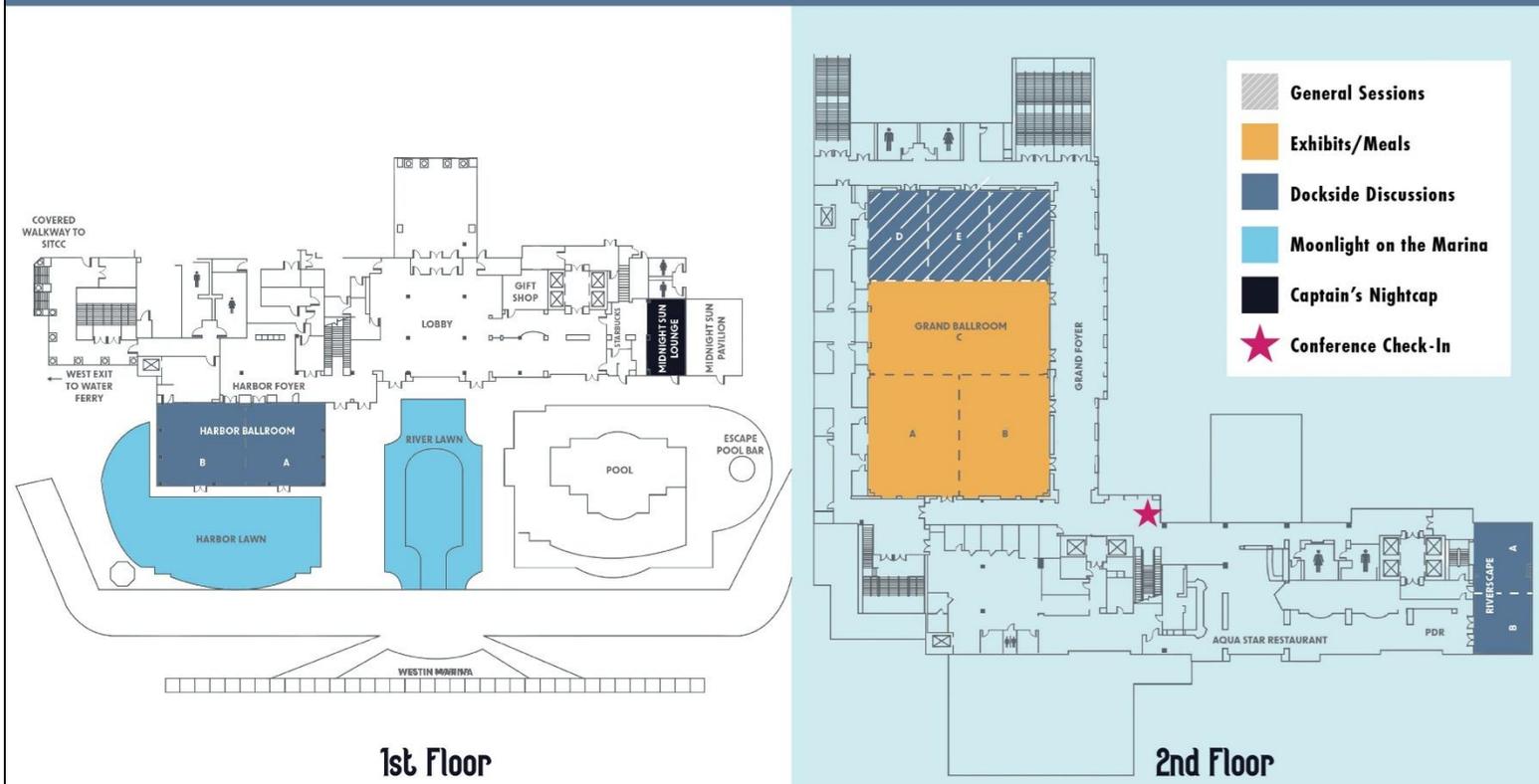
**For those who have communicated dietary restrictions**, all meals should include options to accommodate all dietary needs and should be clearly marked as such. If you are unable to locate suitable options within the provided buffet, please alert a banquet team member or one of our event staff, and we will gladly assist you with an alternate meal.

# MEETING SPACE & OTHER INFORMATION

The main meeting space is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors.

Conference dress is **business casual**; feel free to wear jeans. Temperatures in the meeting rooms tend to fluctuate – come prepared with a sweater or jacket. Our *Moonlight on the Marina* event is a “come as you are” event – everyone is welcome to dress as you wish – the event will be held outdoors on the riverfront, with an expected temperature of 60-65 degrees.

## WESTIN SAVANNAH RESORT MAP



## Looking for the AGENDA?

The best place to find it is in our MOBILE APP (see page 1 for download instructions), or if you're unable to download the app, we suggest visiting the conference website's [SCHEDULE](#) tab.

**We can't wait to see you!**

Remember to download the mobile app & have your QR Code ready at Check-In.  
Your QR code is located at the TOP of the HOME page of the App.

