

USA RICE MILLERS' ASSOCIATION



123RD CONVENTION

REGISTRATION BROCHURE

June 13-16, 2023

Grand Hyatt Baha Mar, The Bahamas

This year marks the 123rd Convention of the USA Rice Millers' Association (RMA). The event's longevity speaks to the value of this annual forum for the U.S. rice milling industry and allied businesses.

Contacts and Connections

The RMA Convention will provide excellent networking opportunities to strengthen business ties and pursue new relationships.

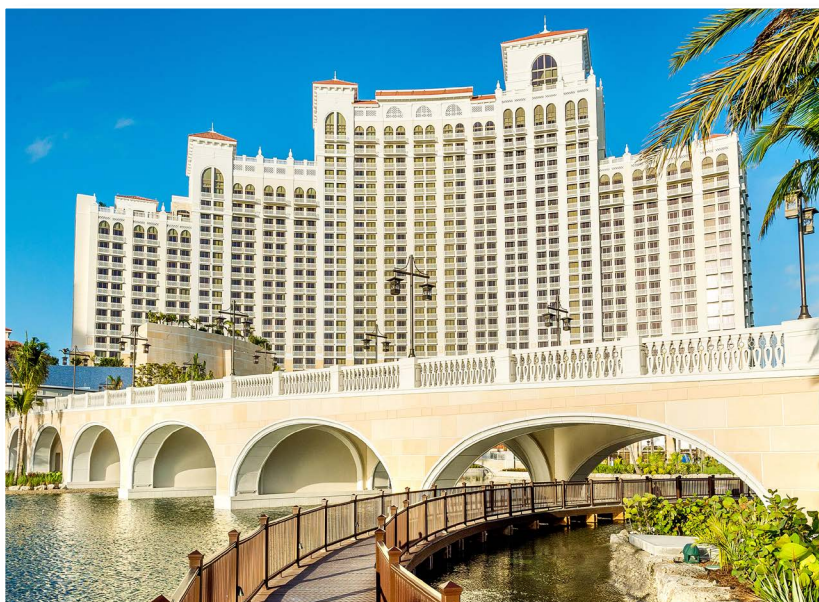


GRAND HYATT BAHAMAR

Hotel:

Grand Hyatt Baha Mar
1 Baha Mar Blvd.
Nassau, The Bahamas

General Phone: (242) 788-1234
Website: [Click Here](#)



GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

Airport/Transportation: Lynden Pindling Airport (NAS) is six miles/a 14-minute drive to/from hotel.

Passport: A Passport is required for each person to enter the Bahamas.

Parking: Self-parking lot is located beside the convention center and is complimentary. Valet Parking is \$25 per day and includes in and out privileges.

Renting a Car: If you choose to rent a car, please note traffic drives on the left side of the road.

Weather: In June, average daily temperatures in Bahamas ranges from of a high of 88 to a low of 74 degrees. Average rainfall is 8.02 inches in June.

Photo Release: Attendees acknowledge that photographs of convention events and facilities, taken by the RMA/USA Rice, may include their likeness and can be used in publicizing RMA/USA Rice events, including this and future conventions.

HOTEL RATES AND RESERVATIONS

Room Rates, Dates, and Availability: Special RMA Convention rates are offered on a limited number of rooms for Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16. Reservations are on a first-come first-served basis and are based on hotel availability. Pre and post dates can also be available based on hotel availability.

Singe/Double Room Rates (before tax and applicable fees): The Grand Hyatt Baha Mar has extended the following rates on hotel rooms on a first-come, first-served basis:

Room	Single/Double Rates
1 King Bed	\$299.00
2 Queen Beds	\$349.00
1 King Bed Fountain View	\$324.00
2 Queen Beds Fountain View	\$374.00
1 King Bed Ocean View, Balcony	\$499.00
2 Queen Beds Ocean View, Balcony	\$549.00
Grand Suite with 1 King Bed	\$529.00
2 Bedroom Fountain View*	\$749.00

*One available, contact Jeanette Davis if interested.

Hotel Reservations: Reservations may be made [online here](#) or by calling 1-800-233-1234 and ask for the G-USML group code. Hotel reservations must be made **no later than May 12, 2023**. Reservations made after May 12 and/or after the convention's room block is full are subject to space and rate availability. Please make your reservations early and request a confirmation number.

Hotel Deposit and Cancellation: A one-night deposit for each confirmed guestroom is required. The deposit is refundable if the reservation is cancelled 7 days prior to arrival.



Check-in/out Time: Check-in is 4:00 p.m.; check-out is 11:00 a.m. Guests arriving before 4:00 p.m. will be accommodated as rooms are available.

The Grand Hyatt Baha Mar has a \$59 plus tax resort fee per room, per night that will be charged.

The Resort fee includes:

- Access to the Spectacular Baha Bay Waterpark
- Daily Ambassador Flamingo Parade
- Non-motorized water sports: Kayaks, Stand up Paddle Boards, Water hammocks and water mats (on a first-come, first-served basis)
- ESPA Fitness center access
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the resort
- Unlimited local calls.
- 2 bottles of water daily
- Complimentary sunscreen at all towel huts
- Complimentary beach and pool setup and seating with umbrellas.

Please note hotel has a mandatory charge of \$20.63 per day for portage and housekeeping. This will show up on your hotel bill, **so no tipping needed onsite for these items.**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

RMA accepts MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover credit cards. Checks must be payable to USA Rice Millers’ Association (all checks must be payable in U.S. funds and drawn on U.S. banks).

Register for the 123rd RMA Convention



[Click here to register online](#) with a credit card. If paying by check, you can register online and click Bill Me. Mail a copy of the registration with your check.



Registration forms and payments may be sent to: RMA Convention, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 610, Arlington, VA 22201.

Register Early and Save: Members and Non-Members save \$150 per person by registering before May 12, 2023. You must list each person covered by your registration. Check payments must be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2023**, to ensure the early registration rate. Spouse, Guest, and Child rates do not increase.

What ’s included? The registration fee provides admission to the general session, receptions listed in the convention schedule, as well as the Welcome Dinner. **All convention events require a name badge for admittance.** Your name badge can be picked up at the convention registration desk onsite. The registration fee does not include optional tours and/or events for which there is a separate participation fee (see registration form).

Fee Categories	Early Registration before May 12, 2023	Late and Onsite Registration after May 12, 2023
RMA Member	\$600	\$750
Non-Member	\$850	\$1,000
Spouse/Guest (over 18)	\$300	\$300
Child (under 18)	\$100	\$100

Registration Refund Policy: To be eligible for a registration refund, cancellation notices must be received in writing. A full refund will be made for cancellation notices received on or before **June 2, 2023**.

No refunds will be made for cancellation notices received after **June 2, 2023**.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Special events are open to convention registrants only and have a separate fee that must be paid with registration. Onsite registration for events will be subject to availability. A special event may be cancelled if the minimum sign-up is not met.

Special Event Refund Policy: To be eligible for an event refund, cancellation notices must be received in writing. A full refund will be made for cancellations received on or before May 31, 2023. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after May 31, 2023. Full refunds will be issued if the event is cancelled.

RMA PRIVATE CATAMARAN CHARTER

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023
Location: Meet at hotel lobby
(West Tower near the Jazz club.)
Time: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Price: \$150.00 per person

Join us as we sail the seas of the Caribbean blue! The 3-hour excursion will sail the Caribbean Coastline past historical sites and celebrity homes in Nassau Harbor. Cruise will make a break to allow snorkeling at a reef teeming with marine life. Hors d'oeuvres and a select bar will be included.



This guest event is not recommended for pregnant women; physically disabled/persons in a wheelchair and persons with back/neck problems.

Be Sure to Bring:

Camera (Waterproof recommended), sunscreen, towel, change of clothes, Bug Repellent, and cash/ Credit Card. It is recommended guests leave jewelry in their rooms.

Tour includes:

- Transportation (if needed)
- Private Charter
- Hors d'oeuvres and open bar
- Snorkel gear

Minimum: 35 ppl.; Maximum: 48 ppl.

PINK BOOTS AND A MACHETE: THE CURIOUS LIFE OF DR. MIREYA MAYOR

Date: Wednesday, June 14
Time: 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.
Location: New Providence Ballroom, Salon 4
Price: \$40 per person

This seated breakfast program will feature Dr. Mireya Mayor – hailed by *The New York Times* as “The Female Indiana Jones.” Dr. Mayor is a primatologist, explorer, and Emmy Nominated TV host. What she is not is typical!



Dr. Mireya Mayor

Mireya shares her unorthodox path to becoming a world-renowned scientist and popular TV host with a behind the scenes look at her career, from near-death experiences in the Congo and discovering the world's smallest primate in Madagascar, to trekking across Africa with three companions in the footsteps of Stanley and Livingstone with nothing but a compass, a few maps, and Stanley's original journals, and her real-life drama, juggling a family of 8+1!

She also delights audiences with her current search through the backwoods of North America for evidence of the legendary apelike creature known as Bigfoot in the Travel Channel's current hit, Expedition Bigfoot. Driving all of her work as a global advocate for the natural world and her modern family, are Mireya's core values and beliefs. Time with her is a reminder that we are all connected, and nobody should reject their own dreams.

ANNUAL RMA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Date: Thursday, June 15
Location: Royal Blue Golf Club
Time: 8:30 a.m. tournament start
(please arrive early to eat breakfast and check in)
Price: \$350
Rental Clubs: \$75

RMA's annual golf tournament is a four-person scramble with a shotgun format. This year's tournament will be held at the Royal Blue Golf Club. This 18-hole Jack Nicklaus championship course was ranked #1 in The Bahamas by Golfweek and has gorgeous naturally evolving landscape.

If you are bringing your clubs, make sure to check them into the resort the night before the tournament and tell them you will be playing in the RMA Golf Tournament on Thursday morning.

The hotel provides shuttle service to and from the golf course. To get everyone to the course in time, please meet at the golf course by 8:15 a.m. Guests are welcome to chip and putt on one of the course practice greens prior to play, but they do not have a traditional driving range.



Golfing Attire: Shirts must have a collar, slacks or shorts, women can wear a skirt. No tee shirts, tank tops, swimwear, cover ups, cut off or gym shorts. Spikeless golf or athletic shoes can be worn.

Price includes:

- Tournament fees and cart
- Shuttle Service to/from golf course
- Boxed breakfast
- Beverages and snacks on the course
- Lunch
- Awards

Tournament Maximum: 144 participants



SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Registration • New Providence Foyer
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	RMA Board Strategy Session, includes lunch (RMA Board & Alternate) • Exuma
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Set up for Exhibits • New Providence, Salon 4
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	RMA Welcome Dinner • New Providence Lawn
7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Ticketed Event: PAC After-Hours Party • New Providence Deck

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

7:30 a.m. to Noon	Registration/Hospitality Desk • New Providence Foyer
7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.	Time to Visit the Exhibit Booths • New Providence, Salon 4
8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Ticketed Event: Breakfast with Dr. Mireya Mayor • New Providence, Salon 4
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	USA Rice Millers' Association Board Meeting (Open) • Exuma
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Ticketed Event: RMA Private Catamaran Charter Meet in hotel lobby near the Jazz Club
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Buhler's Cocktail Hour • New Providence Lawn

Thursday, June 15, 2023

8:30 a.m.	Annual Golf Tournament • Royal Blue Golf Course
Immediately following Golf Tournament	RMA Annual Golf Awards • Golf Clubhouse

Friday, June 16, 2023

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Registration/Hospitality Desk • New Providence Foyer
9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Time to Visit the Exhibit Booths • New Providence, Salon 4
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	General Session • New Providence, Salon 4
Noon	Exhibit Tear Down
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Satake Reception • Bayon Terrace (Terrace located West Tower, 7th Floor Outside area)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name:
Primary Registrant

Badge Name (if different)

Name:
Spouse/Guest Registrant

Badge Name (if different)

Name:
Child Registrant

Badge Name (if different)

Company/Farm:

Telephone:

Address:

Mobile:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

E-mail:

Registration	Fee	Quantity	Total
Early Member Registration - Through May 12	\$600		
Late and Onsite Member Registration - After May 12	\$750		
Early Non-Member Registration - Through May 12	\$850		
Late and Onsite Non-Member Registration - After May 12	\$1,000		
Spouse/Guest Registration (guests over 18)	\$300		
Child/Guest Registration (under 18)	\$100		
Complimentary Sponsor Registration (Imperial, Royal, Diamond, Platinum, Gold, and Silver)	\$0		
Complimentary Exhibitor Registration (one per exhibit booth)	\$0		

Special Events			
Special Event: RMA Private Catamaran Charter	\$150		
Special Event: Breakfast with Dr. Mireya Mayor	\$40		
Special Event: Annual RMA Golf Tournament	\$350		
Golf Rental - Right Handed	\$75		
Golf Rental - Left Handed	\$75		
RMA Welcome Dinner (price included in registration fee)	\$0		

Please put an X in Fee column where appropriate.			
Do not include my name on the registration list.			
Do not include my spouse/guest on the registration list.			
Do not include my child on the registration list.			

Do you have any dietary restrictions? If yes please list:

To register for Sponsorship and/or exhibits see that brochure.

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PAYMENT: Payment must be received with the registration form to be considered. RMA is exempt from federal income taxes as an IRS 501 (c) (6) organization. However, contributions to the RMA are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes.

Please note: Any checks not payable on U.S. funds and drawn on a U.S. bank will be assessed all application processing fees charged to RMA.

CREDIT CARD: ☐ AMEX ☐ MC ☐ VISA ☐ DISCOVER

Cardholder's Name:

Billing Address:

Billing Zip Code:

Credit Card Number:

Exp. Date:

Security Code:

Signature

Date:

Make checks payable to USA Rice Millers' Association
2101 Wilson Blvd. Suite 610, Arlington, VA 22201



This meeting is open to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, or marital/family status. If you have special needs or require any assistance, please contact Jeanette Davis, (240) 682-0059, jdavis@usarice.com