



# The Great Lakes Ballast Water Collaborative

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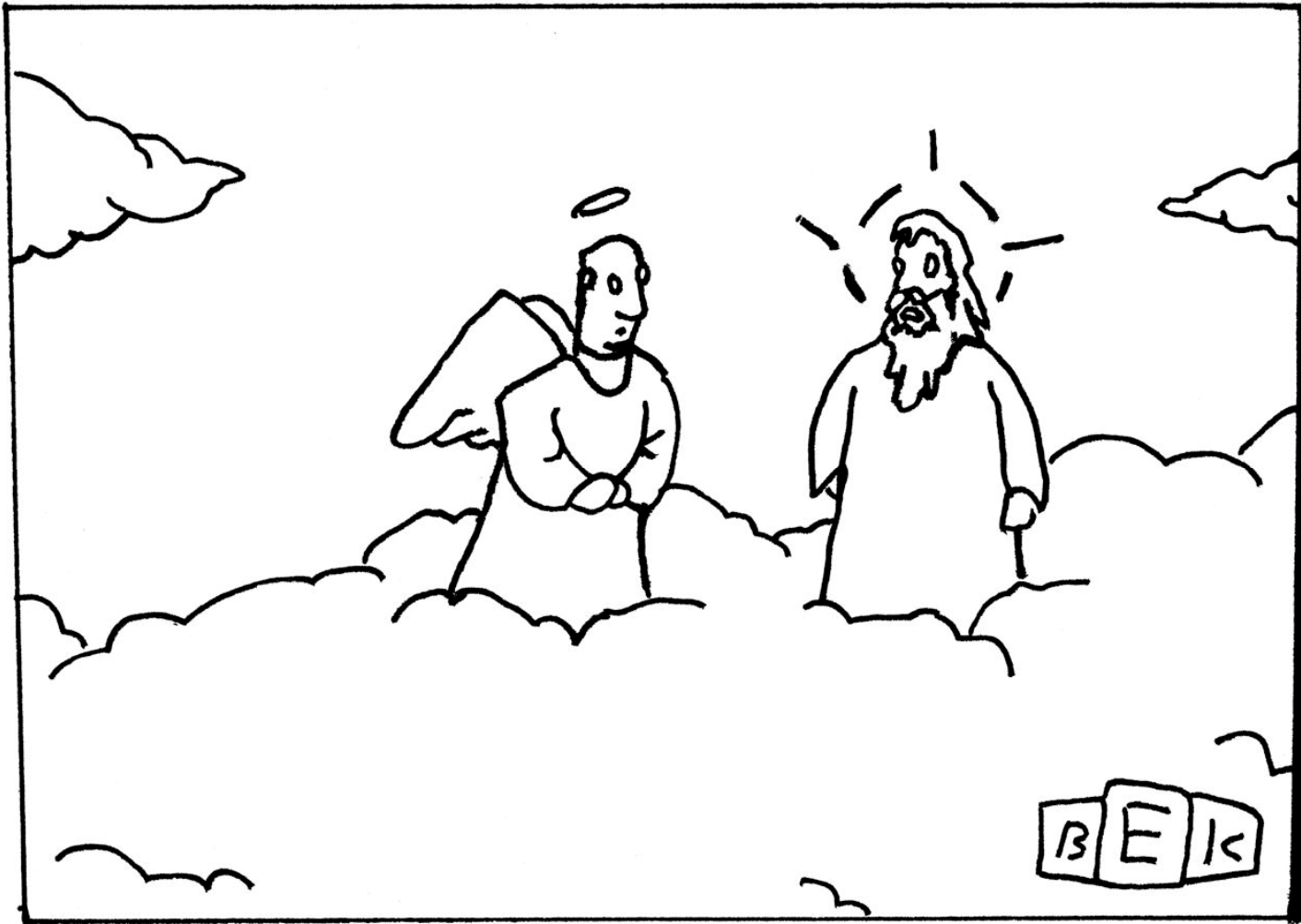
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# Goals for the BWC Meeting

- Better Understand:
  - USCG Type-Approval Process
  - EPA's VGP2
  - Canada's development of BW regulations
  - States current positions
  - Vendors' perspectives
  - Where the IMO regime is and is going
  - How this all going to work out

# The Importance of Details



**“I was in the details, and it was boring.”**



# The Importance of Relationships



**The first meeting of the Great Lakes Ballast Water Collaborative  
Detroit, Michigan on September 24, 2009**



## The Collaborative Model...

- In a region of multiple jurisdictions where ballast water regulatory authority is widely dispersed and information and knowledge are evolving, it is essential to:
  - Build and strengthen relationship and partnerships.
  - Create a forum for candid and unbiased discussion.
  - Exchange substantive information and data.
  - Emphasize inclusive participation.
  - Strive for flexibility and informality.



## Is the Great Lakes BWC being effective?

- Connect key decision makers?
- Build effective working relationships?
- Bridge key information gaps?
- Develop a more common understanding?
- Reduce general level of uncertainty?
- Raise the profile of our regions concerns?
- Produce practical and immediate implementation strategies?



Thank You !

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