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Propeller Club's Monthly Port-O-Call Newsletter - March 2021

Propeller Club - Port of Tampa Annual Maritime Awards Ceremony Awardees and so much more!

Due to COVID-19, we were unable to hold our Awards Dinner, but we were able to hold a special ceremony to honor some very important individuals who work in the Port of Tampa.

On March 11, 2021, the Propeller Club - Port of Tampa held a small VIP Awards Ceremony. President Mark Valenti welcomed everyone including our online streaming audience then turned the program over to Darren Richards, Vice President of Membership who announced the awardees. Immediate Past President Shannon LeMoine assisted with the presentation of these awards.

We started out with 3 unsung heroes, one leadership skills award, our Member of the Year and finished with our Maritime Person of the Year Award. See the individuals below who received these awards!



Unsung Hero - Fred Jenrette, with Gulf Marine Repair, nominated by John Gallagher, also with Gulf Marine Repair.

Fred is one of Gulf Marine Repair's top Ironworker foremen. He has worked here for 37 years, starting in the pipe shop, where he gained a lot of skill. Then he transferred to the Ironworker Dept and has continued to do excellent work as a shipfitter and foreman. Fred is a true leader of the men who work with him. He tries very hard to lead by his own example, working hard, always showing up as needed, even to the point of not getting to use all his PTO hours. Fred pushes the men on his team, getting the most out of them. He works very hard to match the skills of each man to the appropriate parts of the work.

The GMR ship superintendents always want Fred running the Ironwork on their projects, and the Owner Reps also are always asking for Fred on their job. They all know that the job will be done on time and to the highest quality because Fred will have personally inspected all the work himself and have any defects corrected before telling anyone the job is done.

Unsung Hero - Michael Deberry, with Odyssey Manufacturing, nominated by Port Commissioner Pat Allman.

Mike was one of the first ten operators hired by Odyssey Manufacturing Co. to staff the second chlor-alkali to bleach chemical plant in the country, right here in Tampa, Florida in early 2000. Aided by his Navy background, he quickly picked up the nuances of operating a complicated state of the art chemical plant and became a supervisor after only a few years. For the past sixteen years, he has been a supervisor and has toiled tirelessly doing 12-hour rotating shift work while manufacturing sodium hypochlorite or bleach. This past year, he

was promoted to Warehouse Manager and taken over the newly created position of Electrolyzer Cell Maintenance Coordinator.

He has embraced in his new role of Electrolyzer Cell Maintenance Coordinator and his efforts in this area have led to a 25% increase in electrolyzer cell life thereby saving his company over \$1 million per year. Additionally, he has re-organized and created an inventory management system for the company's spare parts. He also continues to fill in as needed as a chemical plant supervisor when needed. Over the years, Mike has been a key player in his company's manufacture of bleach, most of which goes to disinfect the drinking water and wastewater effluent throughout Florida.



Unsung Hero - Rusty Ferrell, owner and senior electrician for Marine Electric Services, nominated by Bill Kuzmick with the American Victory Museum Ship.

“In addition to being an incredibly talented marine electrician who supports the shipyards, local fleets and visiting ships with all of their complicated electrical needs, Rusty is a stalwart supporter of our great maritime community in more ways than one.

Rusty (and his wife Pam and their crew) tirelessly support a great number of Propeller Club functions and have for 25+ years. These functions include the Propeller Club's two premier events, the StoneCrabFest and Shrimperoo, where Rusty arrives on location hours before the event opens to the public and begins the process of preparing some incredible seafood. Rusty supports our StoneCrabfest by serving up an appetizer of upwards of 3,000 pounds of chargrilled and raw oysters and for Shrimperoo he serves upwards of 2000 pounds of chargrilled and raw oysters as well as 1500 pounds of boiled local shrimp for the hungry and sometimes impatient Port Community.

He also proudly supports the Seaport Sertoma's Annual Clay Shoot and the PTMIA's Annual Clay Shoot where he arrives and at about 4:00AM to make sure the hungry shooters are ready to be fed a delicious lunch of pulled pork and smoked chicken along with all of the fixings (including the famous grilled onions.)

Chaplain Steve Finnesy, Leadership Skills, with Tampa Port Ministries/Seafarer's Center, nominated by Jere White, TBMSF.

Steve Finnesy, Chaplain and Executive Director for the Tampa Port Ministries / Seafarers Center and has been with the Ministries since January 2012.

The Tampa Seafarers Center is a non-profit Christian ministry organization that seeks to provide a 'safe haven' facility for meeting the spiritual needs of Seafarers calling on the Port of Tampa Bay as well as providing those sailors services such as phone, text and email communications to family back home, arrange reception of inbound and outbound mail and packages and provide free transportation to shopping areas. In addition, the Seafarers Center on Hooker's Point is a focal point for the sailors to gather away from the ship, play billiards, read periodicals, relax and have some well-deserved leisure time.



These seafarers are away from their families for at least 9 months and can be out to sea, out of normal communication with family for extended periods of time.

Under Chaplain Finnesy's direction, in 2019, a satellite Seafarers Center was opened on the American Victory Ship to serve the growing number of cruise ships calling on the Port. The close proximity of the American Victory to the Cruise ship berths allowed the sailors all the perks of a Seafarers Center within walking distance and without having to conform to arranged transportation schedules. A great convenience for all concerned.

In addition to Chaplain Finnesy's tireless work in running the Center and supervising the various volunteers, he also is heavily involved in the planning and operation of the Anchor Ball. This event provides Tampa Bay with a semi formal gala event which proceeds help fund the operation of the Seafarers Center and, later on as the event grew in size and popularity, also help fund the Tampa Bay Maritime Scholarship Foundation.

Chaplain Finnesy's involvement with the Port also includes active participation with the PTB Golf Tournament, PTB Bay Slam Fishing Tournament, Propeller Club Port of Tampa and is on the nominating committee for the Capt James McKay Port Achievement Award. Prior to assuming his position with the Tampa Port Ministries, he was Company Commander for the Kansas Army National Guard for 11 years, a missionary for 'Amazing Grace' mission, a National Healthcare Consultant with Sunbelt Staffing Solutions and an Account Executive with Capital Mortgage.



Member of the Year - Tammy Castillo with First Choice Marine Supply.

Tammy is one of the most outgoing individuals and volunteers the Propeller Club has ever had. She jumps in with both feet and always gives 200%. Her ability to assess a situation and come up with a strategy plan to execute is second to none as is her willingness to be part of a team.

Her personality and fun spirit make her a great volunteer. Tammy's such a strong person mentally and physically which are ideal characteristics of a great volunteer. From thinking outside the box, to execution .. she's a true gem.

Tammy is our Co-Chairperson alongside of Barbie Blank for our Annual Golf Tournament. We also thank her employer First Choice Marine Supply for allowing her the time to volunteer and for providing use of company vehicles to staging, storing and delivery of items for the golf tournament.

Some background on Tammy: spoken by her boss and FCMS owner Lynda Ruda

"She is the [AIDS to Navigation Division Manager](#) and has been with First Choice Marine Supply since September 2013. She handles the day to day from contract bidding and supplying to programming and shipping of lights, buoys etc. She had gone into the field to repair, replace and observe the ATONS (Aids to Navigation.) She can transition from high heels to work boots, whatever the job takes.

She loves being a part of the Propeller Club. She loves to help and participate in any capacity."

Maritime Person of the Year - Commander Anthony R. Migliorini

Commander Migliorini reported to Sector St. Petersburg in June 2018. As Prevention Department Head, he oversees the execution of the waterways management, inspections, and investigations missions throughout the Sector St. Petersburg area of responsibility.

CDR Migliorini leads a department comprised of 26 Officers, 80 Enlisted, 12 Civilians and 17 Reserve personnel in the enforcement of U.S. laws and International treaties on foreign and domestic vessels, waterfront facilities, and intermodal containers. The Prevention Department is also responsible for the investigation of marine casualties and waterways management operations to include oversight of the Vessel Traffic Service and maintenance of all federal aids to navigation across 1,700 nautical miles of coastal and inland waterways.



He managed the Coast Guard's aids to navigation staff that expertly oversaw the design, construction, and rebuild of 10 major range structures. Tirelessly worked with the Coast Guard's Civil Engineering Units, Seventh District, and Headquarters staffs to expedite the contracting process to complete these longstanding discrepant aids.

Oversaw the federalization of the Big Bend Channel. The Big Bend Channel was a \$60 million project to widen the entrance to Port Redwing and convert the channel markers from private aids to navigation to Federal aids to navigation. Skillfully coordinated with the Army Corps of Engineers, Coast Guard headquarters, Port Tampa Bay, and the CGC VISE to ensure critical aids to navigation were constructed and in place in the channel.

Led the Coast Guard's marine event permitting process; engaged event sponsors and environmental trustees to review 80 marine event permit requests annually. Established safety zones to ensure the protection of thousands of spectators and participants for highly visible events such as the Gasparilla waterborne parade, Super Bowl, Tampa Bay Lightning Stanley Cup Champions boat parade, Tampa Bay Buccaneers Champions boat parade, and the SpaceX cargo capsule return.

Championed Sector St. Petersburg's implementation of an illegal passenger vessel operations plan to prevent these unsafe passenger vessel activities across the west coast of Florida. Directed the training of local and state law enforcement personnel and Coast Guard Boarding Officers to better identify potential illegal operators, conducted many multi-agency operations to target potential illegal operators, initiated outreach campaigns in the media to inform the public, posted informational signage at marinas, and implemented social media mining operations to identify potential suspect vessels for further investigation and termination.

Served as the Coast Guard's Operations Section Chief during COVID-19 response efforts. He coordinated with Customs and Border Protection, Florida Department of Health (FDH), Centers for Disease Control, and local/state response agencies to safely disembark and repatriate thousands of cruise ship crew members.

Commander Migliorini is a native of Fullerton, California and graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY with a Bachelor of Science degree in Logistics and International Transportation. He holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Tony and his family will be moving to Carlisle Pennsylvania this coming summer as he will be attending the Army War College.

**ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL OF THIS YEAR'S AWARDEES.
Great job and Congratulations!**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The following new members have joined during the 1st Quarter 2021.
(January 2021 through March 2021)

Linda Bassinger with HEPACO
Billy Savage with A.R. Savage & Son

Harry Cohen, Port Tampa Bay Port Commissioner
Nick Nolan with McGriff
Scott Dollar with Invincia Technologies
Dr. Cheryl McCloud with GOE Supply Chain Management Consulting
J.R. Kozera (rejoined) with NOVA
Rick Correnti with BOC International
Lee Bell with Ybor City Chamber of Commerce
Al Kocot (rejoined) with Tampa Port Ministries

To join our Tampa Propeller Club all you need to do is visit our Website and Click on Members/Join Now! Please feel free to contact me, Nancy Simms with any questions nsimms@propellerclubtampa.com. Also if you are behind in your dues renewal payment, please log in and bring your membership up to date www.propellerclubtampa.com.

GREAT PORT CLEAN-UP! April 22, 2021

Port Tampa Bay, Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful and the Propeller Club - Port of Tampa will hold a First Annual Great Port Clean-Up on **Thursday, April 22, 2021** (which also happens to be Earth Day) For more details click here <https://conta.cc/30YQXVP> to visit our flyer with all the details including links to sponsor and to volunteer.

OR, if you want to be a sponsor and or be a Team Captain, you may also contact Chris Cooley directly at ccooley@tampaport.com or via phone (813) 905-5030. Volunteers will be provided with safety vests, gloves, masks, water etc. and use all Covid-19 guidelines.

Here's What's Happening!

At The Propeller Club - Port of Tampa

FYI - We are looking to schedule some events, however we still need to keep Covid-19 Guidelines in place and we'll know more after the Easter Holiday passes!

April 22, 2021 together with Port Tampa Bay, Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful and the Propeller Club - Port of Tampa's Great Port Clean-up see the article above for details and to sign-up.

May we will hold our **National Maritime Day Wreath Ceremony** - details to follow!

June Leadership Night is in the planning stages - details to follow!

Annual Golf Tournament - Thursday, October 14, 2021 at The Eagles Golf Course in Odessa. Stay tuned for more information.

We are also planning our **Annual Holiday Luncheon for Tuesday, December 21, 2021** at the Columbia Restaurant. More details on this later!

We will update you on upcoming events as they are planned!

At The International Propeller Club Headquarters

Our International Propeller Club President, Niels Aalund will be holding Regional Zoom calls to update us on what's going on at Headquarters and get updates from our regional chapters. Our International Southeast Region's groups meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 26 from 10:00 am to 11:30**. This meeting is for Southeast Propeller Club Chapter leaders. Also, Headquarters is still looking for folks to join

one or more of their committees. To see a list of the committees, please click here [HQ Committee List](#).

The **Annual Salute to Congress** this year will be held on **April 1st at 6:00 pm** and will also be done virtually. Click [Here](#) to find out how to participate. Note there is a fee to join this Zoom event. **Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-OR)**, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure will be honored at their annual Salute to Congress virtual event on **April 1, 2021**.

“Chairman DeFazio has been a leader in the U.S. maritime industry during his time in Congress. Most recently, under his leadership, the Water Resources Development Act of 2020, the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2020, and authorization for the Federal Maritime Commission were enacted into law last year,” said Niels Aalund, International President.

“This astounding trifecta will create jobs, improve safety, and improve the ability of shippers to provide important information to the Federal Government.” President Niels Aalund continued.

The International Propeller Club also announced that **Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby, USN (Ret.)**, Administrator of the Maritime Administration from 2017 to 2021 will be presented with its Maritime Person of the Year Award during this year’s Salute to Congress ceremony.

“Admiral Buzby’s leadership of the Maritime Administration during the COVID-19 pandemic greatly helped the U.S. maritime industry. He provided assistance to mariners and shipping companies and listened to their needs during this crisis; helped ensure that maritime workers had the testing and Personal Protective Equipment they needed to be safe; and worked with other Federal agencies to make sure that U.S. mariners were not stranded overseas.” Aalund continued. “U.S. maritime workers are a critical link in the international logistics system that provides the goods that Americans need. Without Admiral Buzby’s assistance store shelves would have been empty due to a breakdown in our intermodal transportation system,” President Niels Aalund concluded.

At The Southeast Region

Our **Southeast Region's Conference with SE Vice President David St. Pierre** this year will also be held virtually. We have scheduled from 2:00 - 4:00 on both **Wednesday and Thursday, April 21 & 22, 2021** for these Zoom meetings. This meeting too is for Propeller Club Presidents, Vice Presidents & Club Secretaries.

Other Maritime Related Events to put on your Calendars!

Captain Mike Schiro Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 7, 2021 at 9:00am at The Eagles Golf Course in Odessa. There will be COVID-19 guidelines to adhere. For sponsorships contact Liz Collier-Ortiz at ecollier@diversified.com. To sign-up to play contact LTjg Hunter S. Morris at hunter.s.morris@uscg.mil. [Click here for details - Coast Guard Tournament](#)

PTMIA Clay Shoot will be held on Friday, April 30, 2021. Click here for more details and to sign up : [PTMIA Clay Busting Clays](#)

Tampa Port Ministries "Anchor Ball" has been pushed from September and is now scheduled for December 11, 2021.

