



## Propeller Club of Jacksonville

# PropWash

April 2012

Volume II, No. One

### In this issue...

- > Sponsorship update—page 3
- > Membership news—page 3
- > What's happening in Programs—page 4
- > From the Captain of the Port—page 5
- > Suitable for Framing—page 6
- > Calendar of events—page 7

### TLS, Propeller Club, and Student Port make the news with Hubbard House Holiday drive!

Congratulations and thank you to all for making the Hubbard House Holiday Drive a wonderful success. The Transportation & Logistics Society and the Propeller Club were featured on [www.jacksonville.com](http://www.jacksonville.com) and the UNF homepage!

- <http://jacksonville.com/opinion/blog/400691/inside-hubbard-house/2011-12-12/sharing-gift-season-tls-students-and-propeller>
- <http://hubbard-house.wordpress.com/2011/12/12/tls/>

- <http://www.facebook.com/HubbardHouseInc>
- <http://www.twitter.com/hubbardhouse>

Thanks to all who made contributions to the Hubbard House Holiday Drive. William England, Holly McNally, Ryan McCullough, Mark Smith, Justin Tatham and Lynn Brown joined Propeller Club board members Mike Sheklin and Tammy Emerson on Saturday, December 3 to decorate the lobby and drop off \$2,000 in toys, personal hygiene items,

and gift cards for the residents. Hubbard House residents were very grateful for the support and excited to see the holiday decorations in the lobby. In addition, two brand-new strollers were donated to Hubbard House in January.

### Student Port Networking Social

Thanks to all the Propeller Club members who attended the networking social at UNF on January 27. The students were thrilled to talk to maritime professionals to learn about the industry and the career opportunities that are available. They were very grateful to practice their networking skills in a casual atmosphere with people that are there to support and encourage. It is a wonderful example of professionalism that the students will emulate when they get out into the real world.

### Hubbard House Domestic Violence Awareness Walk ~ *Setting the Pace for Peace*

In an effort to support the work of Hubbard House, the UNF Student Port will participate in the Hubbard House Domestic Violence Awareness Walk on Saturday, March 31

(Continued on page 2)



## Student Port news

(Continued from page 1)

at 9:00 a.m. (check-in at 8:00 a.m.). The walk begins at 11751 McCormick Road at the Ed Austin Regional Park. The walk is a 3.5-mile (shorter option available) family walk in the park, complete with a family fun zone, music and more. While the event is fun, the purpose is serious – to increase awareness about domestic violence and to raise money to end abuse in the community. There is no fee to participate, but individuals who raise \$50 between Feb. 16 and Feb. 29 will automatically be entered into a drawing to win an Intuition Ale Works Swag Bag valued around \$150. Dust off your sneakers and join the UNF Student Port as we take steps to end domestic violence. More at [www.hubbardhousewalk.com](http://www.hubbardhousewalk.com).

Lynn Brown, CTL  
Associate Director  
UNF Transportation & Logistics  
Flagship Program  
[Lynn.Brown@unf.edu](mailto:Lynn.Brown@unf.edu)

## Our Officers and Board of Directors

Melissa Wilson, President  
Sea Star Line, Inc.

Alberto Cabrera, President-Elect  
Jacksonville Port Authority

Liz Miller, Vice President, Membership  
Horizon Lines, L.L.C.

Jim Gillen, Vice President, Programs  
Crowley Liner Services

Tammy Emerson, Vice President, Sponsorship  
W&O Supply

Chris Mons, Treasurer  
St. Johns Bar Pilots Association

Rick Clark, Immediate Past President  
Horizon Lines

Beau Baker  
Holland & Knight, L.L.P.

Richard Quinn  
US Customs

Capt. Andy Blomme  
U. S. Coast Guard

John Redman  
McAllister Towing of Florida

Michael Breen  
Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce

Stacy Reese  
Trailer Bridge, Inc.

Tom Craighead  
Moran Towing

Beverly Rivera  
SeaStar Line, LLC

Robert M. Dees  
Milam, Howard, Nicandri, Dees & Gillam

Gary Salvador  
Amports

Jeff Giese  
Atlantic Dry Dock Corp.

Roy Schleicher  
Jacksonville Port Authority

Eric L. Hearn  
Moseley, Prichard, Parrish, Knight & Jones

Rick Sharp ICS  
Logistics

E. Keith Hill  
Colonial Oil Industries

Michael A. Sheklin  
Earl Industries, L.L.C., Florida Division

James McLaughlin  
JMTX

Cindy Strickland  
S&S Metals & Plastics

Chris Mons  
St. Johns Bar Pilots Association

Art Thomas Sr.  
Helix Alliance

Experience:  
that's  
what  
you get  
when  
you're  
expecting  
something  
else.



# PropWash

April 2012

Volume II, No. One

Published bimonthly for its members by the Propeller Club  
of the United States  
Port of Jacksonville

PO Box 550630, Jacksonville, FL 32255

phone: 904.521.9738 • email: [propclubjax@gmail.com](mailto:propclubjax@gmail.com)

About the Propeller Club of the United  
States, Port of Jacksonville...

The Propeller Club of the United States is a grassroots, non-profit organization, whose membership resides throughout the United States and the world. It is dedicated to the enhancement and well-being of all interests of the maritime community on a national and international basis. The Propeller Club aggressively promotes the maritime industry through many of its programs and partnering with other

similar organizations. Our goal is to educate legislators and the public as to the importance and necessity of all waterborne commerce.

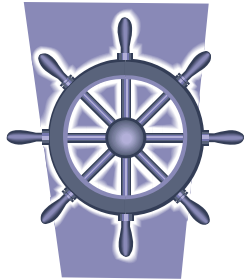
Originally chartered on November 17, 1930, The Propeller Club of Jacksonville is one of the oldest continually active clubs in the nation. The Club currently numbers more than 150 members and remains dedicated to the promotion of the maritime industry in the port of Jacksonville.

**We're on the web!!**  
Keep up with what's happening with your friends and associates at  
[www.propellerclubjax.com](http://www.propellerclubjax.com)!  
And look for us on Facebook and LinkedIn, too!

## Sponsorship update

We rounded out the 2011-2012 sponsorship year with over \$30,000 raised for the Club. This is an amazing effort, and will allow us to support all our activities, charities, and scholarships.

I have formally moved into the position of VP, Programs, for the Club, and we are very fortunate that Tammy Emerson of W&O Supply has graciously accepted the VP, Sponsorship, position for the coming year. Tammy has been very involved in the Club and Board of Directors; I promise my support for a smooth transition and my help for the next sponsorship year as well. With Tammy's network of



professional connections, she has both the drive and ability to take sponsorship to the next level.

As always with our Club, no one is an island. This year's success is greatly attributed to sponsorship committee members Liz Miller, Gary Salvador, Tom Craighead, as well as to Tammy and me.

If your company or someone you know is interested in sponsorship opportunities with the Club, either at a Corporate or event level, please contact us either via e-mail at [propclubjax@gmail.com](mailto:propclubjax@gmail.com), or by phone at 904.521.9738, and we'll get back to you as quickly as possible. And as always, thanks for your support.

Jim Gillen  
VP, Sponsorship/Programs  
[jim.gillen@crowley.com](mailto:jim.gillen@crowley.com)

### *Thanks to our sponsors:*

#### *Platinum*

McAllister Towing  
Moseley, Prichard, Parrish, Knight & Jones  
JAXPORT • Crowley  
Horizon Lines, Inc. • Sea Star Line, LLC  
St. Johns Bar Pilots  
Moran Towing of Florida

#### *Gold*

BAE Systems Southeast Shipyards  
Radio-Holland USA

#### *Silver*

Holland and Knight  
Manson Construction  
Trailer Bridge, Inc. • W&O Supply

#### *Bronze*

Earl Industries • Golder Associates  
ATS International Services  
Coppedge Marine and Industrial

## Membership news

Have I told you all lately that I love you!?!

Membership renewals are coming in at a steady pace, which is very encouraging. Last year we had over 200 members, which was a significant increase from previous years. With the success of our membership growth, we can anticipate a very successful year. As I've said before, "Our members make the difference."

Without our members' support, the Propeller Club of Jacksonville could not

maintain the quality of involvement within the community, thrive as a competitive organization, or



produce successful events...so keep those renewals coming in. We ask, along with your payment of annual dues (\$100), that you also fill out the membership renewal form found on the website, and scan or fax it to me so we can keep our records as accurate as possible. Dues can also be paid online at [www.propellerclubjax.com](http://www.propellerclubjax.com).

There are always opportunities for our members to become active in our the Club. As a member, I encourage you to volunteer at events or perhaps to join a committee handling the events. If you're interested in any of these options, please reach out to me or to our VP, Programs, Jim Gillen ([jim.gillen@crowley.com](mailto:jim.gillen@crowley.com)), and we'll be glad to welcome your enthusiasm and put you to work for the Club.

Your support and encouragement of the Propeller Club of Jacksonville is always appreciated. Don't forget to encourage others to become new members – and if you know others who might be interested, let me know and I will be glad to contact them personally.

If you have any questions or need additional information about membership opportunities, please give me a call or shoot me an email. I look forward to seeing you in the near future at upcoming events.

Liz Miller  
VP, Membership  
[lmiller@horizonlines.com](mailto:lmiller@horizonlines.com)  
fax: 904.482.1727



## What's happening in Programs



Above, Captain Andy Blomme was clearly delighted to receive a special award of appreciation from Jacksonville Propeller Club President Melissa Wilson.

With the transportation social with UNF and the State of the Port get-together both being big successes and behind us, we now focus on events in March, April, and May.

The Club did a joint USCG Appreciation Day with the Navy League at the Ocean Breeze Club at Mayport on March 15th, with Admiral Papp of the Coast Guard the guest of honor and several other local celebrities in attendance as well. In addition, Captain of the Port Andy Blomme received a special token of our appreciation for all his efforts on behalf of the Port of Jacksonville.

That will be followed by our spring golf outing at South Hampton on April 16th. Beau Baker of Holland & Knight is chairing the event and has put together a great day for us. We'll have our usual ditty bags, box lunches, and a great reception after the golf with a barbecued chicken and pulled pork dinner, as well as over \$1000 in raffle prizes. Early reservations are

appreciated, so we can get an accurate head count and have plenty of goodies for all.

We also have a rare opportunity which Capt. Andy Blomme has offered to the Club. The *USCG Eagle* will be calling at Jacksonville in late April and we have accepted the offer of a formal reception on board for interested Club members. Participation is limited to the first 120 members to make reservations; the tour will be held on Friday, April 27th, at 7:00 PM at a location to be announced. Hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, sodas and water will be available, all prepared and served by the vessel crew, and tours will be provided. Tickets are an amazingly low \$20 person. Sign up now – space is sure to go quickly.

Finally, we'll celebrate Maritime Day in May at a venue yet to be determined, so stay tuned.

Jim Gillen  
VP, Programs  
[jim.gillen@crowley.com](mailto:jim.gillen@crowley.com)



Above, among the honored guests at the March event were USCG Admiral Robert J. Papp, left, and Florida legislator Ander Crenshaw, right.

At right, Admiral Papp also talked with Mike Sheklin, chairman, and Ryan McCullough, of the Student Port.



## From the Captain of the Port

### ***Waterways Management = Relationships***

We could all agree... the viability of a port can be measured by how effectively its waterways are managed – and its success cannot be achieved by a single person or organization.

As the Captain of the Port, it is my responsibility to ensure the effective and efficient movement of commerce and access to navigable waterways within Sector Jacksonville's area of responsibility. Those duties and responsibilities are held by the Prevention Department, Waterways Management Division, led by LCDR Robert Butts, and extend to aids to navigation, limited access areas, marine event permitting, waterways analysis management studies, and ports and waterways safety assessments.



Critical elements to carry out these duties include strong relationships, responsiveness, and open communications. These elements were evident during the arrival of *Zhen Hua 13* for the delivery of three gantry cranes to Blount Island, analysis of the impact of the Dames Point Bridge restoration, coordination of numerous dredging activities...strong relationships, responsiveness, and open communications with JAXPORT, JMTX, St. Johns Bar Pilot Association, contractors, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers prove invaluable. Likewise, these elements are equally important with city officials and small business owners to ensure equal opportunities and access to navigable waterways. Whether to establish and enforce safety zones for public celebrations, issue marine event permits for boating and fishing events, or coordinate the safe repair of aging infrastructure, all of these cooperative relationships ensure the effective and efficient movement of commerce and access to navigable waterways.

As we look to the future of our port and the citizens of Northeast Florida, we recognize the significant nature of the completion of the Panama Canal extension, the potential development of offshore wind energy off the Atlantic coast, the evolution of the mile point project, and Mayor Brown's initiative to encourage waterway access to Florida's beautiful natural resources. In all these endeavors, our strong relationships, responsiveness, and open communications will continue to be the strength of our waterways management strategies and to ensure the future of our port and of our community.



To visit with my Chief of Waterways Management Division, you can contact LCDR Butts at 591.7254 or at [Robert.S.Butts@uscg.mil](mailto:Robert.S.Butts@uscg.mil). LCDR Butts was assigned to Sector Jacksonville in July 2011, and brings to the post a wealth of experience and training. Over his 22 years of honorable public service with the U. S. Coast Guard (USCG), Rob has served on board two 270-foot medium-endurance cutters, in the Marine Safety Office Morgan City, LA, and in Sector St. Petersburg, FL; he was also an instructor at USCG Training Center Yorktown, VA, where he taught introductory and advanced occupational marine safety courses. His most recent accomplishment was to serve as a member of the joint USCG and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Regulation and Enforcement Investigation into the causal factors of the Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit *Deepwater Horizon* marine casualty.

Captain Andy Blomme, Captain of the Port  
[carlyle.a.blomme@uscg.mil](mailto:carlyle.a.blomme@uscg.mil)







I don't know  
the secret to  
success...but the  
secret to failure is trying  
to please everyone.

— *Bill Cosby*

# March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 USCG Appreciation Day at the Ocean Breeze Club	16	17 
18	19	20 	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6 	7
8 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Spring golf outing at South Hampton	17	18	19	20	21
22 	23	24	25 	26	27 USCG Eagle tours 	28
29	30					

# May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 	14	15	16	17	18	19 
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 	29	30	31		

### Suitable for Framing

On the previous page is a new feature called Suitable for Framing, designed to make you think, smile, reflect, or even laugh. We hope you enjoy it.