



# The International Propeller Club of the United States

Promoting the Maritime Industry Since 1927

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## NEWSLETTER

### An Update from us on COVID-19



Today many members of the International Propeller Club are without homes, phone service, and jobs due to

the devastating impact of hurricane Laura. The hurricane made landfall on August 27 in southwest Louisiana's first category 4 according to NOAA. Wind damage and storm surge have wreaked enormous amounts of destruction. Some residents may not have power until early November.

Our colleague, Neil Clark, President of the Southwest Louisiana Club reported:

**"Major devastation here in the Lake Charles, Cameron, SWLA area. Not a structure has been left untouched".** He further told us that **"My business structures are 80% gone. Like poof gone. My employees don't have much to come back to. It is bad! The coast of**

***Cameron is still under water. Not many structures survived".***

The International Propeller Club has launched a fundraiser to help these members in their time of great need.

I am inviting you to join our national effort to support your fellow Propeller Club members so personally impacted by this natural disaster by sending gift cards in \$25 denominations from such big box stores as Home Depot, Target, Walmart, Lowes or a Visa or Mastercard to our International Office. Our staff will consolidate and forward the gift cards to a secure location for distribution to members in need. Alternatively, if you would like to send a check to the International headquarters office (made payable to the International Propeller Club) (address below) we will purchase the gift cards on your behalf.

Our maritime community when facing challenges has always responded by providing support to those in need and these days when COVID-19 and a corresponding economic downturn has touched us all – our giving means even more as we reach out to parts of our community brought even lower by the effects of a natural disaster. In the words so often heard these difficult days – ***we truly are all in this together.***

Thank you for your consideration and support. Please be safe.

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The International Propeller Club is hosting its premier virtual leadership conference in conjunction with our Port Presidents Meeting.

## International Languages on Web Page

Our web page now has International Translations – French, Spanish, Greek, Turkish and many other languages. Click on your language preference in the upper right corner.

<https://propellerclub.us/>

## Upcoming from International Headquarters

The International Propeller Club is sponsoring 2 important events in October:

### Salute to Congress

October 7, 2020

Salute to Congress - October 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. EST. The IPC will recognize Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK) for his contributions to and support of the U.S. maritime industry. Members may join in this virtual event by registering at this link: [STC 2020](#)

### Maritime Leadership Conference

OCTOBER 20-22, 2020

**EMBRACING CHANGE: FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING**

### What does it take to be a successful leader?

Learn from experienced leaders of the Propeller Club and from around the industry by participating in discussions on how to thrive during challenging times. Successful leaders can translate vision into reality, influence others and maximize the efforts of their team in order to achieve goals. Change is inevitable, how you adapt to it determines your success. It is essential to share success stories and learn from each other as leaders to **THRIVE** in developing strong and future leaders.

Topics Include: Being an Effective Spokesperson to Promote the Industry; Learning How to Work with Different Styles; Growing Industry Talent. We will have breakout discussion groups so that each registrant will be able to participate in the program.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

**Propeller Club Leaders, Members, and Industry Professionals at all levels who wish to:**

- Optimize their performance during challenging times
- Lead with conviction
- Positively impact and grow your team
- Gain industry information and insight to support effective business planning and decision-making.

### HOW DO I REGISTER:

You won't want to miss this premier conference which will benefit you both professionally and personally.

**Click [here](#) to register for this event.**

Please direct any questions to [Cheryl@propellerclubhq.com](mailto:Cheryl@propellerclubhq.com) or 703-304-5717.

**Looking for a comparison of virtual meeting software? Here is a good comparison of ZOOM and Microsoft Teams:**

## ZOOM vs. Teams

## Maritime Education

To effectively promote the maritime industry, individuals need a basic working knowledge about maritime policy. Previous columns may be found on our web page under the Fact Sheets Tab. This column will focus on "Advocacy" and how to develop a program for your Club to advocate for the maritime industry.

## Advocacy

The primary purpose of the International Propeller Club is to promote and advocate for the maritime industry. Past newsletters have provided background information on major maritime topics about which the IPC closely follows regarding the maritime industry.

This column will address "advocacy" for the maritime industry by members of a local Club. An advocacy program requires 3 components:

- Research
- Planning and developing your position on a maritime issue
- Advocating for that position on a maritime issue.

Your Club's advocacy program may be broken down by seasons:

- **Fall and Winter** - do your research on the issues that are important to the maritime industry in your community. Invite private and public sector leaders in your maritime industry

to address local issues such as dredging, highway and rail access, infrastructure needs, cargo and job growth. These leaders may include asking your Port Director to deliver a "State of the Port" address to your Club that outlines the needs of the port in the next 1-5 years. It also could include terminal operators, labor organizations, ocean transportation intermediaries, and shipping line representatives.

After you have heard from the maritime leaders in your community – develop your "wish list" of issues for your government leaders.

- **Spring** – Invite your Senators or member of the House of Representatives (at both the Federal and State level) to address your Club. This will give these leaders the opportunity to hear from you regarding the maritime issues that are important for the coming year. Provide them with some questions in advance regarding your legislative priorities so that they are prepared to address these issues.

- **Summer** – activities for Clubs often slow down in the summer – but not in Washington. Keep in touch with the Senators and Representatives as the legislative session progresses to help ensure that they know you are watching their efforts to promote the maritime industry.

Inviting industry and political leaders to address your Club is a great way to distinguish your club from other maritime organizations in your area. Invite the Press and you may increase your visibility and help recruit new members.

**Tip:** Our newsletter is filled with information regarding current legislation affecting the U.S. maritime industry. In addition, the "Factsheets" and "Hot Issues" on our web page contain information regarding maritime policy issues. If you need additional information – please contact our Executive Vice President, John Cullather, at [john@propellerclubhq.com](mailto:john@propellerclubhq.com)

## On Deck:

### United States

**CRS** – On August 3, 2020, the Congressional Research Service (CRS) of the Library of Congress issued an [updated report](#) on the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) future projects and studies. See this link: [CRS – USACE Report](#)

**USCG** – On August 11, 2020, the US Coast Guard published a notice in the Federal Register stating that it is seeking input regarding the introduction and development of automated and autonomous commercial vessels and vessel technologies subject to US jurisdiction, on US flagged commercial vessels, and in US port facilities. The Coast Guard is also seeking input regarding barriers to the development of autonomous vessels. The deadline for comments is October 13, 2020. See this link: [Fed Reg – Autonomous Vessels](#)

#### FMC – policy statement re PVOs and COVID-19

On August 14, 2020, the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) published a policy statement in the Federal Register to provide guidance on possible regulatory relief with respect to COVID-19's unprecedented economic effects to passenger vessel operators (PVOs). See this link: [FMC – PVO](#)

**Transportation Institute - Maritime Heroes of 9/11 Virtual Event** - On September 11, 2020, the Transportation Institute, Turnstile Tours, and New York Council Navy League — will have to firsthand stories from the Coast Guard and maritime industry personnel who took part in the 9/11 Boatlift. The free event will be held on Zoom on Friday, September 11 at 6:00 P.M. (EST). See this link: [Maritime Heroes of 9/11](#)

## Europe

#### EU – guidance for cruise ship operations

On July 27, 2020, the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC) issued [guidance](#) for cruise ship operations taking COVID-19 into account. See this link: [EMSA – cruise ship guidance](#)

#### IMO – autonomous ships/ports interface

On August 5, 2020, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) issued a [news release](#) concerning the development of an autonomous ships/ports interface. Trials of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships

(MASS) will be key towards developing an appropriate regulatory regime that addresses the specific challenges of autonomous ships. See this link: - [IMO – MASS release](#)

#### Paris MOU – 2019 Annual Report

On August 6, 2020, the Paris MoU has published its [2019 Annual Report](#). This report provides an overview of the activities of the Paris MoU in 2019 including the statistics. See this link: [Paris MOU 2019 Report](#) (8/6/20)

#### UK employment agreements

On August 18, 2020, the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) issued an [amended notice](#) requiring owners of UK flag ships to notify the MCA of any seafarers remaining on board beyond their contracted period. Amendment 1 reflects changes in process, including clarifying the need to provide full information to the MCA to support decision making. See this link: [MCA notice seafarer employment period](#)

#### IMO – Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future

On August 21, 2020, the IMO issued a [news release](#) stating that "Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future" has been selected as the World Maritime theme for 2021, reflecting a clear need to raise awareness of seafarers' vital role in world trade and increase their visibility. See this news release: [IMO – seafarers of the future](#)

## Around the Clubs:

### (Let us know about your Club's activities)

August was a quiet month for vacations, spending time with family, and avoiding the COVID-19 virus.

#### Northern California

**Save the Date:** On November 18-19, 2020, the Northern California Club will hold a ZOOM conference on Storms, Flooding and Sea Level Defense. The conference will feature speakers from around the United States and will receive testimony about how various regions of the United States are addressing these issues. For

more information see this link: [Conference on  
Storms, Flooding and Sea Level Defense](#)

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