



International Propeller Club of the United States

Promoting the Maritime Industry Since 1927

May 2021 Newsletter

Message from the President



Over the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to visit outdoor activities of several of our clubs. I've tasted great gumbo in Mobile, feasted on awesome crawfish in New Orleans, and peeled some delicious shrimp in Tampa. It's wonderful to get together with old friends and develop relationships with new members.

I find these events rewarding both personally and professionally. We have a great organization – one that everyone in the maritime industry should be anxious to join. Over the past year we have

stepped up our activities in Washington representing you and advocating for the maritime industry. IPCUS has formed strategic partnerships with other maritime organizations to increase our chances of success in supporting our industry. We are going to continue reaching out to our Clubs and members to ask you to join in those efforts. We are the only grassroots organization with members in virtually all sectors of the maritime industry. Collectively, you are our strength. Our monthly newsletters have kept you informed about the major maritime issues in Washington and Internationally.

The next decade are going to bring major changes to the global maritime industry. The volume of containerized trade will continue to grow. Bulk trades may be impacted more by the global decarbonization efforts. The cruise industry will recover from the pandemic and grow beyond their previous operations. Fuels and supply chains will continue to evolve.

It is an exciting time to work in our industry. While the recent grounding in the Suez Canal created a temporary challenge to trade – it also showed the world how dependent we are on a safe and efficient maritime transportation system.

So let's break some bread together, enjoy each other's company, and keep advocating for improvements to our global maritime transportation system.

Stay safe,

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CLUBS ARE OPENING UP - TIME TO BRING IN NEW MEMBERS!



The water is boiling for the shrimp and lobster. The burners are hot for the gumbo. And the golf tees are ready for a little friendly competition. Our Clubs are opening back up! Hopefully, everyone is vaccinated and ready to get together safely.

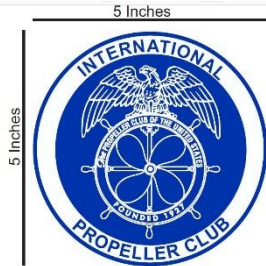
It has been a long year for everyone. But most everyone is anxious to get out and network. So it is also time to recruit some new members! Schedule your port and corporate leaders to talk to your Club about their 5-year plan. Then invite your boss to join you at your Club meeting. Our New England Clubs have lobster dinners to show appreciation to their local Coast Guard units. So invite other workers in your local maritime community to come out and let the men and women in the Coast Guard know how much you appreciate everything they do for your community.

Some ideas that may be helpful:

- Reach out to former Club members – and invite them to join you at an activity and rejoin the Club.
- Ask your members to help arrange tours of maritime vessels and facilities – particularly for people that are new to the industry or may not be familiar with all sectors of the maritime business.
- Help new and prospective members network when they come to the first few events.
- If you have a school with maritime programs as part of their curriculum – get in touch and invite them to your activities.
- If you're travelling this summer, check to see if there is a local Propeller Club event in the city you are visiting.

We have a great community – so let's encourage others to join!

Promote Your Club's Name Recognition in your Community



Now that we are all getting out more in our communities, it is a great opportunity to increase the name recognition of the International Propeller Club in your port area when you are driving. Magnetic Club logos for your car are still available from our online store! Get them while they last!

[IPCUS Store](#)

Premier International Propeller Club European Conference

The International Propeller Club held its first European Conference, virtually, over three days May 26-28, with eight programs, was a success. Leo Fagout, President of the Propeller Club of New Orleans said "*Great ideas, and I really like that you limited the sessions to just a couple hours a day. The speakers did a great job – well prepared*". We had registrants from all over the globe attending the event.

The topics covered a broad range and was well received by the attendees. They were:

- COVID-19, Vaccinations for Seafarers presented by Jason Zuidema
- HACE Wave Energy: A Breakthrough Solution for the Production of Green Hydrogen at Sea presented by Jean Luc Stanek, Stephane Paul and Guillaume Langlois
- The Role of the Ships Agent and Challenges in the Covid Era presented by Nikos Marmatsouris
- Smart Ports: Piers of the Future by Emma Cobos
- Introduction of Galataport Project in Istanbul presented by Figen Ayan
- Morocco Ports Strategy for 2030: Challenges and Opportunities presented by Captain Abdelfattah Bouzoubaa
- Technology for Sustainable Fishing presented by Pascal Larnaud
- The New Panama Canal: Disaster Waiting to Happen presented by Captain Don Marcus

Recordings of these sessions will be available and will be announced as soon as they are online.

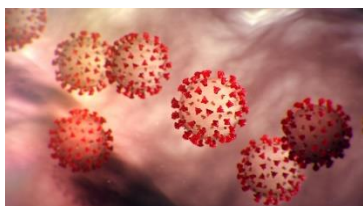
In the meantime, **SAVE THE DATES: OCTOBER 12-14** for our Annual Conference which will be held virtually this year. If there are any topics of particular interest or speakers you have heard that you would like to recommend, please contact me at Cheryl@propellerclubhq.com or 703-304-5717.

Upcoming Events

- Regional Calls, June 1-10, 2021
- Annual International Conference & Port President Meeting, Virtual - Oct. 12-14

On Deck

COVID-19 & Crew Change



USCG – Foreign Passenger Vessel Examination – COVID-19

On May 5, the Coast Guard Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance issued [Policy Letter 21-02](#) “Foreign Passenger Vessel Examination COVID-19 Guidance” to provide guidance to the Cruise Ship National Center of Expertise and Officers in Charge, Marine Inspection on Coast Guard examination requirements for all foreign cruise ships seeking to resume suspended operations

within U.S. ports due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Policy Letter can be viewed at this link: [CG-CVC Policy Letter 21-02](#)

CDC issues Phases 2B and 3 of the Conditional Sailing Order

On May 5, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released guidance for cruise ships to undertake simulated voyages with volunteer passengers as part of its COVID-19 Conditional Sailing Certificate application. This release includes the COVID-19 Conditional Sailing Certificate application, which is the final step before restricted passenger voyages. The CDC Press Release and the Conditional Sailing Order can be found at this link: [CDC – CSO 2B & 3](#)

EMSA issues first revision of COVID-19 Guidance for Cruise Ship Operators

On May 12, The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) have published a first revision of their joint COVID-19 guidance for cruise ship operations. The Press Release and Guidance can be downloaded at this link: [EMSA – Cruise Ships](#)

IMO – Marine Safety Committee

In May, Marine Safety Committee (MSC) adopted a resolution on “Recommended action to prioritize COVID-19 vaccination of seafarers”. The resolution recommends that Member States and relevant national authorities prioritize their seafarers, as far as practicable, in their national COVID-19 vaccination programs (taking into account the [WHO SAGE Roadmap](#)). The IMO Press Release and recommended action plan for vaccination of seafarers can be viewed and downloaded at this link: [IMO-MSC Vaccination](#)

UNCTAD – Portal tracks COVID-19’s impact on trade & development

On May 4, UNCTAD unveiled a data-rich portal to enhance policymakers’ understanding of the pandemic’s wide-ranging impact and help them design suitable recovery policies. Additional information and the portal can be viewed at this link: [UNCTAD – COVID-19 Portal](#)

UNCTAD – World trade’s recovery from COVID-19 crisis hit a record high

World trade’s recovery from the COVID-19 crisis hit a record high in the first quarter of 2021, increasing by 10% year-over-year and 4% quarter-over-quarter, according to [UNCTAD’s Global Trade Update](#) released on 19 May. The Report and Press Release can be viewed at this link – [UNCTAD – COVID recovery](#)

ITF – call for vaccinating seafarers

The International Transport Federation – Seafarers challenged governments, particularly those with maritime responsibilities, to endorse universal access to Covid-19 vaccines to prevent the crew change crisis from spiraling out of control for a third time. Their Press Release can be viewed at this link: - [ITF – seafarers vaccines](#)



Coast Guard

USCG – Navigational Safety Advisory Committee

On May 21, the Coast Guard issued a notice that the National Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (Committee) will meet via teleconference to discuss matters relating to maritime collisions, rammings, and groundings; Inland Rules of the Road; International

Rules of the Road; navigation regulations and equipment; routing measures; marine information; and aids to navigation systems. The meeting will be open to the public. The full notice can be viewed at this link: [Fed. Reg. 86-97](#)

USCG – Mental Health of Mariners

On May 19, the Coast Guard Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy has published Marine Safety Information Bulletin 07-21 “[COVID-19: Spotlight on the Mental Health of Mariners](#)” to highlight the issue of mariner mental health. The Bulletin can be viewed at this link: [MSIB 07-21](#)

USCG – Ransomware Prevention

On May 26, the Coast Guard published an article on ransomware prevention, recovery and reporting requirements for MTSA regulated facilities. The article can be viewed at this link: [MTS cyber spotlight](#)

USCG – Port State Control Report

On May 16, the Coast Guard released their [U.S. Port State Control Annual Report for 2020](#). In 2020, the Coast Guard conducted 7,383 SOLAS safety exams and detained 57 vessels. The 2020 report and previous reports can be viewed at this link: [PSC Annual Report](#)

USCG – Cruise Ship Medical Standards

On May 5, the Coast Guard's Cruise Ship National Center for Excellence issued a notice regarding the new requirements for cruise ship medical standards under the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021. The notice can be viewed at this link: [CSNCOE Notice 21-01](#)



National Transportation Safety Board

NTSB – Early Communication, Fast Action, Aids Rescue of Fishing Vessel Crew

On May 25, the NTSB released a Marine Accident Brief that credited the fast crew reaction and early communication with the Coast Guard with preventing any fatalities or serious injuries when the commercial fishing vessel Rebecca Mary sank while underway last year. The Brief can be read at this link: [NTSB – Rebecca Mary](#)

Docket – Scandies Rose

On May 24, the NTSB opened the public docket on its ongoing investigation of the sinking of the commercial fishing vessel Scandies Rose which resulted in the death of 5 crew members. The current docket includes over 4,500 pages of factual information. Additional information and the docket can be viewed through this link: [NTSB – Scandies Rose docket](#)

Accident Brief – Iron Maiden

On May 4, the NTSB issued a Marine Accident Brief regarding a fire on the Iron Maiden when in a shipyard for repairs. The NTSB found that the fire was able to start and spread without notice because no one was continually monitoring the vessel while fire detectors were shut off during repairs. The Marine Accident Brief can be viewed at this link: [NTSB – Iron Maiden](#)



Congress

House - DoT grants for implicit bias training

On May 7, Rep. Brown introduced [H.R. 3017](#), bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to provide a grant for research and training in the operation or establishment of an implicit bias training program. The text of H.R. 3017 is not yet available.

House – Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation

On May 7, Rep. Costa (D-CA) introduced [H.R. 3023](#), a bill to amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014 with respect to budgetary treatment of certain amounts of financial assistance. The text of H.R. 3023 is not yet available.

House – Priorities for critical infrastructure employees during COVID pandemic

On May 7, Rep. Crawford (R-AR) introduced [H.R. 3025](#), a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to adopt certain priorities with respect to critical infrastructure employees during the coronavirus pandemic. The text of H.R. 3025 is not yet available.

House – Intermodal Improvement Grants

On May 7, Rep. DeFazio (D-OR) introduced [H.R. 3033](#), a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to the projects eligible for certain port and intermodal improvement grants, and for other purposes. The text of H.R. 3033 is not yet available.

House – seafood slavery

On May 11, Rep. Huffman (D-CA) introduced [H.R. 3075](#), a bill to address seafood slavery and combat illegal, unreported, or unregulated fishing. The text of H.R. 3075 is not yet available.

House – Longshore benefits for COVID-19

On May 11, Rep. Mrvan (D-IN) introduced [H.R. 3114](#), a bill to provide benefits authorized under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act to maritime workers who contract COVID-19. The text of H.R. 3114 is not yet available.

House - Working Waterfront Task Force

On May 12, Rep. Pingree (D-ME) introduced [H.R. 3160](#), a bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a Working Waterfront Task Force and a working waterfronts grant program. The text of H.R. 3160 is not yet available.

House – Mapping of Urban Flooding

On May 12, Mr. Quigley (D-IL) introduced [H.R. 3161](#), a bill to establish a pilot program to enhance the mapping of urban flooding and associated property damage and the availability of such mapped data to homeowners, businesses, and localities to help understand and mitigate the risk of such flooding. The text of H.R. 3161 is not yet available.

House – Data for Transportation Planning Organizations

On May 13, Sen. Baldwin (D-WI) introduced [S. 1629](#), a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a pilot program to develop and provide to States and transportation planning organizations accessibility data sets. The text of S. 1629 is not yet available.

Senate – Waiver Process of Coastwise Laws

On May 13, Sen. Lee (R-UT) introduced [S. 1640](#). A bill to establish a process for waiver of coastwise endorsement requirements. The text of S. 1640 is not yet available.

Senate – Repeal of the Jones Act

On May 13, Sen. Lee (R-UT) introduced [S. 1646](#), a bill to repeal the Jones Act restrictions on coastwise trade. The text of S. 1646 is not yet available. However, Senator Lee did release a Press Release on the introduction of these bills: [Lee Press Release: Jones Act](#)

Senate – Exemption from U.S.-build for Coast Guard vessels

On May 13, Sen. Lee (R-UT) introduced [S. 1647](#), a bill to authorize an exception to the restriction on construction of Coast Guard vessels in foreign shipyards for certain construction in shipyards in North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries. The text of S. 1647 is not yet available.

Senate – Construction of U.S. Naval Vessels in NATO countries

On May 13, Sen. Lee (R-UT) introduced [S. 1648](#), a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the construction of naval vessels in shipyards in North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries. The text of S. 1648 is not yet available.

House – Repeal of the Jones Act

On May 13, Rep. McClintock (R-CA) introduced [H.R. 3205](#). A bill to repeal the Jones Act restrictions on coastwise trade. The text of H.R. 3205 is not yet available.

House – Advisory Committee on Transportation Planning

On May 17, Rep. Wilson (D-FL) introduced [H.R. 3289](#), a bill to re-establish an advisory committee to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation regarding comprehensive,

interdisciplinary issues related to transportation from a variety of stakeholders in transportation planning, design, research, policy, and advocacy. The text of H.R. 3289 is not yet available.

Senate – Promotion of Transportation Careers

On May 18, Sen. Peters (D-MI) introduced [S. 1681](#), a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to promote transportation career opportunities and improve diversity in the workforce. The text of s. 1681 is not yet available.

Senate – Lifting of Trade Embargo with Cuba

On May 19, Sen. Klobuchar (D-MN) [S. 1694](#), a bill to lift the trade embargo on Cuba. The text of S. 1694 is not yet available.

Senate – Tax Credit for sustainable aviation fuel (why not maritime?)

On May 20, Sen. Schneider (D-IL) [H.R. 3440](#). A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for sustainable aviation fuel. The text of H.R. 3440 is not yet available.

House – National Center for the Advancement of Aviation (why not maritime?)

On May 25, Rep. Carson (D-IN) [H.R. 3482](#), a bill to establish the National Center for the Advancement of Aviation. The text of H.R. 3482 is not yet available.

House – Grants for Zero Emission Passenger Ferries

On May 25, Rep. Larsen (D-WA) introduced [H.R. 3516](#), a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to make zero-emission or reduced emission passenger ferry grants. The text of H.R. 35316 is not yet available.

Senate – pay for Coast Guard members

On May 26, Sen. Wicker (R-MS) introduced [S. 1845](#), a bill to provide for pay and allowances for members of the Coast Guard during a funding gap, to provide full funding to address the shoreside facility maintenance and recapitalization backlog of the Coast Guard. The text of S. 1845 is not yet available.



White House

Fact Sheet - Pacific Offshore Wind

On May 25, the White House released a Fact sheet on the impact of opening to Pacific Coast to new jobs and clean energy production with offshore wind development. The Fact Sheet can be read at this link: [Biden Fact Sheet – Pacific Offshore Wind Development](#)

Proclamation – National Maritime Day

On May 21, President Biden issued the 2021 National Maritime Day Proclamation. The Proclamation can be viewed at this link: [Biden – 2021 National Maritime Day](#)

Proclamation – National Safe Boating Week – 2021

On May 21, President Biden issued the National Safe Boating Week Proclamation for 2021. The Proclamation can be viewed at this link: [Biden – 2021 National Safe Boating Week](#)

Nomination – NTSB Chair

On May 19, President Biden announced his intent to nominate Jennifer Homendy for Chair of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The White House Press Release can be viewed at this link: [Nomination NTSB Chair](#)

White House – Jones Act Waiver

On May 13, the White House announced that they had issued a “targeted Jones Act waiver” to an individual company to enable the transport of additional gas and jet fuel between the Gulf Coast and East Coast ports to ease supply constraints. The announcement can be read at this link: [WH – Jones Act Waiver Statement](#)

White House – Approval of 1st Offshore Wind Project

On May 11, the White House announced that they had approved the first major offshore wind project in U.S. waters. The 800-megawatt Vineyard Wind energy project will be located approximately 12 nautical miles off the coast of Martha’s Vineyard. The White House announcement can be viewed at this link: [White House – Vineyard Wind](#)

Interior – Pacific Offshore Wind Agreement

On May 25, the Department of the Interior announced an agreement to advance areas for offshore wind off the northern and central coasts of California. The initial areas for offshore wind development could provide 4.6 gigawatts of renewable energy to the grid. The Press Release can be viewed at this link: [Interior – Pacific Wind PR](#)



Maritime Administration

MarAd – Merchant Marine Academy Admissions

On April 22, MarAd issued a final rule that adopts, without change, an October 22, 2020, interim final rule (IFR) amending Maritime Administration (MARAD) regulations governing admission to the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA). The amendments allow the MARAD Administrator to waive the requirement for USMMA applicants to have taken the College Board’s Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Program (ACT) examination in the event of a State or national emergency. The ability to waive SAT and ACT requirements for prospective students is necessary to address testing disruptions caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and to provide for future emergencies. The full notice can be viewed at this link: [Fed. Reg. 86-76](#)

MarAd – Applications for grants for America’s Marine Highway Program

On May 24, MarAd issued a notice that announced the availability of funding for grants and establishes selection criteria and application requirements for the America’s Marine Highway Program (AMHP). The purpose of this program is to make grants available to previously designated Marine Highway Projects that support the development and expansion of documented vessels or port and landside infrastructure. The notice can be viewed at this link: [Fed. Reg. 86-98](#) The Press Release for this announcement can be found at this link: [MarAd AMH](#)

MarAd – Centers of Excellence for Maritime Workforce Training & Education

On May 19, the Maritime Administration announced the designation of the first 27 Centers of Excellence for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education. The announcement can and list of centers can be found at this link: [MarAd COE - Education](#)



Federal Maritime Commission

National Shippers Advisory Committee

On May 19, the Federal Maritime Commission voted to implement the National Shippers Advisory Committee that was created as a part of the national Defense Authorization Act last year. The next step will be for the Commission to publish a notice soliciting nominations for the Advisory Committee. The Press Release on regarding this vote is at this link: [FMC - NSAC](#)

International

UK - Maritime & Coastguard Agency

On May 13, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency of Great Britain released their 'MCA Business Plan for 2021 to 2022. This plan sets out the services that the agency will deliver and any significant changes that it plans to make. The Plan can be viewed or downloaded at this link: [MCA Business Plan 2021](#)

UK – MAIB

On May 12, the MAIB issued a safety message to the fishing industry about the importance of close crew supervision during hazardous deck activities. The flyer can be viewed and downloaded at this link: [MAIB – FV Safety Lessons](#)

European Commission – European Green Deal – developing a sustainable blue economy

On May 17, the European Commission proposed a “new approach for a [sustainable blue economy in the EU](#) for the industries and sectors related to oceans, seas and coasts. A sustainable blue economy is essential to achieving the objectives of the [European Green Deal](#) and ensuring a green and inclusive recovery from the pandemic.” This includes shipbuilding, ship recycling, and wave and tidal energy. The Press Release and Plan can be viewed at this link: EC: [Blue Economy](#)

European Commission – European Green Deal – Zero Pollution in Air, Water, and Soil

On May 12, the European Commission adopted the [EU Action Plan: “Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil”](#) – a key deliverable of the [European Green Deal](#) and the main topic of this year's [EU Green Week](#). It sets out an integrated vision for 2050: a world where pollution is reduced to levels that are no longer harmful to human health and natural ecosystems, as well as the steps to get there. The Press Release and Plan can be viewed at this link: [EC: Green Deal – Zero Pollution](#)

IMO Industry Recommended Framework of Protocols - Crew Changes and Travel During the Coronavirus

The IMO has distributed protocols which have now been revised to take into account issues relevant to the global rollout of vaccines. This is a revision to the MSC Circular No.4204/Add.14/Rev.1 issued last year. The revised protocols can be downloaded at this link: [IMO Circular Covid Protocols](#)

Around the Clubs

Mobile

On May 7, the Mobile Club held the 24th Annual Rufus B. Lee Gumbo Cook-off. IPCUS International President Niels Aalund enjoyed the great variety – and tasted every one!

Northern California Club

On May 21, the Northern California Club held their Maritime Day Salute to the Jones Act with Acting MarAd Administrator Lucinda Lesley including a panel that discussed “Challenges for Jones Act Carriers in 2021”. PCNC also released a video for National Maritime Day on this topic. It can be viewed at this link:

[PCNC – National Maritime Day 2021](#)

Los Angeles – Long Beach Club

On May 11 the Los Angeles – Long Beach Club held a webinar and networking meeting with a presentation by Chris Shimoda, Vice President of the California Trucking Association.

On May 20, the Los Angeles – Long Beach Club held a webinar titled “the Shipping Industry in a Post-Pandemic World – A World Shipping Council Perspective with a presentation by Anne Marie Kappel, Vice President of the World Shipping Council.

San Diego Club

On May 21, the San Diego Club celebrated National Maritime Day at Tom Ham’s Lighthouse, where their guest speaker was Jerry Sanders, the former mayor of San Diego.

Washington, D.C. Club

On May 21, the Washington D.C. Club held their virtual celebration of National Maritime Day. This year’s theme was “America’s maritime Workforce: Connecting the Nation and the World”.

Jacksonville Club

On May 20, the Jacksonville Club held their Maritime Day celebration at the Sandollar Restaurant & Marina honoring the unsung heroes of the merchant marine with a wreath presentation by the JaxPilots – St. Johns Bar Pilot Association. Their ceremony can be viewed at this link: [Jacksonville Maritime Day 2021](#)

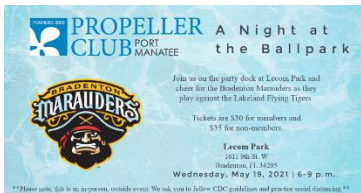
Key West Club

On May 22 the Key West Club held their National Maritime Day event on board the USCGC Ingham Museum to “honor the men and women who, throughout our history have served with professionalism, dedication, and patriotism in the United States Merchant Marine”.



Port Canaveral Club

On May 22 the Port Canaveral Club joined with the Navy League and the USMMA Alumni Association for Maritime Day 2021. A ceremony was held at Rusty’s Seafood & Oyster Bar with a boat departing there for a short harbor tour and laying of a memorial wreath on the waters of the harbor.



Port Manatee Club

On May 19, the Port Manatee Club held a night at the Ballpark where they cheered for the Bradenton Marauders against the Lakeland Flying Tigers!



The Manatee Club also awarded three \$2,000 scholarships. The scholarships are based upon the student’s academic standing, personal recommendations, and an essay on how their area of study in college applies to the maritime industry.



since World War II.

Tampa Club

On May 11, the Tampa Club was able to have their famous SHRIMPEROO with baked beans, coleslaw, roasted corn and fresh watermelon – and beer! International President Niels Aaland was graciously welcomed by Tampa Club President Mark Valenti and Club Administrator Nancy Simms.

On May 20, the Tampa Club held their Annual National Maritime Ceremony from the fantail of the American Victory Ship & Museum, a 1945 merchant cargo ship that served

Savannah Club

On May 20, the Savannah Club held their National Maritime Day ceremony and announced their annual scholarship winners! Then on May 23, they held a wreath laying ceremony at the Sailors Burial Ground of the Laurel Grove North Cemetery.

Paducah Club

On May 20, the Paducah Club had a successful dinner presentation where they recognized Kent Furlong, President of Hines Furlong Line as their 2021 Maritime Person of the Year and award two \$1,500 scholarships!

Galveston Club

On May 19, the Galveston had a social and dinner with Pasta, Meatballs & Sausage. Their guest speaker was Roger Rees, the Chief Executive Officer of the Port of Galveston who updated the membership on port activities.



Sabine & Neches Club

On May 21, the Sabine & Neches Club held their National Maritime Day observation at the Port Arthur Seafarer's Center.

Norfolk Club

On May 21, the Norfolk Club conducted their National Maritime Day Ceremony with a keynote address from Stephen Edwards, the CEO and Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority. The event included a reading of President Biden's National Maritime Day Proclamation and a wreath laying ceremony. A video of their ceremony can be viewed at this link:

[Norfolk National Maritime Day Ceremony](#)

Seattle Club

On May 21, the Seattle Club held a virtual Maritime Day Breakfast featuring Admiral Karl Schultz, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard. The event included making their Puget

Sound maritime Achievement Award; announcing their Seattle Propeller Club Public Official of the Year; and hearing an update on the Port of Seattle from Commission President Fred Felleman.

Tacoma Club

On May 19, the Tacoma Club held their virtual Maritime Day Luncheon where they received an address from Senator Patty Murray (D-WA). Their keynote speaker was Joshua Berger, the Founder and President of Washington Maritime Blue.

International Clubs



Piraeus Club

The Piraeus Club hosted their "Next Forum 2021" which featured an interview with U.S. Ambassador to Greece Geoffrey R. Pyatt as the keynote address. This event celebrated the long-standing relationship between the United States and Greece. The interview with Piraeus Propeller Club President Costis Frangoulis can be viewed at this link:

[Next Forum 2021](#)

Monaco Club

On May 27, the Monaco Club held a webinar titled "Wind turbine installation vessel – a case study" where Francesco Bellusci, the Managing Director of Scorpio Ship management presented on the topic of "How to transform the challenge of reducing carbon emissions into a shipping opportunity."

Valencia Club

On May 28, the Valencia Club held a virtual meeting at which they welcomed four new partners of the Propeller Club of Valencia. They also received a report on the status of a study that is analyzing the operational feasibility of a shuttle train between Sagunto and Valencia to transport containers.

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