



International Propeller Club of the United States

Promoting the Maritime Industry Since 1927

June 2021 Newsletter

Message from the President



“As we enter summer, I am hopeful that the Corona Virus will continue to dissipate, and all our Ports can begin to hold their meetings and events on an in-person basis. Although we were unable to meet at the peak of the virus, in my talks with Port and Regional leaders, I see that many Ports are starting to hold their traditional events and fundraisers, and that is great! Our international members were especially hard hit, but many of them, too, are planning in-person events for the fall. This is very

encouraging, and with the economy picking up, the maritime industry will need to step up to help our businesses and our national economies.

I'd also like to say hail and farewell to two outstanding Propeller Club members. First, we bid farewell to John Cullather, our Executive Vice President since 2019. John has accomplished much for our organization, especially by improving the communications to our members through a redesigned webpage and a greatly enhanced monthly newsletter. Beyond that, he capitalized on his many contacts to form strategic partnerships with other maritime organizations so that we can collectively advocate for our maritime industry. He also made many internal changes to our headquarters operations to save money and make us more efficient. I am grateful that John will remain an active member of the Port of Washington, DC, and will be helping us on committee work too.

Although we will miss John, I've delighted to welcome in his place Admiral Joel Whitehead, our International President from 2017-2019. Joel led our organization through some tumultuous times and spearheaded the effort to create a practical Strategic Plan to take us in the right direction. He has also been an extremely active member of our Executive Committee and Board of Directors and knows well the issues we face and the opportunities ahead.

John, may you have Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Welcome aboard, Joel!”

Stay safe,

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IT HAS BEEN A BUSY TWO YEARS!

This is my farewell message to the members of his historic organization. Founded in 1927 to bring together several clubs around the United States that were interested in having the latest maritime information from Washington and around the world, the International Propeller Club has grown into the largest grassroots organization designed to promote the maritime industry.

Over the past 2 years, I have attempted to help us return to our roots by providing you with the tools necessary to understand and advocate for policies that promote the maritime industry. To help achieve this goal, we have:

- Redesigned and rewritten our web page to provide the public a better understanding of our purpose and why they should join IPCUS;
- Formed strategic partnerships with other maritime organizations to improve our ability to advocate for the maritime industry;
- Changed our software communication system to improve messaging to our members;
- Launched a membership drive to try to stem the steep decline in membership experienced by our clubs over the past 20 years.
- Ensured that members received a newsletter on a monthly basis.
- Revamped our newsletter to help educate our members about the purpose of the IPCUS (to promote the maritime industry) and to help them understand maritime policy and what is going on in Washington so that they can advocate for the industry;
- Completed a strategic plan to ensure that the purpose of the organization is defined and that a plan to implement that goal is laid-out for the International Office and the local clubs.
- Initiated grassroots campaigns for members to contact their Senators and Representative to support various maritime initiatives.

The single biggest challenge going forward is for you to grow your membership and to work as a group to achieve common goals when advocating for the maritime industry.

IPCUS is not simply a social organization – it was established to promote the maritime industry through our membership and with the funds that we raise. I wish you well as you seek to accomplish these goals established in your bylaws.

Respectfully,

John M. Cullather
Executive Vice President

International Debate Over Vessel Emissions

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is currently discussing how to reduce carbon dioxide and Green House Gas (GHG) emissions from international shipping. Critics claim that IMO is effectively run by international shipowners and want any phase-out of carbon-based propulsion systems accelerated. Other countries are concerned that if older carbon-based propulsion systems are eliminated too quickly, they will not have cargo service to their country because there will not be enough ships to provide that service at a reasonable price.

A recent documentary titled "[Black Trail](#)" shows one perspective on this issue: [Black Trail](#). At the same time, scientist report that the atmospheric temperature increases and the rate of ice melting in the Arctic and Antarctic are accelerating. Coastal communities are looking to spend billions of dollars to build sea walls to protect their cities from rising sea levels.

The IMO goal is currently to reduce emissions by 2050 by 50%.

The United States position at the meeting was to have zero emissions from all vessels by 2050. The European Union also desired transition to Zero Emission Vessels faster than the IMO.

Some countries may consider implementing their own ship emission requirements outside of the IMO system. The United States did this after the EXXON VALDEZ accident when single-hull tankers were phased out over a 25-year period. After 9-11, the U.S. Congress led the world by writing and passing the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, after which the IMO passed the International Ship and Port Security Code.

In last month's newsletter I discussed disruptive technologies that are coming to other industries, such as the electrification of the automotive and trucking industry, and how that will affect the maritime industry.

There are multiple moving parts in this paradigm – and the maritime industry is involved in every part – from the ships entering our ports, the fuel that drives them, the rising sea levels, and the changes in other industries that will affect the commodities (such as petroleum) moving through our ports.

Each of our clubs need to be engaged in the discussions at your local level regarding these issues. As we begin to return to more normal activities, use your meetings, golf tournaments, and fish fries to network with leaders in your maritime community to discuss these issues.

Premier IPC European Conference Videos Available Online!

If you were unable to participate in the IPC European Conference, we have now put videos of the conference online. Below are the links to the presentations made by our speakers:

- [COVID-19 Vaccinations for Seafarers](#) by Dr. Jason Zuidema
- [HACE wave energy, a breakthrough solution for the production of green hydrogen at sea](#) by Jean Luc Stanek, Stephane Paul, and Guillaume Langlois
- [The Role of Ship Agents and Challenges in the COVID Era](#) by Nikos Marmatsouris
- [Smart Ports: Piers of the Future](#) by Emma Cobos
- [Introduction of the Galataport Project in Istanbul](#) by Figan Ayan
- [Morocco Ports strategy for 2030: Challenges and Opportunities](#) by Capt. Abdelfattah Bouzoubaa
- [Technology for Sustainable Fishing](#) by Pascal Larnaud
- [The New Panama Canal: Disaster waiting to happen](#) by Captain Don Marcus

Upcoming Events

- Annual International Conference & Port President Meeting, Virtual - Oct.

- The [Women's Propeller Club](#) will hold their next Raffle at the Convention in Piraeus Greece!

On Deck



Coast Guard

USCG – Risk Based Inspections for Small Passenger Vessels

On June 14, the Coast Guard issued a guidance for their personnel regarding using a risk based inspection program for small passenger vessels. The instruction can be found at this link: [USCG – SPV - Instruction](#)

USCG – 2020 Flag State Control Annual Report

On June 8, the Coast Guard released their 2020 Flag State Control Annual Report. During 2020 the Coast Guard conducted over 18,000 inspections, 1,644 marine casualty investigations, and 63 flag state detentions. The complete report can be found at this link: [USCG 2020 Flag State Report](#)



National Transportation Safety Board

NTSB – New Memorandum of Understanding with Coast Guard

On June 17, the NTSB and the Coast Guard signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding joint investigations by both agencies. The MOU can be read at this link: [NTSB-USCG 2021 MOU](#)

NTSB – Probable cause of SCANDIES ROSE sinking

On June 29 the NTSB held a virtual public board meeting to determine the probable cause for the sinking of the fishing vessel SCANDIES ROSE on December 19, 2019 killing 5 crewmembers. The Safety Board issued 7 safety recommendations – focusing on inaccurate stability instructions for the vessel during icing conditions. The abstract of the report can be found at this link: [NTSB - SCANDIES ROSE](#)

NTSB – Brief on 11 barges hitting bridge in TX

On June 22, the NTSB issued a Marine Accident Brief regarding the September 2019 incident in which 11 barges broke away and struck the I-10 bridge crossing the San Jacinto River in Channelview, TX. The Brief can be read at this link: [NTSB brief – barge incident](#)

NTSB – Brief on OLD GLORY striking bridge fender system

On June 17, the NTSB release a Marine Accident Brief regarding the towing vessel OLD GLORY striking the fendering system of the Peter P. Cobb Memorial Bridge in Fort Pierce, FL on Aug 2020. The brief can be found at this link; [NTSB brief – Cobb Bridge](#)

Congress

Contacting Member of House or Senate on Legislation

If you are interested in contacting your Senators or Member of the House of Representatives on any of the legislation listed below –



simply “click” on the hyperlink for the bill number. Then on the right side of the [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) website – you can click on “Contact Your Member” to provide them feedback on this bill.

House – job training for water infrastructure projects

On June 1, Rep. Moore (D-WI) introduced [H.R. 3668](#), bill to require recipients of assistance for certain water infrastructure projects to provide job training, apprenticeships, and other employment opportunities for low-income persons and very low-income persons. The text of H.R. 3668 is not yet available.

House – Major infrastructure bill

On June 4, Rep. DeFazio introduced [H.R. 3684](#), a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes. The text of H.R. 3684 can be found at this link: [HR3864IH](#)

House – Infrastructure Bank

On June 4, Rep. Sean Maloney (D-NY) [H.R. 3722](#), a bill to establish the 21st Century American Infrastructure Bank. The text of H.R. 3722 is not yet available.

House – NOAA – Ocean-based climate solutions

On June 8, Rep. Grijalva (D-AZ) [H.R. 3764](#), a bill to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to provide for ocean-based climate solutions to reduce carbon emissions and global warming; to make coastal communities more resilient; and to provide for the conservation and restoration of ocean and coastal habitats, biodiversity, and marine mammal and fish populations. The text of H.R. 3764 is not yet available.

Senate – To allow foreign-built passenger vessels into the U.S. coastwise trade

On June 9, Senator Lee (R-UT) introduced [S. 1994](#), a bill to enable passenger vessels that were not built in the United States to receive coastwise endorsement. The text of S. 1994 is not yet available. However, Senator Lee released this press release on this legislation: [Lee Release - PVSA](#)

Senate – to allow foreign-built cruise ships from passenger vessel requirements.

On June 9, Senator Lee (R-UT) introduced [S. 1998](#), a bill to exempt large cruise ships from certain requirements applicable to passenger vessels. The text of S. 1998 is not yet available. However, Senator Lee released this press release on this legislation: [Lee Release - PVSA](#)

House – changing ownership requirements for passenger vessels.

On Jun 14, Rep. McClintock (R-CA) introduced [H.R. 3873](#), a bill to adjust certain ownership and other requirements for passenger vessels. The text of H.R. 3873 is not yet available.

House – NOAA -making coastal communities more resilient to climate change

On June 15, Rep Beyer (D-VA) introduced [H.R. 3892](#), a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to provide for ocean-based climate solutions to reduce carbon emissions and global warming; to make coastal communities more resilient; and to provide for the conservation and restoration of ocean and coastal habitats, biodiversity, and marine mammal and fish populations. The text of H.R. 3892 is not yet available.

House – Pilot Program for intermodal infrastructure grants

On June 15, Rep. Graves (R-LA) introduced [H.R. 3902](#), a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a pilot program for intermodal transportation infrastructure grants. The text of H.R. 3902 is not yet available.

House – Hearing on Container Shortages and Supply Chain issues

On June 15, the House Subcommittee on Coast Guard & Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the impacts of shipping container shortages and increased demand on the North American Supply Chain. A video of the hearing and the prepared statements of the members and witnesses can be viewed at this link: [CGMT Hearing – Supply Chain](#)



Congressional Research Service

CRS – Coast Guard Inland Waterway Vessel Replacement Program

On June 1, the Congressional Research Service issued a report on the Background and Issues for Congress to consider regarding the Coast Guard's Waterways Commerce Cutter Program to replace 35 aging river and inland buoy tenders and construction tenders. The report can be viewed at this link: [CRS: USCG – WCC Program](#)



Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

BOEM – Wind Farm Assessment for Gulf of Mexico

On June 8, the BOEM announced their intent to assess potential opportunities for offshore wind development in the Gulf of Mexico. Additional information regarding this evaluation can be found at this link: [BOEM – Gulf of Mexico](#) The Federal Register notice can be found at this link: [FR 86-111](#)

BOEM – Wind Development in New York Bight

On June 11, the BOEM announced the proposed sale for offshore wind development in the New York Bight off Long Island. The proposed sale notice can be found at this link: [PSN – NY Bight](#) The Federal Register notice can be found at this link: [FR 86-112](#)

BOEM – Environmental Review – Empire Wind Project – NY/NJ

On June 17, the BOEM announced the upcoming environmental review for the Empire Wind project consisting of up to 174 offshore wind turbines off New York and New Jersey. Information regarding the public comment period and virtual public meetings can be found at this link: [BOEM – Empire Wind - 2021](#)



Maritime Administration

MarAd – Shipyard Benefit Report

On June 14, MarAd issued a report that found that 154 private U.S. shipyards support \$42.4 billion in gross domestic product (GDP). The complete report can be found at this link: [MARAD Report – U.S. Shipyards 2021](#)



Federal Maritime Commission

FMC – Applications for National Shipper Advisory Committee

On June 11, the FMC published a notice requesting applications from qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the National Shipper Advisory Committee. The notice and application information can be found at this link: [FMC: FR 86-111](#)

International

On June 9, the British Marine Accident Investigation Branch issued their annual report on their activities during 2020. The annual report can be downloaded at this link: [MAIB 2020 Annual Report](#)

UNCTAD

UNCTAD – How Ports can build resiliency against future pandemics

On June 22, UNCTAD issued a report and course list on how ports can build in resilience against future pandemics while protecting workers. The report can be found at this link: [UNCTAD – Pandemic Resiliency](#)

International Transport Federation

ITF – Day of the Seafarer meaningless without vaccines and mariner’s rights

On June 25, the International Transport Federation issued a press release that stated that the “Day of the Seafarer” is meaningless without vaccines and mariner’s rights restored. Their release and related video can be viewed at this link: [ITF – Day of the Seafarer](#)

Around the Clubs



Mobile Club

On June 17, the Mobile Club held a luncheon at which John Driscoll, the Director and CEO of the Alabama State Port Authority presented the “State of the Port” address for the Alabama ports.

Los Angeles / Long Beach Club

On June 2, the Los Angeles and Long Beach Club heard from Mario Cordero, Executive Director of the Port of Long Beach on the Forecast and Vision for the Port of Long Beach.

On June 16, the Los Angeles and Long Beach Club heard from three experts on Zero and Near Zero of Large Trucks – Where we are now – and where we will be in the future.

Jacksonville Club

On June 23, the Jacksonville Club conducted their Change of Command ceremony welcoming incoming President Whitney Croxton and outgoing President Linda Carrion. Linda gave a wonderful address highlighting many of the activities of the Jacksonville Club. The address can be read at this link: [Carrion Address](#)

Port Canaveral Club

On June 2, the Port Canaveral Club held a luncheon at which Space Florida VP of Government and External Relations Dale Ketcham who updated the Club on Space Florida’s mission and activities.



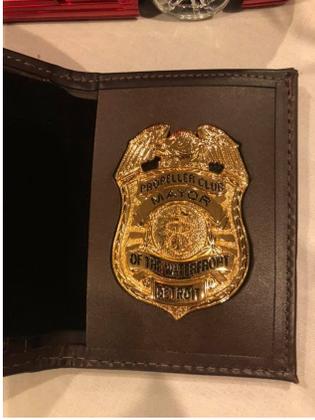
Tampa Club

On June 16 the Tampa Club held their Installation of Officers ceremony with outgoing President Mark Valenti welcoming incoming President Chris Chambers. Other awards were given to Barbara Blank for her outstanding service on the board and Capt. John Timmel for his outstanding efforts and loyalty to the Propeller Club over 35 years.

Detroit Club

On June 9, the Detroit Club held their “Change of Watch” meeting where outgoing Club President Richard Mee turned the helm over to Captain Scott Gunst. Richard was also named “Mayor of the Waterfront” for his

outstanding contribution to strengthening the club.



Houston Club

On June 17, the Houston Club held a fishing tournament – a lot of fish were on the stringers by the end of the day.

New York Club

On June 22 the New York Club held a luncheon to catch up and discuss the latest in the maritime industry. The New York Club also promoted the “Sail to Freedom” event that commemorated the 200th anniversary of the Greek Revolution.

Norfolk Club

On June 23, the Norfolk held a “Maker’s Craft Brewery Networking Event” where members were able to taste their delicious craft beer. It’s great that everyone can get together again safely.

Seattle Club

On June 16, the Seattle Club held a fun outdoor networking event where members were encouraged to bring a guest to learn more about the Seattle Propeller Club. Proceeds from the event were donated to support the creation of the El Faro Salute, a memorial dedicated to the crew who lost their lives in the sinking of the El Faro. If your Club would like to support this endeavor – you should check out their website: [El Faro Memorial](#)

Tacoma Club

On June 22, the Tacoma Club held their Annual Beach Bash – but this year it was virtual! The Tacoma Sea Scouts made a presentation titled “Replacing the Curtis” – and Executive Director Candy Nigretto gave a demonstration on how to make a delicious cocktail! (Perhaps she can show the rest of us at the next International Convention 😊)

International Clubs

Piraeus Club

On June 2, the Piraeus Club held their NEXT FORUM 2021 where they looked to the future of the global maritime sector. A recording of the forum can be viewed at this link: [NEXT 2021](#)

Monaco Club

On June 30, the Monaco Club held a webinar featuring Donald Brown, Vice President for Maritime Policy for CLIA and Mikos Mertzanidis, Director of European Government Affairs for CLIA, who shared their insights on the cruise industry’s return to service.



Algeciras Club

On June 22, the Algeciras Club held their live meeting with 20 members attending their first lunch in more than a year.

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