



# International Propeller Club of the United States

Promoting the Maritime Industry Since 1927

## November 2022 Newsletter

### 97th International Convention!

The 97th International Convention will be hosted by the Propeller Club of Charleston from September 26-29, 2023! It will be held at the historic Francis Marion Hotel which offers spectacular views of Charleston's church steeples, historic mansions, and its famous harbor, providing easy access to the wealth of Charleston's attractions. Look for registration information in 2023!

### Message from the President



One of the privileges of serving as International President is the opportunity to present the International Propeller Club awards at our annual convention to deserving individuals and organizations. Our awards convey to them our admiration and appreciation for their extraordinary accomplishments, and for their exemplary service to the International Propeller Club and to our industry.

Our first award was given to the Propeller Club Port of Seattle, our Propeller Club Port of the Year, in recognition of its advocacy for the maritime industry, involvement with its community, and its support of charitable organizations. Throughout the past year, and under the leadership of their President, Tosca Pinder, their officers and Board, the Propeller Club Port of Seattle has thrived, increasing their membership to more than 200 and, despite the financial challenges presented by the pandemic, they continued their community engagement, contributing to organizations including the Seattle Mission to Seafarers and the Sea Scouts.

The Propeller Club Member of the Year is presented to the individual who has demonstrated a strong commitment to the Propeller Club and who, through his or her actions, has helped to build and promote our organization. This year's recipient, Gerardo Tiedemann, has a record of leadership and support that is hard to match. He is one of the founders of the Propeller Club of the Basque Country – Port of Bilbao, served as its first President, and continues to serve as Regional Vice President for the Iberian Region.

Our next award, the Propeller Club Lifetime Achievement Award, is presented to an individual whose lifetime of service to our industry and to the International Propeller Club is so extraordinary that it must be recognized. This year's recipient is Mr. Francisco Roca Monza from the Propeller Club Port of Valencia. Mr. Roca Monza has spent 73 of his 91 years active in our industry and in the Propeller Club. He was not only intimately involved in the creation of the Propeller Club of Valencia in 1977 but chaired the club until 2001 and still remains involved in all its activities today.

The International Propeller Club Maritime Person of the Year award is presented to an individual whose contributions to our industry have been invaluable. The recipients of this award in the past have sometimes been trailblazers, or a recognized leader in one or more segments of our industry or have been dedicated to helping those who are less fortunate or otherwise in need. The recipient of the 2022 Maritime Person of the Year award, Mrs. Malina Travlos, is all three!

Mrs. Travlos recently became the first ever female president of the Union of Greek Shipowners, demonstrating the high esteem in which she is held by her colleagues who collectively control more than 20 percent of the global fleet capacity. At the same time, she runs Neptune Lines, which itself has a fleet of 18 pure car and truck carrier vessels. And, she is the co-founder of the Greek Shipowners' Social Welfare Company which has raised more than \$80 million to provide food assistance, health and education services, and disaster relief to the vulnerable members of Greek society.

Finally, I had the privilege of presenting for the first time a new award, the International President's Special Award of Excellence, to the officers, board and members of the Propeller Club Port of Piraeus. Over this past year alone, the Port of Piraeus Club has increased its membership by more than 270 individuals, increasing their membership to more than 740 making it the largest of our clubs; and over this same period, they have made 19 charitable donations and awarded 16 scholarships, totaling more than 107,000 euros. Everyone associated with the Port of Piraeus Club should be proud of what they have achieved, not only during this past year but throughout the club's history.

To all our Propeller Club Ports: it is never too early to start thinking about who you would like to nominate for the awards to be presented at our Convention in Charleston, South Carolina, September 26 – 29, 2023. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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## From the Executive Vice President

In the wake of a very successful Convention, it's a good time to look ahead to the future. We start a new membership year on January 1st. By that time, Club Presidents or Secretaries should have taken a snapshot of their membership as of 1 December 2022. We ask each Port to complete their Membership Dues Report, and Officer Report and send us your membership roster by December 31, 2022. International dues are expected by January 31, 2023. We greatly appreciate the majority of Ports who are timely on all of these. A more detailed message will be sent soon to all Port Presidents, secretaries and treasurers about this.



This is also a great time for Port officers to think about their activities in 2023. Two key events we will have again are the Salute to Congress and the International Convention. The Salute is normally held in May in Arlington, VA. It's a fantastic event where we will recognize a Member of Congress who has been especially supportive of the maritime industry. An exact date won't be known until the Congressional calendar is available. This is also a great opportunity to meet with your Congressional representatives to discuss issues that are important to us.

Also, mark your calendars now to attend next year's International Convention in Charleston, SC. Our 97th International Convention will be held at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston from September 26-29, 2023. It promises to be a great time where members

can learn about key issues for the maritime industry, network, and have a great time!

**Joel Whitehead, Executive Vice President**

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## MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

### **Rear Admiral Joanna Nunan, USCG (Ret) Propeller Club of Washington, DC**

#### **Rear Admiral Joanna Nunan Announced as Superintendent of U.S. Merchant Marine Academy**



Rear Admiral Nunan retired earlier this year as the Coast Guard's Deputy for Personnel Readiness. In that role, she oversaw the Coast Guard's entire personnel enterprise, including the recruitment, training, support, and retention of all active duty, reserve, and civilian personnel. She also supervised the Coast Guard Academy and served on its Board of Trustees.

The U.S. Department of Transportation and the Maritime Administration have announced the historic appointment of Rear Admiral Joanna M. Nunan (U.S. Coast Guard, Ret.) as the next superintendent of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA).

Nunan, who spent more than three decades in the U.S. Coast Guard, has commanded units at every level both afloat and ashore. She will begin work at the Academy in a few weeks.

"Rear Admiral Joanna Nunan is the right leader at the right time for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "Her years of experience as a senior military leader—including command at sea—have prepared Rear Admiral Nunan to shape the future of the USMMA and help ensure the safety and success of its extraordinary midshipmen."

"Rear Admiral Nunan is uniquely prepared to lead and strengthen USMMA on every front," said Maritime Administrator Ann Phillips. "She understands both the critical role USMMA plays in our economic and national security and the organizational transformations that are essential to ensuring USMMA prepares students in a safe and respectful environment to excel in a maritime industry undergoing rapid change."

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Previously, Rear Admiral Nunan served as the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources. In that role, among her many responsibilities, she helped spearhead efforts to expand diversity and inclusion in the Coast Guard, including formulating policy changes focused on increasing the retention of women in the service. She also served as a member of the Coast Guard's Sexual Assault Prevention, Response, and Recovery Committee.

Earlier in her career, she served as the Military Advisor to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and as the Military Assistant to Department of Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta. She also served more than nine years at sea—including commanding two buoy tenders—and previously served as the Commander of the Ninth Coast Guard District and as Commander of Coast Guard Sector Honolulu.

A Bridgeport, Connecticut native, Nunan graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1987 and received her Master of Business Administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic. She also obtained three Coast Guard merchant mariner licenses, including Master of vessels of not more than 1,600 gross tons and 3rd Mate on vessels of unlimited tonnage.  
**Homeland Security Today**

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**Does your Port have an outstanding member we can highlight in our newsletter?**  
Let [Joel](#) know!

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## Around our Propeller Club Ports

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### Port of Strasbourg, France

The Port of Strasbourg celebrates its 40th Anniversary in November with a party and dinner on board of MS Gerard Schmitter, a 3-deck river vessel that sails on the Rhine River and its tributaries.

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### Port of Port Canaveral

The Propeller Club of Port Canaveral held its Annual Meeting and Veteran's Luncheon on November 9. The luncheon followed the Canaveral Port Authority State of the Port event with Port CEO Capt. John Murray.

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### Port of Northern California

The Port co-hosted a one-half day "Storms, Flooding and Sea Level" Conference with the Society of American Military Engineers on November 9th. The conference grew out of the initiatives of California ports including the Ports of Oakland, San Francisco, Long Beach and Los Angeles and have subsequently expanded to include ports around the United States. This year the ports of Rotterdam, San Francisco, San Diego, New Orleans and Galveston were in attendance. The ports shared their plans to address storms, flooding, and higher sea levels and examine the impact on port operations, commerce and the wider community.

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### Port of New Orleans

The Propeller Club of New Orleans held a networking luncheon with members of the Propeller Club and the Greater New Orleans Council of the Navy League. The speaker was Captain Frank Paskewich, USCG (Ret). He gave a fascinating presentation on the Coast Guard's response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Captain Paskewich led the Coast Guard's efforts to save lives in that defining storm.

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## Maritime News

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## **U.S. Congress urged to pass bill to zero out shipping pollution**

November 18 - A group of 31 environmental and community organizations and 13 industry organizations have sent letters to U.S. Congress calling for the support of the Clean Shipping Act of 2022.

Introduced by Representatives Alan Lowenthal and Nanette Barragá in July this year, the bill aims to clean up the shipping industry, protect the health of port communities, address environmental injustice, and provide solutions to the climate crisis.

Specifically, the passage of the bill would direct the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate regulations to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from marine vessels that call on ports in the US – reaching 100% GHG emission reductions by 2040 – and to require zero in-port emissions from marine vessels by 2030.

“Now is the time for the U.S. to be more ambitious than ever on climate action. In addition to achieving life-saving emissions reductions, this bill will help spur the development of the zero-emission vessel market and accelerate zero-emission research and demonstration across the maritime supply chain. With so much at stake, we call on the U.S. to commit to helping achieve a zero-emissions shipping industry and urge Congress to pass this bill,” environmental organisations stated. **Offshore Energy** Read [more](#)

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## **Maritime giants sign COP27 hydrogen commitment**

Nov 14 - Signatories to the joint statement committed to the end goal of providing green hydrogen and hydrogen-derived fuels at scale for the maritime industry, in line with their target to fully decarbonise the industry by 2050 at the latest.

Supporting the shipping industry’s ambition, the Getting to Zero Coalition recognised the role of hydrogen and hydrogen-derived fuels in its pursuit of zero emissions deep sea vessels from 2030, and green hydrogen developers and producers pledge to work towards generating the 5.5m-tonnes of green hydrogen needed for the shipping industry by 2030.

The commitment was signed by Maersk, Green Hydrogen Catapult, Getting to Zero Coalition, Intercontinental Energy, Acwa Power, Fortescue Future Industries, CWP Global, MAN Energy Solutions, Green Hydrogen Organisation and Aspen Shipping Decarbonization Initiative facilitator of Cargo Owners for Zero Emission Vessels (coZEV) **Seatrade Maritime News** Read [more](#)

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## **Greek owners adopt wait and see approach on alternative fuels**

Nov 14 - On deeper analysis of 234 Greek newbuilding orders this year it can be seen whether or not Greek owners are turning towards a greener shipping industry or whether they are still waiting to see what green fuel and technology will prevail in order to proceed with orders of greener vessels.

In the bulker orderbook all the Greek orders are for vessels using conventional fuels. Only eight in the tanker orderbook are vessels that can use dual fuel (mainly LNG) while there are 14 orders that are alternative fuel ready meaning, they can easily be retrofitted in order to use another fuel and 40 orders are vessels that use conventional fuels.

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## **Russia Agrees to Renew Ukraine Grain Deal**

Moscow commits to honoring the existing deal for another four months, without any of the big changes it had asked for

Nov. 17- Moscow agreed to renew an arrangement with Ukraine, Turkey and the United Nations that allows for the export of Ukrainian agricultural products through the war-torn Black Sea region.

The extension avoids for now another shutdown of the agreement by Moscow, after Russia briefly dropped out of the deal late last month. Russian officials had been demanding more international access for its food and fertilizer exports ahead of a weekend deadline for the current deal to be renewed.

In the end, Moscow committed to honoring the existing deal for another four months, without any of the big changes it had asked for. That included better international access for its agriculture exports and a request by Russian officials to restart ammonia exports through a Ukrainian pipeline.

Russia's Foreign Ministry said that resolving issues around its agricultural-related exports would be a condition for renewing the deal in four months' time. Western countries haven't sanctioned those exports, but sanctions might have created obstacles to financing and shipping Russian agricultural products, U.N. officials say. **Wall Street Journal**

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### **Arctic sea traffic is rising. Canada isn't ready for it**

Nov 15 - The Canadian government's ability to track foreign vessels through the Arctic is woefully inadequate and the situation may get worse, according to a new report by the Auditor General of Canada.

Domestic surveillance of the region is incomplete, data that's collected is insufficient, and there is no effective way of sharing information on maritime traffic, the watchdog said. Meanwhile, new icebreakers, aircraft, satellites and infrastructure required to fix these problems have been delayed to the point where some equipment likely will be retired before it can be replaced.

"Federal organizations that are responsible for safety and security in the Arctic region do not have a full awareness of maritime activities in Arctic waters and are not ready to respond to increased surveillance requirements," said the report from Auditor General Karen Hogan.

The Arctic is warming roughly four times as fast as the rest of the world, opening the region to increased traffic for cargo, tourism or military purposes. The number of voyages through Canada's Arctic more than tripled between 1990 and 2019, the auditor notes, and is expected to continue increasing. **American Journal of Transportation** Read [more](#)

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### **LABOR ISSUES PERSIST AT PORT OF OAKLAND AS CARGO IS REROUTED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

A combination of labor issues involving International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 10 workers is leading to an insufficient number of longshoremen at the Port of Oakland. The result has been an ironic re-routing of cargo to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach – ports that were plagued earlier this year by ILWU issues of their own.

The issues at Oakland are reported to be the result of two problems: part-time longshoremen are prohibited from driving yard tractors – a rule that the ILWU does not enforce anywhere else on the West Coast. The result is that there are not enough workers at the pier to operate the yard equipment.

A second problem has been a lower level of manpower in general at Oakland than other ports in the region. Longshoremen are only reported to work an average of 4.4 days a week at Oakland as compared to over 5 days at the Southern California ports. These lower hours translate to less manpower on the port at any given time, with implications on serviceability and operations. **Journal of Commerce**

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### **US Coast Guard Cites Cyber Security Exposures at U.S. Ports**

In a presentation to the Propeller Club of Northern California, Commander Boris Montatsky, who serves at the U.S. Coast Guard Cyber Command as the Cyber Effects

and Protection Division Chief, said there are six areas of risks at ports, marine terminals and on vessels: Facility Access, Terminal Headquarters/Data, Terminal Headquarters Ransomware, Operational Technology Systems, Positioning, Navigation, & Timing, and vessels.

Captain Taylor Lam, Commander Sector San Francisco, provided an overview of issues facing the Coast Guard and the U.S. maritime industry: “We’re probably not where we need to be yet, but we have certainly made significant advances and strides in where we need to go...” **AJOT** Read more [here](#)

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### **Volumes Rising on Great Lakes–St. Lawrence Seaway System**

November 14 - Shipping across the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence Seaway system topped 4.2 million tons in October, led by strong gains in grain as well as potash, salt and other dry bulk cargos. Overall grain shipments reached 1.5 million tons, a reflection of the strong late harvest in various regions of the Great Lakes.

“It’s great to see these positive numbers for the late harvesting of grain in the U.S. and Canada,” said Bruce Burrows, President & CEO of the Chamber of Marine Commerce. “The promising trend for grain continues to show the important role the Seaway plays in exporting goods from the Great Lakes to the rest of the world.” Burrows added, “There has also been a significant increase in the number of vessel transits, another demonstration of the vitality of waterborne transportation throughout the region.”

Overall shipping on the seaway system through October was 27.6 million tons, which represents a steady improvement over the past few months.

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### **Elpi Petraki elected as new WISTA President**

Petraki from WISTA Hellas, and also Operations, Chartering & Business Development Manager at ENEA Management, was elected on 26 October at WISTA’s Agm in Geneva. The nominees for the position of President were Petraki and Alexandra Anagnostis-Irons, WISTA USA.

Commenting on her election Petraki said: "I am truly honoured to have been elected as President of WISTA International. Diversity and inclusion in maritime have never been in the spotlight like today and whilst much has been achieved in recent times, there is still a great deal to be done. WISTA International has a powerful voice that must be heard, continuing to raise awareness for the incredible contribution women make to the industry."

She said she looked forward to working with WISTA’s 56 national associations on issues such as decarbonisation, digitalisation and attracting new talent and providing equal and equitable opportunities for all. **Seatrade Maritime News** Read [more](#)

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## **Government Highlights**



**Supporting maritime  
decarbonization - IMO at COP 27**

IMO will be present at COP 27, the United Nations climate conference which takes place in Egypt from 6-18 November 2022. IMO will highlight that international shipping is indispensable to the world and is a vital industry to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the global energy transition.

Following the 2nd IMO Symposium on alternative low- and zero-carbon fuels for shipping in October 2022, focusing on "Ensuring a just and inclusive transition to low-carbon shipping", IMO will co-host a side event on Producing future marine fuels: opportunities for renewable energy production in developing countries (10 November). The side-event will be attended by IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim. It is co-hosted by IMO, UNCTAD, IRENA and World Bank. **IMO** Read [more](#)

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### **Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI, Chapter 4 Entering in to Force November 1, 2022**

The International Maritime Organization adopted an initial strategy on the reduction of GHG emissions from ships in 2018. The Coast Guard is working on amending the Code of Federal Regulations to implement the provisions of MARPOL Annex VI. This proposed rule will clarify the application of Annex VI regulations, identify how the United States is exercising discretionary provisions of Annex VI, and specify procedures and criteria, as necessary, to address any gaps in the current U.S. regulatory framework for Annex VI.

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### **BOEM Designates Two Wind Energy Areas in Gulf of Mexico**

As part of the Biden-Harris administration's goal of deploying 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy capacity by 2030, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) today announced it has finalized two Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) in the Gulf of Mexico, with the potential to produce enough clean wind energy to power nearly 3 million homes.

The first WEA is located approximately 24 nautical miles (nm) off the coast of Galveston, TX. The area totals 508,265 acres and has the potential to power 2.1 million homes. The second WEA is located approximately 56 nm off the coast of Lake Charles, LA. The area totals 174,275 acres and has the potential to power over 740,000 homes.

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### **APPLY NOW TO HOST THE 98th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in 2025**

We are now accepting applications to be the Host Port for the 2025 Convention and Conference. Hosting an International Propeller Club Convention will give you and your members the opportunity to showcase your Port and highlight the contributions your members make to the maritime industry.

If you are interested in hosting the 2025 International Propeller Club Convention and Conference, please contact Executive Vice President Joel Whitehead at [joel@propellerclubhq.com](mailto:joel@propellerclubhq.com) or Associate Executive Director Cheryl Rothbart at [cheryl@propellerclubhq.com](mailto:cheryl@propellerclubhq.com) for additional information.

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The International Propeller Club regrets to announce the passing of Charles Atkinson on 14 November. Charlie had a long and impactful career with Bahri General Cargo and the National Shipping Co. of Saudi Arabia. He was a great leader in the Propeller Club of Baltimore as President and a member of the Board of Governors. He also served as a Regional Vice President of the International Propeller Club. His professionalism and deep involvement with the maritime industry and Propeller Club will be sorely missed.

## Upcoming Events

International Propeller Club Board of Directors meeting, 6 December 2022

International Day for Women in Maritime 2023, May 18, 2023

Salute to Congress, Arlington, VA, date to be announced

97th Annual International Propeller Club Convention, Charleston, SC, September 26-29 2023

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