

Soundings

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Olympic Spirit Christening November 3, 2006 Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

The Olympic Spirit was launched on Friday, November 3rd at Bay Shipbuilding Company in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Father Dominic of St. Joseph Catholic Church conducted the ceremony, while Mr. Harley Franco christened the barge with a bottle of champagne. Mr. Franco's speech is printed below.

"It's been said that nothing is built in America anymore—that economic forces have made it virtually cost prohibitive. We are a country that provides services not goods. Well, I'm here to tell you that Americans can still deliver the goods. Here I am in Wisconsin where they still actually make things. Harley Davidson makes motorcycles, Cummins Diesel makes engines, Kohler makes plumbing fixtures, and lucky for me, Manitowoc still makes barges.

Why come all the way from Seattle to build a barge you might ask? And why in Wisconsin? Believe it or not, Wisconsin's geography lends itself perfectly to the ship building trade. Nestled between two of the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River, Wisconsin is the ideal spot to build a ship. Of course, the barge will have to travel thousands of miles to be put into service, so again you might ask, "Why build here in Wisconsin"? "Why spend over a million dollars more to bring the Olympic Spirit to the West Coast"?

The answer is easy. Wisconsin is a state filled with quality; quality people, quality resources, quality football and some of the best cheese you'll ever taste! People and companies in Wisconsin take a great amount of pride in what they produce. I don't think I've ever met a person from Wisconsin who wasn't smart, solid and hard-working; not to mention plain old nice.

I have a good friend from Wisconsin who has lived in Seattle for the last 20 years. She is so proud of Wisconsin that it is infectious! She's an ardent Badger; she is proud of the people, the natural beauty (even the cold winters and hot summers); because you get it all in Wisconsin. My friend Debbie says, "No matter how far away from Wisconsin you go, you always remember where you came from and the solid beginnings".

This is an amazing barge. In addition to impeccable craftsmanship, it is built to work long and hard, like the people of Wisconsin. With a great deal of thought and intention, we called this barge: The Olympic Spirit. It's maiden voyage will take it thousands of miles from where it will provide jobs, fuel for ships and serve other commercial purposes. Ultimately, it's another cog in our National Economic wheel.

I'm proud of what we've built here. I'm proud to be associated with the fine people of Manitowoc, and I'm proud to be here in Wisconsin where honesty and hard work are not just good values, but a way of life.

I want to thank our lenders, Varde, CIT and GE, because without their support this would not be possible. Thank you."

She was accepted and delivered into the Olympic Tug & Barge fleet on December 1, 2006. The Olympic Spirit is the 10th double hull oil barge in the Harley Marine fleet. She will be operating along the U.S. West Coast.

Specifications

Length—369 feet

Beam—72 feet

Built—2006

Capacity—80,360 barrels



The Other Side of a Heart Attack

First, we should know that not every heart attack symptom is going to be the left arm hurting. Be aware of intense pain in the jaw line, nausea and intense sweating. Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital.

401(k) Open Enrollment

January 1st is the next time for enrollment in the HMS 401(k) Retirement Plan. Pamphlets and enrollment forms have been mailed to all employees who are eligible for the first time in January. Others who are eligible and have not previously enrolled but wish to do so now should contact either Tina Schaffer in Southern California, Tim Kline in San Francisco Bay, or Desiree Otsuka in Seattle. Forms for changing the amount of your contribution are being mailed along with paychecks in early December.

All of these forms need to be returned to Desiree Otsuka in Seattle no later than January 01, 2006. Turning forms in late will mean having to wait until July for the next enrollment period.

Copies of the forms are also available electronically. Send a request for them to dotsuka@harleymarine.com.

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DECEMBER**HOLIDAYS:****7TH**—PEARL HARBOR DAY**21ST**—WINTER SOLSTICE (WINTER BEGINS)**22ND**—MARITIME DAY**25TH**—CHRISTMAS DAY (COMPANY HOLIDAY, OFFICES CLOSED)**31ST**—NEW YEARS EVE**December Anniversaries****Harley Marine Services**

Gregg Nelsen 13 years

Olympic Tug & Barge

Kurt Zaverson 19 years

Ron Winterfeld 5 years

Guy Larsen 3 years

Bran McGinley 1 year

Koby Otterbach 1 year

Gary St. Luise 1 year

Nathan Griffin 1 year

John Munson 1 year

Millennium Maritime

John Ramsden 3 years

Matthew Hathaway 2 years

Pacific Terminal Services

Tracy Wild 6 years

Starlight Marine Services

Michael Limon 2 years

Chris Ramos 1 year

Hal Eltzroth II 1 year

Westoil Marine Services

Brian Janson 10 years

Thomas Matlock 2 years

Jeffrey Roberts 1 year

Robert Hernandez 1 year

Usvaldo Romero 1 year

THUMBS UP

- *I would like to thank Johni Komisak and Rosie Chavez for "taking care of business" while I was away on vacation. They worked very hard to keep the office running smoothly. They are great assets to SOCAL and the Harley Marine Team.
~Tina Schaffer*
- *Thanks to the crew of the Pacific Falcon while they were in Los Angeles in October helping Westoil Marine Services.*

December Birthdays**Birthstone:** Blue Topaz & Turquoise**Flower:** Nacissus**Millennium Maritime**

Mishael Romero—8th

Marco Vuoso—4th

Scott Walker—8th

Olympic Tug & Barge

Alvin Bayer—20th

Eric Chisman—26th

Greg Horton—19th

Todd Johnston—15th

John Kochis—5th

Mark Livingston—31st

Phillip Lobner—30th

Brett Nelson—15th

Steve Ybarra—16th

Pacific Coast Maritime

Jim Weimer—6th

Travis McGrath—10th

Pacific Terminal Services

Mark Flower—25th

Tina Garrett—10th

Bruce Staneart—15th

Public Service Marine

Gabriel Cleope—15th

Carl Fessler—27th

Anthony Green—14th

Starlight Marine Services

Arthur Amon—14th

Michael Link—24th

Justin Taschek—6th

Jan Tiura—29th

Ryan Tom—18th

Westoil Marine Services

Mario Amalfitano—22nd

Randy Atwood—26th

Joshua Bobic—12th

John Costello—23rd

Johni Komisak—22nd

Stephen Martin—2nd

Carlo Orlando—12th

Vincent Pereira—29th

Derek Quarry—25th

Jason Rittgers—19th

Jeffrey Watkins—5th



On Thursday the 7th of December, the Nuclear Attack Submarine Los Angeles arrived at it's namesake city to a fanfare of marching bands and a number of City Officials on hand for the event. The Millennium Tugs Z-3 (Capt. Phil Ruan) and Tim Quigg (Capt. Mike Golden) effortlessly assisted the submarine to berth at LA 46.

USS LOS ANGELES (SSN 688), the fourth naval ship to be named after the City of Los Angeles, is the lead ship of her class. Her many capabilities include wartime functions of undersea warfare, surface warfare, strike warfare, mining operations, special forces delivery, reconnaissance, carrier battle group support and escort, and intelligence collection.

USS LOS ANGELES (SSN 688)

Keel Laid - 8 January 1972

Launched - 6 April 1974

Commissioned - 13 November 1976

SHIP'S CHARACTERISTICS

Length Overall - 360 feet

Maximum Beam - 33 feet

Surfaced Displacement - 6,100 tons

Submerged Displacement - 6,900 tons

Maximum Depth - In excess of 800 feet

Maximum Speed - In excess of 25 knots



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How to create a gift that keeps on giving and giving and giving.

Around this time every year, I make a cup of cocoa...turn up my favorite holiday tunes...curl up on the couch...and scribble out my special gift list. What makes it special? Next to the name and gift idea, I write down how much I can spend on each person.

You guessed it: my gift list is also my holiday budget. Simply adding that extra column of "how much" on your gift list can make your holidays happier. Many people think budgeting during the holidays turns them into a Scrooge. In truth, it's just being smart. The average family spends around \$750 on gifts alone. Without a spending plan you could shop your way into more debt than you can manage.

Instead, why not stay in control and have fun with your holiday budget?

Take the blahs out of your budget

If you think of creating a budget as part of your holiday tradition, it becomes a more enjoyable experience. Concentrate on your friends and family and the gifts—make the dollar amount secondary. Focus on the fun, not the finances.

Once you hit the amount you want to spend on gifts and there are still people on your list, don't extend your budget. Simply decide who will get a card or batch of cookies instead of a more expensive gift.

Do sweat the small stuff

As you jot down your gift list, you should create another column and title it "extras". Things like wrapping paper, cards, small gifts for co-workers, decorations for your home—they all go here along with how much you want to spend on everything.

Party like it is \$19.99

Holiday parties are a must on your gift list. Add a column and title it "events". Write in the parties, work outings, dinner with friends—anything you have planned for the next few weeks—and decide what you can afford to spend on each event. If it seems like too much, can you skip an outing? Or what about getting together for coffee and dessert instead of dinner? Find ways to cut back without missing out on all the fun.

Get the most from your gift list

Be realistic when you create your list. Look at what you spent on the holidays last year. Was it too much? Just right? Then try to come up with a number you can easily handle and try not to go beyond that dollar amount.

Here are a few tips on controlling your holiday spending:

- Use cash instead of credit. It's harder to go over your budget with cash.
- If you do use a credit card, designate one to be your holiday card. You'll be able to track your expenses more easily.
- Shop early. Last minute shopping usually leads to over spending.

Seasons Greetings!!