

# Soundings

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## **Aleutian Islands Emergency Towing Systems (ETS) Deployment Exercise Unalaska, Alaska**

On July 31st the Tug Gyrfalcon and its crew participated in the Aleutian Islands ETS Deployment Exercise. Other participants included: Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Spill Response and Conservation, City of Unalaska, Dunlap Towing, US Coast Guard, Alaska Marine Pilots Association, Pacific Coast Maritime, Horizon Lines, Samson Tug and Barge, and Alaska Maritime Agencies.

Following the near grounding of the *Salica Frigo* on March 9th, the Mayor of Unalaska convened a Disabled Vessel Workgroup to discuss issues and proactive solutions, which prompted the ETS workgroup. The goal of the workgroup is to develop an emergency towing capability for disabled vessels in the Aleutians subarea utilizing locally available tugboats and an emergency towing system. Emergency towing equipment and trained personnel stationed in Unalaska will decrease response time and may preclude a disabled vessel from grounding.

The ETS consists of a towline capable of towing a distressed vessel, a messenger line to assist in deploying the towline, a line-launcher, a buoy, and chaffing gear. The ETS may be deployed to a disabled ship from the stern of a tugboat or airdropped to the deck of the ship via helicopter.



*Paul Cagle, Pacific Coast Maritime, shooting the line gun to the disabled tramper during the exercise.*

## **THUMBS UP**

- *Thank to all the Olympic Tug & Barge crew who helped with the 2 Fishing Derby's at World Headquarters. Your help and professionalism is greatly appreciated.*  
—Stephanie Wright
- *A BIG hats off to Jonathon, Tim, and Tom at SMS, it is no surprise that they did a terrific job while I was out of the office for over two weeks. The SMS Machine moved ahead smoothly and this qualified group did as expected: a great, professional job. Thanks to all three of you!*  
—Chris Swan

### Port Security Grants

Congratulations Jim Flies for securing \$127,582 in port security grants for video surveillance and an access card systems for Harley Marine Services. Jim coordinated the grants with the Department of Homeland Security and the funds will go to security related systems for our companies. Specifically, the security cameras will provide additional security on our properties and will promote continued homeland security. The new company wide ID cards will be distributed to all employees and were designed to meet the Transportation Workers Identification Card (TWIC) requirements. Some of the funds have not been specifically allocated as to what ports they are designated for, so stay tuned for more information.

Jim, your hard work and diligence is greatly appreciated.

## Baby Corner

**This month we welcome two beautiful babies into the Harley Marine Family**

### *Makayla Marie Salcido*

Birthdate: July 1, 2007

Birth Time: 11:38 p.m.

Weight: 8 lbs. 8 oz.

Length: 20"

Proud Parents: Paulina & Jeff Salcido Jr. (Jeff Jr. is a deckhand at Westoil Marine Services)

Proud Grandparents: Wanda & Jeff Salcido Sr. (Jeff Sr. is an Engineer at WMS)



### *Joshua Paul Thomas Maciel*

Birthdate: June 29, 2007

Weight: 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Length: 21"

Proud Parents: LeAnne & Jon Maciel (Jon is a Tankerman for Public Service Marine)

**Cooking with the Captain**  
**Captain Chris Starkenburg, Tug Gyrfalcon**  
**Chris's Basil Butter**

**Ingredients:**

1½ pounds of butter (softened)  
 1 cup of sun dried tomatoes in oil, drained and chopped fine.  
 Pat the tomatoes dry with a paper towel to make sure all of the excess oil is removed before adding to the butter mixture.  
 (2) 1oz packages of fresh basil, with no stems roll the leaves and slice very thin  
 ½ tablespoon of fresh garlic, chopped fine  
 ½ tablespoon of fresh cracked black pepper  
 ½ tablespoon of Old Hickory Smoked Salt (Spice Island)

**Directions:**

In a mixing bowl, use an electric blender to smooth the butter. Add the garlic, pepper and Old Hickory Smoke Salt and mix together. Then, by hand fold in pine nuts and basil (one at a time). After this is blended well, carefully fold in the sun dried tomatoes.

Place approximately 18 inches of saran wrap or parchment paper flat on your counter and spoon the butter onto the wrap (1½" x 1½" x 8"). Fold the edges of the saran wrap together and roll butter into a tube. Ensure the butter is completely covered with saran wrap and place in the freezer. The butter will last several months, use as needed.

**Meal Directions:**

One hour before you are going to use the basil butter, pull it from the freezer and let it thaw, slice ¼" slices and place the slices back in the refrigerator until you are ready to use on the fish. You can use this butter on any type of fish, seafood or chicken.

**BBQ Salmon Directions:**

When your Salmon is almost done cooking, place a slice or two of butter on top of the fish and turn off the heat. Let the butter slowly melt, but do not let it drip into the flames because it will cause a bad flavor and will flame up fast! Or, once the fish is cooked ¾ of the way remove from the BBQ, place on a baking sheet, top with butter and place in oven on low heat (125-140 degrees). This process will allow the butter to slowly melt and finish

**Westoil Marine Services**

Jonathan Stanley—3rd  
 Nels Gorne—5th  
 Alexander Cohen—9th  
 Max Maresca—9th  
 Aaron Wells—9th  
 Jeffrey Salcido Jr.—23rd  
 Adam Dalton—24th

**August Birthdays**  
**Birthstone: Jade / Peridot**  
**Flower: Gladiolus**

**Harley Marine New York**

Gerard Fromm—13th  
 Christopher Tranos—27th

**Harley Marine Services**

Scott Manley—6th  
 Rod Gullickson—11th  
 Maria Nguyen—15th  
 Courtney Wickens—23rd

**Millennium Maritime**

Mark Fuelle—8th

**Olympic Tug & Barge**

Jim Sellers—4th  
 Kurt Zaverson—4th  
 Brian Healy—7th  
 Steve Speaker—7th  
 Larry Holland—16th  
 Ron Kallinen—20th  
 Marek Kaszewicz—24th  
 Sven Christensen—26th  
 Kristopher Laakso—26th  
 Aaron Gallaway—28th  
 Bran McGinley—29th

**Pacific Terminal Services**

Burton Nye—16th  
 John Wild—17th  
 Kevin Buffum—22nd

**Public Service Marine**

Patrick Ciulla—30th

**Starlight Marine Services**

John Beaston—6th  
 Josh Stultz—9th  
 Michael Limon—10th  
 David Lawson—12th  
 Richard Murphy—26th

## **Welcome to the Team—July New Hires**

### **Jay Dady**

#### **Port Engineer, Harley Marine NY**

Jay comes to us with 40 years of experience in the maritime industry and will be reporting to Gregg Nelsen. Prior to coming to HM NY, Jay worked his way up from deckhand to assistant port engineer while working for some of the biggest companies on the East coast. We are delighted to have Jay join our team.

Welcome aboard!

#### **Harley Marine NY**

Frederick Bach, Mate

Keith Bluestein, Deckhand

Gerard Fromm, Tankerman

David Kirk, Tankerman

Jose Panlilo, Jr., Tankerman

#### **Millennium Maritime**

Jesus Valdivia, Dispatcher

#### **Olympic Tug & Barge**

Nathan Goode, Deckhand

John Jensen, Mate

#### **Pacific Coast Maritime**

Brian Ratcliffe, Deckhand

#### **Starlight Marine Services**

Summer Connelly, Administrative Assistant

#### **Westoil Marine Services**

Oscar Saenz, Port Maintenance

### **Safety Tip**

Reports of drowning victims without life preservers make a too frequent appearance on the nightly news. Falling from a boat, pier, barge, gangway or river bank is usually a sudden and unexpected situation caused by unforeseen events. The outcome of such occurrences is often tragic due to an absence of a personal flotation device. Much debate centers around when and where to wear a PFD, but the bottom line is: if you do not wear it, it does not work. Performing tasks in a safe manner must take precedence in any situation. Even if you are fortunate enough to never need the protection of a life vest, the example you set will save someone else. In short, wear your life vest or PFD.



## August Anniversaries

### Harley Marine Services

Todd Prophet—10 years  
 Frank Fagoaga— 3 years  
 Desiree Otsuka—2 years  
 Scott Manley—1 year  
 Jim Flies—1 year

### Millennium Maritime

Joey Blanks—7 years  
 Doug Houghton—7 years  
 Gary Smith—7 years  
 Anthony Lobro—3 years

### Olympic Tug & Barge

Kenneth Olson—13 years  
 Andrew O'Donnell—13 years  
 Ron Starheim—12 years  
 Brandon Chafe—7 years  
 Scott Coleman—7 years  
 Tim Olson—3 years  
 Jim Berge—3 years  
 Chris Diecks—3 years  
 John Edwards—2 years  
 Jack Forsyth—2 years  
 Ron Kallinen—2 years  
 Alexander Lavielle—1 year  
 Anthony Schierman—1 year

### Pacific Coast Maritime

Mark Hurst—9 years  
 Troy Lynch—3 years

### Public Service Marine

Mark Sanders—1 year

### Pacific Terminal Services

John Wild—4 years

### Starlight Marine Services

Justin Rodgers—4 years  
 Kevin Caldwell—2 years  
 Michael Price—2 years  
 Jonathan Mendes—1 year  
 Josh Stultz—1 year

### Westoil Marine Services

John Skow—16 years  
 Anthony Meyers—11 years  
 Demetri Palley—6 years  
 Lil Bouchelle—1 year  
 David Breen—1 year

## So Cal Barbeques ~

Millennium Maritime, Westoil Marine Services and Public Service Marine have been hosting Summer Barbeques at the Southern California office. These themed events bring good times and lots of laughs to employees. The most recent Hawaiian Barbeque was coordinated by Doug Montgomery. The delicious menu and the tropical ambiance provided a short vacation to those in attendance. Adding to the fun was a Crazy Shirt Contest, and there were a couple winners for 'the loudest aloha shirt'.



Here are the themed barbeques for the rest of the summer ~

South Western – August 10

Seafood – August 24

If you are in the Los Angeles area around those times, stop by and grab some grub!

## **Q - Factor by Captain Jim Caspers**

***Director of Quality Systems***

***Harley Marine Services, Inc.***

### **Nonconformities and the NC/CA Request Form (NCR)**

I would like to share some important information with you about Nonconformities, the NC/CA Request Form and Work Requisitions. There is a connection between these items that should be clearly understood.

Let's take a look at nonconformities and the NC/CA Request (NCR) Program. What is it? A non-conformity is a situation in which two or more interrelated things do not match or conform to each other. Here is an actual example. *The ?? policy in the Marine Operations Manual (MOM) originally stated that you must use the vessel call sign when calling VTS or bridge to bridge. This is not required by regulation. A NC/CA Request revealed the written policy in MOM did not conform to the actual regulatory requirement. The policy was then revised to match. There is now conformity.*

Here are a few more examples: a policy that does not match accepted practice, a Work Request or Purchase Requisition that is not addressed in a timely fashion, a policy contrary to law or regulations, expired certificates or shipboard documents and unsafe acts, procedures or conditions which have been previously reported to management. These are nonconformities which should be reported on an NC/CA Request Form. Please do not use the NC/CA Request to circumvent the normal channels for doing business. That is why we have a management support team here at HMS. The NCRs are the "safety valve" for important issues.

NC/CA Request Forms can be in paper form, faxed or e-mailed. In the near future you will be able to log on to Harley Marine Services website, fill out an electronic version of an NC/CA and click "submit." Many of our important forms and reports will be available there. It just doesn't get any easier than that! See you on the water.

#### **QSMS - Q & A**

##### **Who may file an NC/CA Request?**

**Any employee**

##### **Where do I send the NCR?**

**The Designated Person Ashore**

##### **Do you need to go through your captain or supervisor?**

**No, but you should if possible**

##### **What questions should I ask before submitting an NC/CA?**

**Have I used proper channels to seek resolution and support? Should I file a Work Request or Purchase Requisition? Did I work through my supervisor?**

# Olympic Tug & Barge Employee Barbeque and Fishing Derby

Sunday, July 22nd –  
The Fishing Derby was a success,  
despite the morning rain. Guests  
enjoyed good company, wonderful food  
and fishing off the Ellis Brusco and  
Alyssa Ann!

Rory's catered the event, they  
barbequed chicken, salmon and ribs.  
There was plenty of food to go  
around, seconds and thirds were had  
by all!

Michelle Moll's (accounting manger) son,  
Cooper received a children's fishing pole,  
and although he wasn't sure if he should  
use it as a sword or fishing pole we all  
enjoyed his enthusiasm and excitement.

Prizes including a G Loomis fishing pole,  
an Ambassador reel, tackle boxes, and OTB  
duffle bags. Since no fish were caught, all  
of the prizes were auctioned off to the  
guests. Specialized Olympic Tug & Barge  
shirts were also distributed to all guests as  
a memento of the day.

Table centerpieces were colorful Beta fish  
in bowls. Children and/or guests were  
welcome to take one home as their new  
pet! Cooper decided to name his fish  
"Barbara".

For those of you who did not have a chance  
to make it, next year's employee barbeque  
and fishing derby is already on the  
calendar! We look forward to even more  
participation and suggestions on how to  
make next year's derby even better!



## July Employee of the Month

### **Captain Ron Winterfeld** **Olympic Tug & Barge**

Sometimes it is easy to lose sight of the individuals who operate the furthest away from the Seattle or Portland office, but recognition should be given to Ron Winterfeld in Port Angeles. Although Ron Winterfeld rarely is seen around the Seattle office, and his boat seldom ventures beyond Ediz Hook he is a valuable asset to the Olympic Tug & Barge operation. Throughout the entire year Ron does an outstanding job managing his crew and equipment, dispatching, schedules jobs, and is the face of Olympic Tug & Barge in Port Angeles. Ron goes out of his way to assist the other Olympic vessels visiting Port Angeles whether it be a vehicle for groceries or a news paper for a crew that has been layed up due to weather. Thanks Ron for all of your hard work and dedication!

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### **Walter Fourness** **Westoil Marine Services**

Walter Fourness continues to demonstrate his loyalty and commitment to the company. Walter is not only observant and proactive in identifying problems, he always submits a solution with any complaint. Thank you, Walter. We appreciate your dedication.

### **Captain Pat Lopez** **Millennium Maritime**

Pat Lopez started as a Westoil Captain running the Royal Melbourne and St Andrews, after a couple of years he moved to MMI and started doing ship work with the tractor tugs. Pat is a well rounded professional in all aspects and has adapted well with San Francisco and outside towing experiences. Thank you Pat for your flexibility and dedication to Harley Marine Services.

**Congratulations to all of you, keep up the good work!**