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# THE INLAND MARINER

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2017 - 1st Quarter Newsletter

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## A Message From the President

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Over the last nine months, our fleet performance has significantly improved and I want to acknowledge that you all have done extremely well in reducing our incidents. However, we must remember that complacency is extremely dangerous in our workplace.

When we get used to things being “the way they have always been,” we no longer really take notice of our surroundings. We can underestimate the risk of tasks that we perform regularly, or fail to notice a change in our environment when we have become complacent in our daily routines. We all must get out of that mindset and treat every task as if it were the first time, and follow procedures in their entirety. Something as simple as completing a checklist can prevent an incident or injury.

We need 100% effort from everyone to prevent incidents. No shortcuts equals no incidents. To achieve this perfection in our performance, we must again assess every situation as if it were the first time doing it. I feel we are very close, but we must ensure we do it every day even when you are off watch.

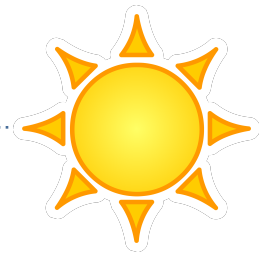
To me, your safety is paramount. I truly believe our goal of zero incidents is achievable when everyone is committed to stopping unsafe acts, finding hazards and eliminating them before a task is continued. Our fleet performance is the best it's ever been, but we still have room for improvement to ensure our crews and vessels stay safe and are the first and best choice of our customers.

*Stay Safe, Dean Cheramie*

## Summertime Safety

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Water is a great way to beat the heat, but summer is also when children are most likely to drown. Drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for kids under the age of five, and toddlers are especially at risk. Drowning can happen in almost any amount of water, indoors or outdoors.



Twenty kids have drowned in Texas so far in 2017. But, we can prevent these tragedies if we all watch kids around water! Never leave a child unsupervised around water, inside or outside of the house. It only takes a few minutes for a child to drown.

As a parent or caregiver, you can prevent accidents before they happen! Learn CPR, have emergency numbers handy, take a lifeguard class, and use the tips on the last page of this newsletter to make sure staying cool in summer is fun and safe for all.

You can also find more information on water safety at [www.helpandhope.org/Water\\_Safety/](http://www.helpandhope.org/Water_Safety/).

*Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*

## 1st Quarter New Hires

Please help us in welcoming the following to the D&S Family:

- Jason Meek - Wheelman
- Gregory Armstrong - Wheelman
- Steven LeBeouf - Wheelman
- Carl Stanaland - Wheelman
- Jason Adams- Wheelman
- Adrian Babb - Tankerman
- Derrick DeHart - Deckhand
- Tremell Ragas - Deckhand
- Dustin Terrebonne - Deckhand
- Gage Cheramie - Deckhand
- Vincent DeHart - Deckhand
- Robert Perkins - Deckhand
- Jeremy Benoit - Deckhand
- DeeXavier Jackson - Deckhand
- Derrick Usie - Deckhand
- Michael Cooley - Deckhand
- Christopher LeBoeuf - Driver

## Tankerman Trainees

Congratulations to the following crew members on their completion of tankerman school.

- Levi Holdiness
- David McNiel

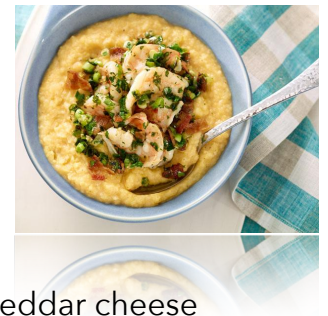


## From the Galley

### Shrimp and Grits

#### Ingredients:

- 4 cups Water
- Salt and Pepper
- 1 cup stone-ground grits
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 pound peeled shrimp
- 6 slices bacon chopped
- 4 teaspoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 1 cup thinly sliced scallions
- 1 large clove garlic minced



#### Preparation:

Bring water to a boil. Add salt and pepper. Add grits and cook until water is absorbed, about 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in butter and cheese.

Rinse shrimp and pat dry. Fry the bacon in a large skillet until browned; drain well. In grease, add shrimp. Cook until shrimp turn pink. Add lemon juice, chopped bacon, parsley, scallions and garlic. Saute for 3 minutes.

Spoon grits into a serving bowl. Add shrimp mixture. Serve immediately.

### Reminder!

- If you have an address or phone number change, please notify the office as soon as possible. It is very important that we have all your current contact information on file.

### D&S Family News

If you have great news you want to share, please let the office know so we can make sure to announce it in our next newsletter.

- Jonathan McFeeters - Newborn  
Karsyn Jon McFeeters - 1/26/17



- Lawrence Lombas, Sr - Great-Granddaughter  
Everly Rae Allen - 2/15/17



*"Coming together is a beginning;  
Keeping together is progress;  
Working together is success."*

*- Henry Ford*

### Towboat Spotlight

You wouldn't know by looking at her, but the M/V Sylvia M LeBoeuf is the oldest vessel in the D&S fleet. She was built in 1956 by Bludworth Shipyard in Houston, TX. Sylvia LeBoeuf is the wife to the late Larry LeBoeuf, owners of Taria Lynn Marine.



### Health4Me App

United Healthcare's Health4Me App is designed to make managing health care a lot simpler. You can easily access your health plan ID card, benefit amounts, account balances and Personal Health Records. You can manage claims, estimate costs and find nearby providers and quick care facilities anytime and anywhere. Health4Me allows you to personalize the interface and even talk to someone at the push of a button if you have questions. Health4Me is designed to simplify and streamline access to your health care



Health4Me

resources in a secure and convenient way. It's a platform that is built to grow and help you and your family lead healthier lives today.

## Kirby's No Harm Banquet

On Wednesday, March 8th, D&S Marine attended Kirby's No Harm Banquet. Not only did it recognize the Kirby employees that took actions to prevent harm to people, the environment, and equipment, it included their vendors as well. Fifty-three employees were recognized during this event, three of whom came from Kirby's charter fleet. D&S Marine had two employees receive No Harm Awards, Olympius Johnson and Gregory McLendon, pictured right. "Stop Work" is one of the most important tools provided to each employee. It gives authorization from management to "Stop Work"



when the risks of a task cannot be effectively managed and when the risk of a harmful event is present. This safety intervention is imperative to everyone's success. We are very proud of the entire fleet and the progress we have made towards target zero.

## American Flag Disposal

When we think of items that we regularly throw away or recycle, the American Flag doesn't often come to mind. That's because we hang them proudly, and the thought of throwing them in the garbage would feel unpatriotic. But many of us know it is far worse to hang a tattered or damaged flag than to dispose of it properly. But what if you find yourself and your flag in that situation? What is the proper and respectful way to dispose of an American Flag? When the flag



is in such condition that it is no longer fitting for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Burning is in no way unpatriotic, rather, it requires a specific ceremony where the flag is folded correctly, laid on a fire and burned patriotically. Salute or have someone at the burning ceremony recite the Pledge of Allegiance or sing the National Anthem. Since fires are not allowed on our vessels, please make sure to return all damaged American Flags to the office. All flags we receive are then turned over to a local organization such as the Regional Military Museum right here in Houma, where they properly conduct the ceremony to dispose the flags free of charge.



## Beast on the River

The Motor Vessel Mississippi, pictured right, was built in 1993 by Halter Marine, and is the fifth Corps of Engineers' towboat to bear the name. It is the biggest diesel towboat in the United States at 241 feet long and 58 feet wide with 6,300 horsepower. It holds 80,235 gallons of fuel, consuming 6,270 gallons a day with 16 barges in tow.

The M/V Mississippi is also a passenger boat. It has 22 staterooms and can accommodate 150 passengers. The conference room seats 115 people and is used for public meetings, commission and congressional meetings. Its dining room seats 85.

The M/V Mississippi spends more than 90 percent of its time for the the Corps' Memphis District as a working towboat moving barges, equipment and supplies on the Mississippi River. However, it also still serves as an inspection boat for the Mississippi River Commission, as well as a giant floating ambassador for the Corps of Engineers.

## On Deck

Kyle Holdiness is a Tankerman Trainee and has been part of the D&S Team for a little over two years now. Kyle was born and raised in Noxapater, MS and currently resides there with his two sons and daughter. He is also one of three brothers who work for D&S Marine. His older brother, Levi, is also a Tankerman Trainee on the Randolph C. and his younger brother, Trevor, recently joined us on the Rita Ann. When Kyle is away from the boat, he enjoys riding his motorbike and spending time with his kids and family.



## Credential Reminders!

- Effective July 1st, 2017, employees will no longer be allowed to board a vessel with a TWIC Card renewal receipt. Please make sure to renew your TWIC Card in a timely manner, and send a copy of your new TWIC Card to Personnel.
- Just a reminder that your Radar Certificate and Merchant Marine Document expire on different dates. Even though your radar is endorsed on your license, it may be expiring before your MMD. If you are unsure or have any questions, please contact Personnel.



## Upcoming Birthdays

### April

- William Prince - 2nd
- Julian Murphy - 2nd
- Cyd Hebert - 3rd
- Johnathan Eley - 10th
- Justin Wilson - 14th
- Edward Westmoreland - 16th
- Charles Ronchetti - 17th
- Michael Miller - 20th
- Carl Stanaland - 23rd
- Michael Jacks - 24th
- Brandon Oubre - 30th



### May

- Jamarion Dillon - 6th
- Sebrina Scurlock - 6th
- Derrick DeHart - 7th
- Robert Cervantes - 8th
- Gary McLain - 8th
- Jeffrey Soudelier - 12th
- Levi Holdiness - 13th
- Irvin Naquin - 16th
- Ricky Huffman - 17th
- Adrian Babb - 18th
- Steven Harrison - 18th
- Eugene LeBlanc - 21st
- Gage Cheramie - 22nd
- Albert Thomas - 23rd
- Wilton Parfait - 23rd
- Klancy Ward - 23rd
- Carl Sevin - 25th
- Brad DeHart - 28th
- Shaun O'Fallon - 29th

### June

- Jonathan McFeeters - 3rd
- Chris Carter - 3rd
- Kyle Holdiness - 4th
- Daniel Son - 4th
- Bobby Cooper - 6th
- Robert Bachman - 7th
- Rickey Fuerst - 9th
- Clint Nickels - 9th
- Dean Cheramie - 10th
- Derrick Usie - 12th
- Ervin Fuerst - 15th
- Joseph Verret - 17th
- Tremell Ragas - 19th
- Robert Minter - 19th
- Michael Nelton - 22nd
- Nicholas Roberts - 23rd
- John Timperio - 24th
- Trevor Holdiness - 26th
- Vincent DeHart - 28th
- Jeremy Benoit - 29th

## Company Anniversaries

### January

- Michael Miller - 11 years
- Joey Davaine - 7 years
- Shawn Jett - 3 years
- Zed Guidroz - 2 years
- Jeffery Soudelier - 2 years
- Joseph Verret - 1 year
- Brandon Oubre - 1 year

### February

- Rickey Fuerst - 9 years
- Ervin Fuerst - 9 years
- Richard Portier - 7 years
- Travis Johnson - 5 years
- Dasmond Campbell - 3 years
- Thomas Chauvin - 3 years
- Charles Husley - 2 years
- Eric Cox - 2 years
- Thayer Russell-Pelsue - 2 years
- Mitzi Naquin - 1 year
- Devon Swafford - 1 year

### March

- Thomas Prosperie - 10 years
- Wilton Parfait - 5 years
- Donzell Turner - 5 years
- John King - 4 years
- Philip Smith - 3 years
- Jason Cloud - 2 years
- Gordon Ladner - 2 years
- Brett Landry - 2 years
- David Wilson - 2 years
- Michael Naquin - 2 years
- Garrett Kelley - 1 year
- Wayne Savoie - 1 year
- David Moore - 1 year



# Watch Kids Around Water

## Basic safety tips

### *Inside the house*

- ◆ Never leave small children alone near any container of water. This includes toilets, tubs, aquariums, or mop buckets.
- ◆ Keep bathroom doors closed and secure toilet lids with lid locks.
- ◆ Never leave a baby alone in a bath for any reason. Get the things you need before running water. Infants can drown in any amount of water. So if you must leave the room take the child with you.
- ◆ Warn babysitters or caregivers about the dangers of water to young children and stress the need for constant supervision.
- ◆ Make sure small children cannot leave the house through pet doors or unlocked doors and get to pools or hot tubs.

### *Water safety outside*

- ◆ Never leave children alone around with water whether it is in a pool, wading pool, drainage ditch, creek, pond or lake.
- ◆ Constantly watch children who are swimming or playing in water. They need an adult or certified lifeguard watching and within reach.
- ◆ Secure access to swimming pools. Use fences, self-closing and latching gates, and water surface alarms.
- ◆ Completely remove pool covers when the pool is in use.
- ◆ Store water toys away from the water when not in use so they don't attract a small child.
- ◆ Don't assume young children will use good judgment and caution around water.
- ◆ Be ready for emergencies. Keep emergency telephone numbers handy and learn CPR.
- ◆ Find out if your child's friends or neighbors have home pools.



**WatchKidsAroundWater.org**