

THE INLAND MARINER

2018 - 3RD QUARTER NEWSLETTER



SEVENTY-FIVE

Dean Cheramie - President

With Halloween coming up, the holiday season is near. That means the amount of time left for working in 2018 is minimal. I find this to be a great time to reflect on the events of the year so far. For me, it has come with many accomplishments in safety, performance, and compliance as a company. One of these accomplishments is seventy-five. That is the number of times you documented your use of Stop Work Responsibility (SWR) in the first three quarters of 2018. This is a small but significant part in where we are today as we continually improve. There is no way to measure the impact if just one of these uses of SWR would have been missed, but knowing that it may have prevented an injury, spill, or collision is worth everything to me.

It's easy to just be done at this point and begin the holiday fun. This is also the time of year for holiday distractions and an increase in incidents. You might find yourself tempted just to coast to the end thinking, "I'll just save my energy and start fresh in the new year." But the last quarter, like the last few miles of a race, is a great time to dig deep and aim to exceed all expectations. Much can be accomplished in a few short weeks. After all, while everyone else is pulling up, the winner is often the one who finds the strength for one more burst of speed. I appreciate each of you for your continued effort and improvement. I thank you for choosing to work for D&S Marine Service.

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"When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on." - FDR

3rd Quarter New Hires

Tankermen

Donald Salley
Jeffery Bailey

Deckhands

Billy Smith
Mark Maddox
John Richard
Danuel Williams
Jonta Martin
Mark Allemand
Kenneth Brand
Brett Verdin
Josiah Encarnacion
Mason Thomas
Devon Johnson
Dustin Courville
Mark Guidry
Shane Rusher
Dustin Hernandez
Marcus Hebert
Harley Nolan
Eric Mascorro
Adam Van Vliet
John Diamond

Shoreside

James Partlow
Hailey Pledger

FLU SHOTS

Flu season is amongst us, and it's more important than ever for you to take care of your health. By getting a single flu shot, you can protect yourself against both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 virus. So take a positive step to help reduce your chances of catching this season's flu, and get a flu shot. If you have health coverage through D&S, Blue Cross Blue Shield will cover annual flu shots at 100% when you use a contracted network provider, walk-in clinic, or retail pharmacy. For a list of these providers, please visit www.express-scripts.com.

ASSUMING VS KNOWING

The Sunshine Bridge in Donaldsonville will remain closed for months rather than days due to damage caused by a recent barge accident. The bridge, which crosses the Mississippi River, was closed indefinitely Friday, October 12th after a barge carrying a crane collided with the southwest portion of the bridge. For the 25,000-plus people who travel across the bridge daily, that means they now have to take an alternate route to cross the Mississippi River in either Baton Rouge or Gramercy.

With the facts of this accident still unknown, it leads many to question how could this have happened. It appears as the vessel was preparing to make this maneuver, the crew believed they would clear the bridge. Do you think their crew might have made an assumption on bridge clearance, crane height, or the river stage? Our recent incidents show that we are still making decisions based on assumptions rather than knowing the facts. If your crew has not done so already, in your next safety meeting discuss ways in which this incident could have been avoided.



TANKERMAN SCHOOL

In November 2017, Cenac Marine Services dedicated a fully refurbished barge to South Louisiana Community College's maritime program. That barge is now being used at SLCC, training the next generation of mariners including 3 of our very own. The barge has been a game changer for the school in that they are able to offer a hands on, real life experience while under the supervision of an instructor. Congratulations to Trevor Holdiness, Booby Cooper, and Tyler Lirette for completing the tankerman course and being one step closer to becoming a licensed tankerman.

REMINDER

Moved recently or changed numbers? Please notify the the office as soon as possible. It is very important the we have all your current contact information on file!

GETTING TO KNOW



Lindsey has been D&S's receptionist for the past 3 years, but has recently moved into Quality Systems. As part of her new position, she will be in contact with the vessels on a weekly basis to make sure near misses are completed and turned in. Growing up in South Louisiana, Lindsey enjoys spending her free time outdoors hunting and fishing with her two children, Ayden and Khloe.

PROMOTIONS

Kristopher Milner - Tankerman
Thomas Chauvin - Tankerman
Dylan Nelton - Tankerman

FAMILY NEWS

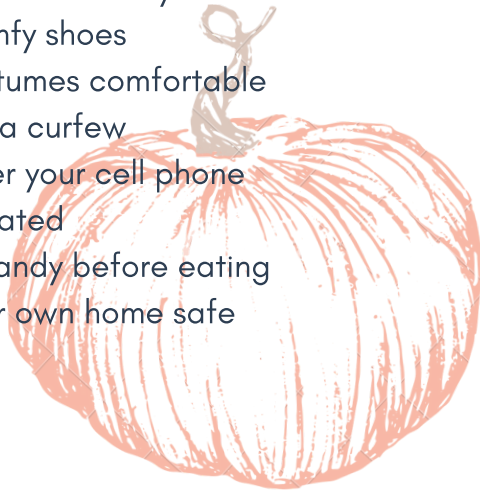
Dustin Courville - Daughter
Ryleigh Ann Courville



HALLOWEEN SAFETY

When taking your children Trick-or-Treating this year, you not only want them to have fun going door to door stocking up on candy, but to stay safe while doing so! Keep in mind these 10 Halloween safety tips to have the best time Trick-or-Treating!

1. Plan a route in advance
2. Wear reflective clothing
3. Make an ID card for your children
4. Wear comfy shoes
5. Keep costumes comfortable
6. Establish a curfew
7. Remember your cell phone
8. Stay hydrated
9. Inspect candy before eating
10. Keep your own home safe



DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS

Ramp Up Operations with Attention to Details

A towboat operation can be described as a system of many parts and procedures controlled by the people on-board. There is very little on a boat or barge that does not have some sort of function to help make the system work. Our procedures are based on regulations and best practices with the goal of a safe and productive workplace.

In all, there is a lot that needs attention, detail, and precision. Taking shortcuts or deviating from procedures can have significant impacts. There is a saying, "the Devil is in the details," which expresses the idea that whatever one does, it should be done thoroughly.

Why? Because details are important!

NEAR MISSES

Why report near misses?

Near misses are unplanned events that had the potential to result in injury, illness, or damage.

-Although an injury may not be sustained, reporting near misses provide the opportunity to prevent future incidents.

-A near miss is very close to an incident that causes harm, therefore investigating the root cause(s) of a near miss can prevent a similar incident in the future that results in serious injury or damage.

Near misses are a warnings!

Letting a near miss go unreported provides an opportunity for a serious accident to occur. Correcting these actions or conditions will enhance safety and provide a better working environment for everyone. Don't let yourself or co-workers become statistics - report near misses immediately!

We track, trend, and share near miss data for a reason, to raise fleet awareness. Your near miss report one week could prevent an incident on another vessel the next week!

COMPANY ANNIVERSARIES

July

Corwin George - 7 years
John Verrett - 6 years
Jason Bourg - 4 years
Jamario Dillion - 3 years
Archie Scurlock - 2 years
Trevor Holdiness - 2 years
Steven Verret - 2 years
Ricky Huffman - 2 years
Eugene LeBlanc - 2 years

August

Dalen Cheramie - 13 years
Eric Prosperie - 13 years
Carl Sevin - 13 years
Robert Minter - 3 years
Devin Jupiter - 3 years
Raymond Daniel - 3 years
Michael Nelton - 3 years

September

Nathan Parfait - 9 years
Clint Williams - 9 years
Daniel Bourg - 5 years
Keith Bergeron - 5 years
Rhonda Rebaradi - 4 years
Daniel Blanchard - 4 years
Donald Cheramie - 3 years
David Henderson - 3 years
Jamie Brunet - 1 year
George Gann - 1 year

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

October

Mark Guidry - 8th
Jhon Thibodeaux - 13th
Travis Johnson - 15th
Josiah Encarnacion - 21st
Keith Bergeron - 27th
Justin Matherne - 30th

November

Kenneth Fortenberry - 7th
Corey Matherne - 7th
David Toups - 8th
Devin O'quin - 8th
Carlton Walimaki - 9th
Olympius Johnson - 9th
DJ Martin - 11th
Nicholas Cox - 19th
Albert Trosclair - 19th
Dalen Cheramie - 20th
Gary Short - 21st
Jesse Orgeron - 23rd
Joshua Bland - 24th
Shawn Jett - 24th
Jamie Brunet - 26th
Daniel Guidry - 28th
Percy Byrnes - 28th
Randy Gaudet - 29th

December

Thomas Prosperie - 3rd
Raymond Daniel Jr - 6th
Virgel Breaux - 8th
Tyler Lirette - 14th
Montie Sibley - 16th
Michael Held - 17th
Daniel Bourg - 17th
Jonta Martin - 22nd
David Moore - 24th
Brett Landry - 25th
Michael Prosperie - 26th
Nathan Parfait - 30th