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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Summer is here! For me, that means lots of family time, pool parties, beaches, and chasing speckled trout on Grand Isle! It is my favorite time of year! For SCIA it means the beginning of a transition from one President to the next, the installation of two new board members, and the planning of our annual banquet where this officially takes place.

We have faced so many challenges over the last year. Personally, as a community, as an organization, and as a country. Through it all, it has been an honor and privilege to work alongside my colleagues on the SCIA board as we navigated these uncharted waters.

In a time of so much uncertainty I am certain of a few things:

- 1) God is good!
- 2) Life doesn't always go as planned
- 3) The sun will come up tomorrow and that's a chance to turn it all around again

Knowing these things makes me confident that we will see better times as an industry and as a country. Through all of the ups and downs, SCIA will be here continuing its mission and fighting for its members. As I write my last letter from the President, I am confident in the people I serve with and the future of our great Association.

It has been a great joy to serve as SCIA President. Thank you all for entrusting me with the responsibility.

Will see you soon!

Stuart Fauchex

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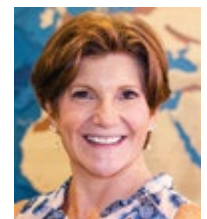
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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Well, it looks like we just might make it out of this pandemic after all!! (Knocking on wood!) And just in time, too! Who wants to wear a face mask in July and August?!!

SCIA is back at monthly General Membership Luncheons with 150-225 people. We are all getting over the Zoom fatigue and making our way out of the house or office. Some of us are even headed out of town for vacation! Now comes the post-covid awkwardness of not knowing how to greet people. Should you hug, shake hands, or maybe just the familiar fist bump is still appropriate? Who knows? The bottom line is we are getting out and able to network again!

We are even going to have a banquet again this year, albeit later than normal. Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 12th! We'll have none other than former LSU Baseball Coach Paul Mainieri!

We hope you have been enjoying our monthly luncheons at Cypress Columns, a change of scenery from our typical location that hasn't been able to accommodate us due to covid restrictions. We are looking forward to our banquet in August and our annual golf tournament in October. Typing that makes me realize we are already halfway through the year! Wow!

Now if we can just get through hurricane season. (Where's that wood to knock on again?!)

Christy Alley Zeringue

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CLIFF'S NOTES FOR THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BY CHRISTY ALLEY-ZERINGUE, AS EDITED FROM LABI.ORG

On the final day of the Legislative session, lawmakers approved finishing touches that gained broad, bipartisan support on both the tax reform package of bills and the compromise language on a bill to fund transportation infrastructure needs.

While tax reform and infrastructure funding were front-and-center in the public's eye this session, we can't overlook some of these long-sought solutions to problems plaguing our business community. These are major milestones on the path toward economic opportunity in Louisiana.

Bills of note include:

TAX REFORM

Streamlined Sales Tax Collection. HB 199 by Speaker Clay Schexnayder (R-Gonzales): If approved at the polls this fall, this Constitutional Amendment will create a more streamlined state and local sales tax system in Louisiana by establishing a new statewide political subdivision that will be responsible for streamlining filings, remittance and audits of sales and use taxes.

Why it Matters: This bill—overhauling the cumbersome, archaic system currently in place—will finally put Louisiana's brick-and-mortar retailers on equal footing with remote sellers such as Wayfair.

Tax Simplification Package. SB 157, SB 159, SB 160 and SB 161 by Sen. Bret Allain (R-Franklin), HB 278 by Rep. Stuart Bishop (R-Lafayette) and HB 292 by Rep. Neil Riser (R-Columbia) will collectively lower income tax rates, remove the Federal Income Tax (FIT) deduction mandate, reduce the number of tax brackets and simplify state income tax administration.

Why it Matters: Louisiana has one of the most complex and cumbersome tax systems in the country. By simplifying administration and lowering taxes, this tax reform package will make Louisiana more competitive on a national level while improving revenue locally, generating economic growth and vitality.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

HB 514 by Speaker Pro Tempore Tanner Magee (R-Houma), as amended, phases in a rededication of proceeds from the state's current vehicle sales tax to the Construction Subfund of the Transportation Trust Fund.

Why it Matters: This bill will eventually shift up to \$300 million (60 percent) to projects such as replacing the I-10 Calcasieu River bridge in Lake Charles, building a new Mississippi River bridge in Baton Rouge, creating a new I-49 and I-10 interchange in Lafayette and more.

ENDING ENHANCED UNEMPLOYMENT

HB 183 by Rep. Chad Brown (D-Plaquemine), would end the federal enhanced unemployment benefits by no later than July 31, 2021. This move would put Louisiana in line with the rest of the states in the South and help get our employees back to work faster.

Why it Matters: Businesses of all sizes have struggled due to a lack of employees returning to work, given that they were receiving greater benefits to stay home. The results of this bill will help fill thousands of vacant jobs throughout the state.

SCHOOL CHOICE APPEALS PROCESS

HB 211 by Rep. Mark Wright (R-Covington) would allow the families of children in failing “D” or “F” schools to appeal to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) after being denied enrollment at an “A,” “B,” or “C” school of their choice and asking for reconsideration from their local district.

Why it Matters: This will give families an added option to appeal school enrollment decisions, giving them greater access to educational opportunities for their children.

ENVIRONMENTAL SELF AUDIT

HB 72 by Rep. Jean-Paul Coussan (Lafayette) requires the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to establish a voluntary self-audit program.

Why it Matters: A version of this bill has been in process since the 1990s. This rendition—liked by both DEQ and industry—incentivizes companies to do monthly, internal inspections of their facilities to identify and manage potential issues before they become violations.

SCHOOL FUNDING TRANSPARENCY

HB 38 by Rep. Rick Edmonds (R-Baton Rouge) will require public K-12 school systems and public charter schools to join other state-funded agencies and institutions in “Louisiana Checkbook,” the state’s fiscal transparency program.

Why it Matters: School systems have received significant federal funding from Congress in the past year, and this bill will bring more financial accountability over taxpayer dollars sent to Louisiana’s school districts.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION

HB 256 by Rep. Phillip Tarver (R-Lake Charles) allows for teachers to form their own groups or associations and to receive payroll deductions for those activities, requiring annual authorization for the deduction of these dues.

Why it Matters: The bill will give teachers more choice in joining organizations and gives them an even greater voice in how they choose to associate and advocate.

BAN ON DECEPTIVE ATTORNEY ADVERTISING

SB 43 by Sen. Barrow Peacock (R-Bossier City) outlaws deceptive advertising practices used by some plaintiff lawyers in Louisiana.

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PARISH PRESIDENTS SPEAK AT SCIA MAY LUNCHEON

BY DREW MILLER, HOUMATIMES, AS EDITED BY CHRISTY ALLEY-ZERINGUE

Lafourche Parish President Archie Chaisson and Terrebonne Parish President Gordon Dove headlined the panel for the South Central Industrial Association general membership luncheon in May, as SCIA Past President Chett Chiasson served as moderator.

The three discussed bringing jobs to the area, the changing energy landscape, oil and gas policies coming from the White House and more.

For Chaisson, who took office in January of last year, the main priorities for his first term include tax reform and economic development, and he believes the two go hand in hand.

"We'll be rolling out a tax reform package to the voters in the next few weeks so that we can take to them in the spring of 2022 a reformed local tax structure, which will help not only businesses by lowering your tax burden on your property but your sales tax that you have to pass onto to your consumer," he said to the crowd of local business leaders at the SCIA luncheon.

He went on to add that the tax reform will also help the 39,000 homeowners in Lafourche Parish by taking down their property taxes.

The parish president also highlighted other reasons business should come to the area, such as Port Fourchon, the expanding healthcare network, a significant amount of recreation programs, Lafourche's top-ranked school district and the two local colleges: Nicholls State University and Fletcher Technical Community College.

"Not only can your employees come here and live here, but we can educate them," he said. "We can keep them going with continuing education, and we can let your family grow up here in a positive environment."

Now in his second term, Dove touted the strides made in the Morganza-to-the-Gulf levee system and pump stations for increased hurricane protection, Terrebonne Parish's low millage and utility rates and the Bayou Country Sports Park, the state-of-the-art complex that features multiple ball fields, a splash pad and beach area, among other attractions.

"If we are going to get industry down here, we need quality of life," he said. "Having so much done between hurricane protection and drainage, we can move on to quality of life."

Both officials also expressed pro-oilfield sentiments regarding the coastal lawsuits, arguing that it could persuade companies not to operate in Louisiana. According to Dove, various oil companies own 65 percent of the parish's topography.

"They are a corporate citizen. We treat them like a corporate citizen," he said. **"And we try to protect them as much as we can in the courts."**

To two also addressed an audience question regarding the ongoing moratorium on lease sales on public lands and waters by the President Joe Biden administration and how it impacts the future of the oil and gas industry.

"What we've told them all along is you're not hurting the majors...Those guys are going to figure out how to diversify. That's what they do," Chaisson said.

He argued that the smaller businesses, like service companies and restaurants, and such community members as surveyors, boat crews and others working as wells are set up will be affected the most by the lease ban.

Chaisson and Dove also expressed that petroleum is needed, despite the push for the world to move towards renewables and electric vehicles.

"You can't run stuff on seed oil. They've got to have oil and gas. You can't run the airline on electric power – you gotta have jet fuel," Dove said.

"I don't think climate change is something that's phony. I think it's something that we have to deal with. But deviating directly away from petroleum products is not the answer," Chaisson said. "...I'm all about trying to diversify as we move forward, knowing that oil and gas and Port Fourchon are still going to be what fuels this nation for years to come."



BOLLINGER ANNOUNCES GULF ISLAND ACQUISITION AT LUNCHEON

BY CHRISTY ALLEY-ZERINGUE

Ben Bordelon, President and CEO of Bollinger Shipyards was the guest speaker at the April SCIA General Membership Luncheon.

Bordelon began his talk with big news! “We officially took over the shipyard portion of Gulf Island at 3 pm yesterday (April 19th). Over 400 employees are onboarding at the Civic Center as we speak.”

Bordelon said, “It’s an opportunity for Bollinger to bring some synergies for a facility that could use some focus and attention. They have contracts currently with the Navy to build some anchor handlers and that’s right in our scope as well as CRVs for Arkansas State. We plan to make some infrastructure changes and we’re excited about it. Puts us touching on 1,800 people with 11 different shipyards operating all around Louisiana. We also share some resources in Mississippi and Florida as well, but all of the Bollinger facilities are right here in Louisiana.”

In talking about some of the opportunities in front of them for shipbuilding, Bordelon mentioned some big programs they are bidding on for the government, specifically the OPC contract for the US Coast Guard which, if won, could be built in either Amelia or Houma. Also, because of the Gulf Island acquisition, Bollinger immediately picked up the US Navy as their customer.

Another program from the Navy they are bidding on is for CHAMPS (Common Hull Auxiliary Multi-Mission Platform) with potential to build up to 60 of those over 20 years.

In the autonomous world, the LUSV (Large Unmanned Subsurface and Underwater Vehicles) program is out there, and Bollinger is going after that. “The autonomous word is really moving quickly,” explained Bordelon. “If you can put a vessel in harms way with less crew or no crew, it makes a lot of sense and technology is allowing that to happen. We’re trying to be on the front end of those to be the leading edge.”

Bollinger won an industry study on a couple of those which means the government pays you to do a design concept and engineering, then you can short list it in order to bid on it. “It’s a lot easier to get a firm price if you have a good design early,” Bordelon said.

“Something we are all excited about is celebrating 75 years this year! My grandfather started as a machinist and had one helper. I think he’d be proud of us today. We’re excited about where we started and where we’re heading,” Bordelon said proudly.

Bollinger is building the Sendell Class vessels in Lockport right now. Bollinger won that contract in 2008, delivering the first vessel

in 2012. Bollinger is preparing the deliver boat #44 and they are currently contracted out through boat 64 scheduled for delivery in beginning of 2025!

Aside from shipbuilding, the company has also built flood gates. They are currently on their sixth floodgate. They’re also building an offshore transfer barge in Amelia. From that contract, they were able to secure a contract to build a \$150 million dry dock, building about 80% of it in Amelia. Because it is so large, about 17,000 tons of steel, they will then float it over to Tampa, Florida to fully erect it.

Bollinger learned a good bit from the effects of COVID. During Covid, Bollinger got up to 22% absenteeism, but never slipped schedule. They’ve learned to pivot and make changes necessary to keep up productivity. Technology is something they always counted on, but now know they can rely on moving forward. I’ve never been on so many Zoom calls in my life,” exclaimed Bordelon! “I’m thankful for the technology, though. Now I can make more meetings than ever before!”

Post-covid – Zoom calls will continue and have helped Bollinger become more productive. On the blue collar side, Bollinger was creative with testing, and using technology has helped. As strange as it sounds, they have been doing air and water tests using facetime.

In discussing oil and gas, Bordelon said “what a crazy journey! We’ve made it through a market when some of our close friends did not. We’ve seen bankruptcies, mergers, and reshuffling of assets.” They have had to get creative and pick up new customers. They are even doing things with SpaceX! Bordelon went on to say, “A year ago, when the job came across my desk from Elon Musk, I doubted it. Two years later, we’ve done over \$10 million in business with him – a great non-oil/gas customer.”

In closing, Bordelon said “coming into Houma is a good thing for stability and longevity and we are excited to be here!”

“WE’RE EXCITED ABOUT WHERE WE STARTED AND WHERE WE’RE HEADING.”

— BEN BORDELON,
PRESIDENT & CEO, BOLLINGER SHIPYARDS

OUT AND ABOUT



Rick Farmer of the The American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE) – AADE has made a \$10,000 donation to SCIA to help assist workers displaced due to COVID-19.



SCIA President Stuart Fauchaux presents SCIA New Membership Certificate with OMI Environmental Solutions (OMIES).



Madison Adams is a graduate of Vanderbilt Catholic High School. Madison will attend LSU where she plans to major in Biological Science.



SCIA President Stuart Fauchaux presents SCIA New Membership Certificate to Montrose Environmental Group.

OUR **SCIA MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEONS** IN APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE WELCOMED MANY NEW MEMBERS, GUEST SPEAKERS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS!



Representative Beryl Amedee speaks at the SCIA Membership Luncheon.



The SCIA Otis T. Loque Scholarship was developed in honor of its inaugural president. Receiving the scholarship is Sean Diebold, graduate of Vanderbilt Catholic High School.



Kade Bergeron, graduate of Central Lafourche High School. Kade sent a 4-page list of his commendations, awards and service hours.



Logan Clement, graduate of Central Lafourche High School, where she was nominated for the Honesty & Integrity Award.

STATE LAUNCHING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ADULT CAREER TRAINING

Adults who want to attend a community or technical college to learn skills needed for construction, logistics, manufacturing or other high-demand fields might soon be able to secure a TOPS equivalent to pay for tuition.

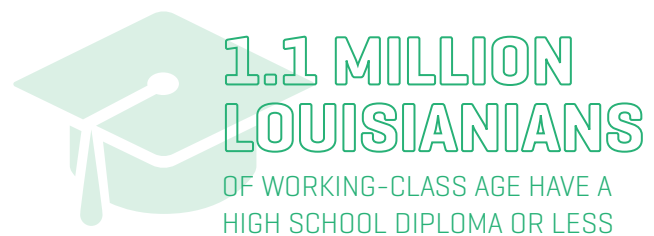
The USA Today Network reports Gov. John Bel Edwards is expected to sign legislation that will provide grants to low- and middle-income workers 21 and older who want to train for a new career via the MJ Foster Promise Program. TOPS is Louisiana's college scholarship program.

Only those making 300% or less over the federal poverty line, or about \$38,000 a year, are eligible. Those who meet the income, age, and career field requirements can be awarded up to \$3,200 a year and \$6,400 total.

"We believe that this is an amount that will give folks the chance to not have to come out of pocket particularly when you consider the other funding that is available through federal Pell Grants and the like," said Louisiana Community and Technical College System President Monty Sullivan. Recipients can also use the grants for industrial certification programs.

The grants will cost the state \$10.5 million a year. Sullivan hopes the program will expand in time, noting there are 1.1 million working-age adults in Louisiana who have a high school diploma or less.

The grants are expected to become available in the summer of 2022.



SCIA MEMBERS MAY APPLY FOR A SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Fletcher Technical Community College Foundation has announced a special \$500 scholarship is available to members of the South Central Industrial Association who apply and attend classes at Fletcher.

"On behalf of Fletcher Technical Community College, I would like to thank SCIA for their continued generosity in supporting our students," said Fletcher Chancellor Dr. Kristine Strickland. "These scholarships are essential to ensuring access to the training and education provided by Fletcher."

Typically, the cut-off for scholarships is during the spring, but SCIA members can apply for this scholarship year-round. To apply for the SCIA scholarship, visit <https://www.fletcher.edu/scholarships/> and click on "SCIA Workforce Scholarship Application."

SCIA HOSTS BAYOU REGION DAY AT CAPITOL

BY CHRISTY ALLEY-ZERINGUE

May 12th was a special day for SCIA and the Bayou Region at the Louisiana State Capitol! This day was recognized by Speaker of the House of Representatives, Clay Schexnayder, as Bayou Region Day at the state capitol.

SCIA, Restore or Retreat and Morganza Action Coalition co-hosted a breakfast in the Wimberly Room of the capitol for our local delegates and other officials. State Treasurer John Schroder, Secretary Shawn Wilson of the Louisiana Department of Transportation, Secretary Don Pierson of Louisiana Economic Development, State Representatives Bryan Fontenot, Tanner Magee, Joe Orgeron, and Jerome Zeringue, and Senators Bret Allain, and Big Mike Fesi, and Lafourche Parish President Archie Chaisson all attended the breakfast meeting, each having an opportunity to speak to those in attendance from SCIA Board Members, ROR, MAC, Fletcher Technical Community College, Nicholls State University and more.

"It was a great first-time event and we were very pleased with the turnout," said Christy Alley-Zeringue of SCIA. "It is something we plan to build upon each year and we are already looking forward to the next!"



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KASSIE BARRANCOTTO EARNS LSU GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BANKING HONOR

Kassie Barrancotto, Lender and South Acadia Office Branch Manager at Synergy Bank, recently graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

“The Graduate School of Banking at LSU was a great opportunity to expand my knowledge of banking and deepen my relationships with other professionals in the industry,” Barrancotto said. “It serves as an additional resource to use when assisting my customers and broadens my expertise to provide exceptional local customer service.”

The Graduate School of Banking is a three-year program that provides courses covering all aspects of banking, economics, and related subjects. Students traveled from 21 states to participate in this session.

Sponsored by 15 southern state bankers’ associations in cooperation with the Division of Continuing Education at LSU, the banking school requires attendance on campus for three years, with extensive bank study assignments between sessions. The faculty consists of bankers, business and professional leaders, and educators from all parts of the United States.

During their three summer sessions at the Graduate School of Banking, students received 190 hours of classroom instruction, planned evening study, and final examinations at the end of each session.

“We are proud of Kassie for her hard work and determination to earn this honor,” Jerry Ledet, Synergy Bank President & CEO said. “Continuing education is just one way our team members show accountability in giving superior customer service.”



Kassie Barrancotto

LOCALLY OWNED AND MANAGED EATEL BUSINESS EXPANDS INDUSTRY-LEADING FIBER NETWORK INTO TERREBONNE PARISH

REV Broadband – the parent company of RTC, EATEL, EATEL Business, Vision Communications and VENYU – recently broke ground on a substantial fiber optics-fueled build that will, within the first phase, initially connect more than 400 Houma area businesses to symmetrical internet speeds.

Due to the company’s significant recent technology investment and dedication to connect Terrebonne Parish’s community with powerful, leading-edge capabilities, additional businesses throughout the area will also be able to connect to this fiber-fast network in the coming months.

“A 100% fiber network means symmetrical speeds for businesses looking to have download and upload speeds that allow data to be sent as rapidly as it is received,” says Josh Descant, CEO of REV Broadband. “If there’s one thing

the current pandemic has taught us is that our communities’ businesses – rebuilding, revving back up or setting up shop as first-time ventures – need reliable, consistent and equal up and down speeds to compete in an enhanced and expanded level of commerce attracting customers next door and on the other side of the world.”

“Built for business, we’re thrilled to be able to light up this fiber network for our Terrebonne community,” says Tressy Leindecker, EATEL Business executive vice president of sales and marketing. “Our current fiber customers know the power and reliability of this connection and the good feedback about our team’s white glove service is being shared across parish and city lines. This investment and large build are a direct result of and response to the community’s demand for our fiber.”

DANOS ESTABLISHES NEW SERVICE LINE AND NAMES THERIOT GM

Danos recently launched intelligent integrated materials solutions (i2ms), a cutting-edge, technology-based service offering that utilizes people, processes and technology to provide warehousing logistics and inventory management. Scott Theriot will lead the 20-plus member i2ms team in his new role as general manager of supply chain services.

"Danos has long been a trusted partner in the energy industry, and we have hundreds of employees partnering with customers at shorebases and materials warehouses across the U.S.," said Owner Eric Danos. "i2ms, is a merger of our 74 years of experience supporting customers and the latest supply chain technology, and we're excited to be able to offer this new service to our customers."

Danos worked with a team of technology experts to create i2ms' customizable data platform that optimizes materials management operations regarding inventory, warehouse and logistics.

"Customers are already seeing cost savings of 10-30%, depending on the scale of implementation," said Theriot. "Our service is founded on the understanding that accurate, visible and up-to-date information is the key to greater efficiency, particularly as it relates to materials management."

A former Danos Employee of the Year, Theriot began his career in Danos' fabrication shop in 2003. He has since served in several positions including personnel coordinator, account manager and, most recently, deepwater operations manager.

"Scott has a proven track-record of leadership in managing inventory and supply chain for our customers," said Danos. "As general manager he is helping Danos evolve in materials management, keeping us at the forefront of providers for our customers."

Theriot holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Nicholls State University and a Master of Science in Supply Chain Management from Florida Institute of Technology. He and his wife Erica have two children and live in Cut Off, Louisiana.



Scott Theriot

BOLLINGER RELEASES VIDEO COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF OPERATION

Bollinger Shipyards, a privately-held leading designer and builder of steel military and commercial vessels, today released a new video celebrating the company's 75th Anniversary. The video features Bollinger leadership, employees, facilities and historical photographs, and celebrates the company's rich history as a leader in innovation, quality and craftsmanship in shipbuilding.

"I often tell people, 'you're not just a welder, you're a shipbuilder.' When a ship delivers every person that works here should be proud. Machinists, front office, engineers - we all make it happen," said Bollinger President and CEO Ben Bordelon in the video. "Donald Bollinger started our business in 1946. He worked his way up and here we are today building off of his foundation. He was a believer that people that worked hard ended up having more success in life. My grandfather would be very proud of who we are and who we've become. We have a lot of great opportunities in front of us that we're working on."

Bordelon continued, "We have a long heritage of shipbuilders in this community that goes back many many years. We have four generations of families that have worked here at the shipyard. That's a big statement about Bollinger and the culture that we have here...Through 75 years and all the ups and downs of the challenges we've had, and to look at where we are today and where we're heading in the future is very exciting. It's a huge deal and it's a huge compliment for the people that work here now - to know that they are at a company that has been around for 75 years that is doing the right thing for their employees, for their customers, their vendors from 1946 to 2021, that's a great testament for this company."

The video begins and concludes with Bollinger Lockport's Craft Leader, Rodney Loupe, on what it means to work at Bollinger, "Knowing how to do your job. Being really good at your job. Taking pride in your job. To me, that's what all that's about...This is Cajun work at its best. I love what I do for a living. It makes me feel good when I go home at night. You dream what you want to be and you become that."

Founded as a small machine shop by Donald G. Bollinger in 1946 to service the local agriculture and oil industries, today Bollinger Shipyards is under its third generation of family ownership and is the largest privately owned and operated shipbuilder in the United States with 11 shipyards. The most recent shipyard, Bollinger Houma, was added just last month with the acquisition of Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc.'s Terrebonne Parish shipyard facilities. This expanded Bollinger's new construction and repair capacity and capabilities to better serve its key defense and commercial customers.

Congratulations, Bollinger Shipyards on 75 years!

To view the video, visit www.bollingershipyards.com/news

SYNERGY BRINGS BACK LEMONADE DAY

Synergy Bank partnered with local businesses to bring Lemonade Day to the Bayou Region.

Lemonade Day is a free educational initiative designed to teach children how to start, own, and operate their own lemonade stand. Having a lemonade stand teaches financial responsibility, while also shaping our future business leaders, social advocates, community volunteers, and forward-thinking citizens of tomorrow.

More than 75 children registered to participate in Bayou Lemonade Day throughout Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes. Each “lemonader” received a free Lemonade Day kit which contained helpful items for their big day including an apron, money bag, cups, lemonade, lemon squeezer, activity sheets, and much more! The kits were provided in partnership by Synergy Bank, Raising Canes, Rouses, Terrebonne Parish Libraries, and Lafourche Parish Libraries.

On Lemonade Day, random participants also received gift cards and activity bags from Bayou Lemonade Day partners as well, while Liana’s Lemonade Stand won Best Decorated Stand and received prizes as well.

We look forward to next year’s Bayou Lemonade Day!



Local children pose next to their lemonade stands during Bayou Lemonade Day.

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BOLLINGER SHIPYARDS ACQUIRES GULF ISLAND FABRICATION'S SHIPYARD FACILITIES

- *Cements Bollinger's position as the largest American privately-owned and operated shipbuilder in the United States.*
- *Transaction includes 437-acre waterfront facility with 198,000 sq. ft. of existing operations, fabrication and warehouse space, and 4 floating drydocks.*
- *Acquisition expands new construction and repair capacity and capabilities to better serve key defense and commercial customers*

Bollinger Shipyards ("Bollinger"), a privately-held leading designer and builder of steel military and commercial vessels for the past three quarters of a century, today announced that it has acquired Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc.'s ("Gulf Island") (NASDAQ: GIFI) Shipyard facilities, expanding Bollinger's new construction and repair capacity and capabilities to better serve its key defense and commercial customers. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

This acquisition creates expanded opportunities for Bollinger to better serve and deepen its relationships with key defense and commercial customers with an increased capacity for new projects and footprint, access to a larger workforce skilled in steel construction, improved efficiencies and enhanced economies of scale. Current customers for Bollinger include the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy, General Dynamics-Electric Boat, and non-defense and commercial customers servicing energy production to dredging. Gulf Island had been building the Towing, Salvage and Rescue Ships (T-ATS) for the U.S. Navy and Regional Class Research Vessels for the National Science Foundation and Oregon State University. These projects conveyed with the transaction.

"The addition of the new Houma shipyard further strengthens our position within the U.S. defense industrial base as a leading shipbuilder and vessel repair company," said Ben Bordelon, CEO and President of Bollinger Shipyards. "For 75 years, we've developed a deep expertise in and proven track record of building reliable, high endurance steel vessels for the Coast Guard, Navy and our commercial customers. As the needs of these customers change and grow, we are constantly looking for ways to invest in and expand our capabilities and innovative solutions so that we can continue to provide them with the highest levels of quality, support and service in our industry."

Bordelon continued, "For three quarters of a century, Bollinger's greatest strength has and continues to be our people and their American ingenuity and quality craftsmanship. I am excited to welcome the Gulf Island Shipyard employees into the Bollinger family. Together, we will ensure that the 'Bollinger Standard' will be the high bar we measure ourselves against for superior quality and safety as we work to deliver the next generation of American made high-performance vessels for our government and commercial customers."

The new Bollinger Houma facility encompasses 437 acres on the west bank of the Houma Navigation Canal, of which 283 acres is unimproved land that is available for expansion. The facility includes 18,000 square feet of administrative and operations facilities, 160,000 square feet of covered fabrication facilities and 20,000 square feet of warehouse facilities. It also has 6,750 linear feet of water frontage, including 2,350 feet of steel bulkheads. Located just 30 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, the strategic location provides short and unrestricted access to the newly acquired Houma facility from open waters.

The acquisition also includes a 15,000-short ton drydock, a 4,000-short ton drydock, a 3,000-short ton drydock and a 1,500-short ton drydock.

Bollinger's acquisition increases the shipyard's growing new construction and repair portfolio. In December of last year, Congress appropriated funds for Bollinger to build four additional Sentinel Class Fast Response Cutters (FRC) for the U.S. Coast Guard. In addition to construction of the FRC, Bollinger is under contract to construct an Ocean Transport Barge and Floating Dry Dock for General Dynamics Electric Boat Division. In addition, Bollinger is participating in industry studies for five Government programs, including the U.S. Coast Guard's Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC) program, the U.S. Navy's Common Hull Auxiliary Multi-Mission Platform (CHAMP) program, the U.S. Navy's Auxiliary General Ocean Surveillance (T-AGOS(X)) program, the U.S. Navy's Large Unmanned Surface Vehicle (LUSV) program and the U.S. Navy's Light Amphibious Warship (LAW) program.



TERREBONNE GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW BRAND

Terrebonne General Medical Center (TGMC) unveiled a new business brand which includes a new name and new logo identity. The new business brand, Terrebonne General Health System, better reflects their role as a community resource that can deliver both hospital care and preventive care, while also providing basic healthcare needs offsite.

Terrebonne General is a 321-bed facility, with over 200 physicians, 1,500 employees, and 144,000 admissions annually. Meeting the needs of patients, community, and the region, their locations of service and models of care continue to evolve. "To better reflect the size and scope of our vision to provide medical care where care is needed, both within and outside the walls of the medical center, Terrebonne General Medical Center's name is expanding to "Terrebonne General Health System," said Phyllis Peoples, President and CEO.

The new logo represents Terrebonne General's expansive presence. The icon is in the shape of a medical cross, formed by two intersecting heart shapes. The inner intersection of the hearts forms a leaf, representing the native oak trees found on the campus, and symbolizing the long-lasting and trusted legacy of Terrebonne General.

With the new name comes many other changes that will help Terrebonne General to better serve the people of our region. Developments that are underway include expanding the Terrebonne General Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, establishing physician multi-specialty clinics, and building on and off-site facilities to make it more convenient for our patients to fill prescriptions and perform various types of tests.

"TGMC has evolved, and the term 'medical center' no longer accurately reflects what we do," said Peoples. "We're becoming more of a health partner that offers both preventive care and hospital care in multiple locations."

Peoples added, "Even with all these changes, Terrebonne General's core mission remains the same: Offering our patient's exceptional healthcare with compassion. The main difference is, now we'll be able offer it to more people in more places."

DANOS GROWS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Danos has announced that it has expanded its business development team with two internal moves and one new hire. Rene Vidrine has been promoted to executive account manager. Bounty Fontenot has moved to sales and business development representative, and Chase Clement joins the team as a sales and business development representative.

"We are excited about the ability to strategically grow our business development team," said Owner, President and CEO Paul Danos. "This comes as we are seeing an increase in industry activity, and we are optimistic about the opportunities Danos has to provide more services to our valued customers."

As executive account manager, Vidrine will oversee and maintain Danos' relationship with long-standing customer Occidental, focusing on both onshore and offshore operations. He joined Danos in 2006 as a safety specialist and has since held roles as account manager, shale operations manager and, most recently, general manager of shale production. Additionally, he was Danos' 2015 Staff Employee of the Year. Vidrine graduated from Nicholls State University with a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering Technology. A Thibodaux native, he and his wife Katie live in Luling with their two children.

Fontenot has moved to the role of sales and business development representative covering the Lafayette, La., region. A former Danos account manager, he will identify business opportunities while building and maintaining successful relationships with prospective and existing customers. Fontenot joined Danos in 2015 and has 28 years of industry experience. He and his wife Codi live in Opelousas and have two children.

New to the Danos team is Sales and Business Development Representative Chase Clement. He will focus on the industrial market and brings with him seven years of industry experience. Clement is a 2013 graduate of Louisiana State University and lives in Thibodaux.



Rene Vidrine



Bounty Fontenot



Chase Clement

BOLLINGER SHIPYARDS DELIVERS 44TH FAST RESPONSE CUTTER STRENGTHENING DEFENSE CAPABILITIES IN THE ARABIAN GULF

Bollinger Shipyards LLC has delivered the USCGC GLEN HARRIS to the U.S. Coast Guard in Key West, Florida. This is the 167th vessel Bollinger has delivered to the U.S. Coast Guard over a 35-year period and the 44th Fast Response Cutter (“FRC”) delivered under the current program.

The USCGC GLEN HARRIS is the third of six FRCs to be home-ported in Manama, Bahrain, which will replace the aging 110’ Island Class Patrol Boats, built by Bollinger Shipyards 30 years ago, supporting the Patrol Forces Southwest Asia (PATFORSWA), the U.S. Coast Guard’s largest overseas presence outside the United States.

“Bollinger is proud to continue enhancing and supporting the U.S. Coast Guard’s operational presence and ensuring it remains the preferred partner around the world,” said Bollinger President & C.E.O. Ben Bordelon. “It is our top priority to ensure that the brave men and women of the Coast Guard stationed in PATFORSWA have the most state-of-the-art, advanced vessels as they work to build and maintain the necessary regional alliances to ensure maritime security in the region. Building ships for the Coast Guard provides critical assets to bolster our national security and advance America’s interests, both at home and abroad.”

Earlier this year at the commissioning ceremony of the USCGC CHARLES MOULTHROPE, U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Karl Schultz lauded the “enhanced seakeeping” capabilities of the PATFORSWA-bound FRCs, saying “these ships are truly going to be game changing in

their new theater of operations” and “offer increased opportunities for integrated joint operations with our Navy and Marine Corps colleagues” as the Coast Guard seeks to be part of the whole-of-government solution set in the region.

PATFORSWA is composed of six cutters, shoreside support personnel, and the Maritime Engagement Team. The unit’s mission is to train, organize, equip, support and deploy combat-ready Coast Guard Forces in support of U.S. Central Command and national security objectives. PATFORSWA works with Naval Forces Central Command in furthering their goals to conduct persistent maritime operations to forward U.S. interests, deter and counter disruptive countries, defeat violent extremism and strengthen partner nations’ maritime capabilities in order to promote a secure maritime environment.

Each FRC is named for an enlisted Coast Guard hero who distinguished themselves in the line of duty. Surfman Glen Harris piloted the first wave of landing craft on Tulagi Island in the Pacific Theater during World War II, and also made a landing against a Japanese force on Guadalcanal Island. Harris was awarded a Silver Star medal by Admiral Chester Nimitz for his heroic combat actions.

BP STRIKES OIL OFFSHORE LOUISIANA

BY MATTHEW V. VEAZEY RIGZONE, AS EDITED BY CHRISTY ALLEY-ZERINGUE

Oil discovery at the Puma West prospect in the deepwater U.S. Gulf of Mexico (GOM).

Drilled by BP on behalf of co-owners Chevron U.S.A. Inc. (NYSE: CVX) and Talos Energy (NYSE: TALO), Puma West – on Green Canyon Block 821 – lies approximately 131 miles (211 kilometers) off the Louisiana coast, BP noted in a written statement. The company added the discovery, located west of the BP-operated Mad Dog field, was drilled to a total depth of 23,530 feet (7,172 meters) in 4,108 feet (1,252 meters) of water.

Operator BP holds a 50-percent working interest in Puma West. Chevron and Talos each hold a 25-percent stake.

“Our resilient and focused hydrocarbons business is core to BP’s strategy, and in the Gulf of Mexico we invest and explore in the reservoirs we know best,” remarked Starlee Sykes, BP’s senior vice president for the GOM and Canada. “We are using our seismic expertise and drilling capability to safely find and develop advantaged oil and gas.”

BP stated the well encountered oil pay in a high-quality Miocene reservoir with fluid properties similar to nearby productive Miocene reservoirs. The company added that preliminary data support the potential for a commercial volume of hydrocarbons.

“We look forward to evaluating the potential of this discovery and its competitiveness across BP’s global portfolio,” continued Sykes. “I’m proud of our team for delivering this project – especially during a global pandemic.”

“I’M PROUD OF OUR TEAM FOR DELIVERING THIS PROJECT.”

— STARLEE SYKES,
VICE PRESIDENT, BP (GOM & CANADA)

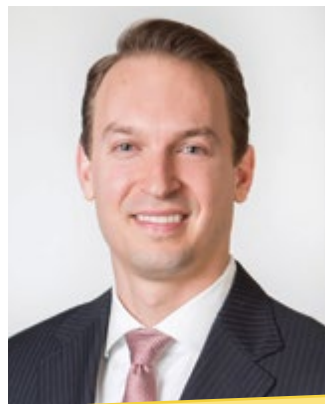
NOIA ELECTS TIM DUNCAN OF TALOS ENERGY AS CHAIRMAN, PAUL DANOS OF DANOS AS VICE CHAIRMAN

The National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA) Board of Directors has elected Tim Duncan, President & CEO of Talos Energy, as Chairman and Paul Danos, Owner, President and CEO of Danos, as Vice Chairman for the 2021-22 term. Duncan and Danos were confirmed in their positions during a virtual NOIA Board of Directors meeting this morning.

NOIA President Erik Milito said, “The offshore energy industry continuously lifts society in so many ways. The leadership from Tim and Paul will help NOIA continue to advocate successfully for the promise of American offshore energy. Our industry delivers energy, jobs and growth in a way that drives innovation and emissions reductions efforts. As the world returns to normalcy, the need for safely and reliably produced oil and natural gas and wind energy has never been greater.”

NOIA Chairman Tim Duncan said, “I look forward to working with Erik, Paul and the NOIA team in advancing our mission of educating and advocating for safe, affordable and reliable offshore energy. Whether in oil, natural gas or wind, NOIA member companies play a critical role in our country’s energy security, job creation and environmental stewardship. I look forward to telling our story at such a critical time.”

NOIA Vice Chairman Paul Danos said, “The offshore energy industry is a people industry, and I look forward to working with the NOIA membership to ensure offshore energy continues to provide great jobs, energy security and technological innovation in an environmentally sustainable way.”



Paul Danos

MORRISON DEEPWATER RISER SERVICES VP NAMED TO ALMA MEMBER ADVISORY COUNCIL

HOUSTON (March 16, 2021) – Morrison, a leading energy service company for the oil, gas and renewables industries, is pleased to announce that John DeBlieux, Vice President of Deepwater Riser Services, has been named by The American Equity Underwriters to the American Longshore Mutual Association (ALMA) Member Advisory Council (“Council”). As a new council member, DeBlieux will serve on the Council voluntarily for a term of two years and will work diligently with other forward-thinking maritime industry professionals to better the industry.

Incepted in 2014, the Council is a group of industry professionals who provide insight into waterfront employers’ unique challenges. Working closely with AEU’s senior management team, they provide input on company innovations, recommend new products and services, and advise on industry-wide concerns affecting waterfront employers.

“We are extremely pleased to have John represent Morrison and Deepwater Riser Services on the ALMA Council,” stated Morrison CEO Chet Morrison. “John’s in-depth knowledge will give him a seat at the table to help make impactful decisions and advise on industry-wide concerns that will affect waterfront employers not just in the Gulf of Mexico, but in foreign trade zones as well.”

Deepwater Riser Services, a division of Morrison, provides comprehensive inspection, transportation, maintenance, repair, and storage services for marine drilling risers and equipment. To learn more about Deepwater Riser Services, please visit riserservices.com.



John DeBlieux

BOLLINGER SUBMITS PROPOSAL FOR U.S. COAST GUARD HERITAGE-CLASS OFFSHORE PATROL CUTTER

- *Bollinger Shipyards has the necessary management and production experience, engineering expertise, and facilities*
- *Proven record of success executing USCG Detail Design and Construction contracts*
- *Project would help sustain Bollinger's seasoned workforce through 2031*

Bollinger Shipyards ("Bollinger"), a privately-held and leading designer and builder of steel military and commercial vessels, today submitted its proposal to the United States Coast Guard to build Stage 2 of the Heritage-class Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC) program. If chosen, Bollinger would construct and deliver a total of 11 vessels to the U.S. Coast Guard over the next decade, helping to sustain the Bollinger workforce through 2031.

"Bollinger is the right shipyard at the right time to build the Offshore Patrol Cutter program for the U.S. Coast Guard," said Ben Bordelon, Bollinger President and CEO. "Our long history building for the Coast Guard is unparalleled and has shown time and time again that Bollinger can successfully deliver the highest quality vessels on an aggressive production schedule."

Bollinger has been actively involved in every step of the U.S. Coast Guard's OPC acquisition process, including execution of the Stage 1 Preliminary and Contract Design, where the Company was included in the final three shipyards, as well as execution of the OPC Stage 2 Industry Study. This unique experience ensures Bollinger's understanding of every detail and aspect of the program.

Bordelon continued, "Bollinger has the existing capability and capacity using our proven serial production build strategy and an experienced management team and workforce. Our production approach is based on our established and mature processes and tools, which integrate design development, production, and lifecycle considerations. Our unique experience results in a reliable production schedule and cost so that we can deliver high-quality vessels on time and on budget."

Notably, in its current program for the U.S. Coast Guard, Bollinger has delivered Sentinel Class Fast Response Cutter hulls 1139 through 1144 a total of 127 days ahead of the contract schedule, despite the incredible challenges of the COVID-19 global pandemic and a historic hurricane season in the Gulf of Mexico impacting Louisiana's coast.

Bollinger has a long history building for the U.S. Coast Guard, delivering 170 vessels in the last three decades alone. This includes the Island Class (49 delivered), the Marine Protector Class (77 delivered), and now the Sentinel Class (44 of 64 delivered to-date).

About the Fast Response Cutter Platform –

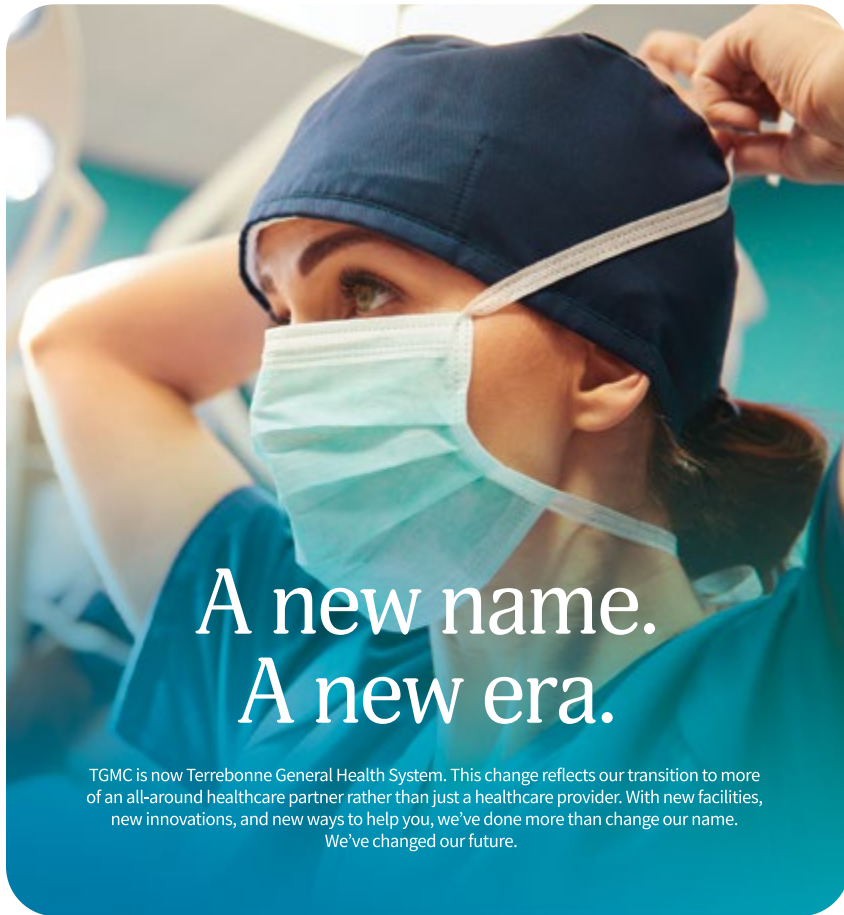
Offshore Patrol Cutters (OPCs) will provide the majority of offshore presence for the Coast Guard's cutter fleet, bridging the capabilities of the 418-foot national security cutters, which patrol the open ocean, and the Bollinger-built 154-foot fast response cutters, which serve closer to shore. The OPCs will conduct missions including law enforcement, drug and migrant interdiction, search and rescue, and other homeland security and defense operations. Each OPC will be capable of deploying independently or as part of task groups and serving as a mobile command and control platform for surge operations such as hurricane response, mass migration incidents and other events. The cutters will also support Arctic objectives by helping regulate and protect emerging commerce and energy exploration in Alaska.

"BOLLINGER CAN SUCCESSFULLY DELIVER THE HIGHEST QUALITY VESSELS ON AN AGGRESSIVE PRODUCTION SCHEDULE."

— BEN BORDELON,
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