
THE INLAND MARINER



2017 - 2nd Quarter Newsletter

A Message from the President

During our 12-year history as a company, we have experienced and successfully navigated through periods of industry uncertainty. No one is immune from these downturns, but my confidence in our company and in all of you has never been greater.

We have never been stronger, and our long term commitment to delivering flawless customer service is unwavering. Even in this current downturn, our fleet performance and safety record is the best it has ever been. Everyone's continued commitment to safety is solid and is evident through the results we have achieved. So far this year, we have had 4 chargeable incidents. This is a huge improvement, especially when compared to the first half of 2016 with 16 chargeable incidents. You are all doing an exceptional job out there! In addition, we had numerous vessels in the river during high water without any incidents. Great job to all of you who spent time in the river, controlled the risks, and operated safely.

As a reminder, the Watch Ready, Zero Harm, and Target Zero campaigns are ongoing. With that in mind, please continue to stay focused and maintain a heightened level of awareness at all times, even during repetitive tasks. Many of our incidents over the last year had a common occurrence in that "I've done it a hundred times." Treat each task or maneuver as if it's your first time doing it, and assess all the risks and eliminate or control all the hazards before proceeding.

Our culture is changing for the better, and I want to congratulate and thank you all for the outstanding performance and hard work. I can assure you that we will continue to lead and manage the company by doing everything we possibly can to make you and our customers proud of D&S and all we stand for. Please remember that our success is not an entitlement, but something we need to earn every day and every watch. Let's be sensitive to the downturn pressures our customers may be feeling, and do everything we can to individually and collectively continue to exceed their expectations as we have.

We will positively manage through today's challenging environment, just as we have navigated through challenging times in the past. The experience and service we deliver to our customers, the strength and safety of our company, and the primary reason for our current and future success is because of all of you. I believe in you and have never been prouder of D&S Marine.



Stay Safe,
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2nd Quarter New Hires

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

- Daniel Hill - Deckhand
- Christopher Fuller - Tankerman
- Jace LeBoeuf - Deckhand
- Kyle McClendon - Deckhand
- Cody Till - Deckhand
- Charles Harris - Deckhand

Promotions

- Xavier Singleton - Tankerman

"Be happy with what you have while working for what you want."

- Helen Keller

Back to School!

School days will usually bring congestion with buses on the move and parents hurrying to drop their kids off before work. As August approaches, it's important for drivers to remember to slow down and pay attention when kids are present - especially before and after school. If you are driving behind a bus, allow a greater distance than if you were behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. Also, it's illegal in all states to pass up a school bus that is stopped in the roadway picking up or dropping off children.

From the Galley

Breakfast Egg Muffins

These egg muffins can be made ahead; just reheat in the microwave for a quick breakfast or snack.



Ingredients:

- 6 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 6 slices bacon, cooked, and chopped (or ham)
- 3/4 cups onions and peppers (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Use a regular 12-cup muffin pan. Spray the muffin pan with non-stick cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, beat eggs until smooth. Add remaining ingredients and mix. Ladle the egg mixture into greased muffin cups to 3/4 full.
3. Bake for 25 minutes. Remove from the oven, let the muffins cool before removing from pan.

D&S Family News

- John Timperio - Daughter
Victoria Ann Timperio



- Butch Doucet - Granddaughter
Brooklyn Ann Doucet



- Allen Fields - Son
Kacey Zarate Fields



- Butch Doucet - Great-Granddaughter
Ariel Marie Hooker



- Corey Matherne - Son
Corey Michael Matherne



CONGRATULATIONS
on your new arrival!

Vessel Spotlight

- On May 2, 2017, Craig Foret, Zach McGavitt, Bryce Goolsby, and Adam Horn with Kirby Inland Marine boarded the M/V J. Thomas during the kick off week for Kirby's Watch Ready Campaign. While onboard, the crew was questioned on safety and what Zero Harm meant to them. Every crew member involved showed a sincere dedication towards safety. Their example given to Kirby was that prior to coming on watch, each crew member reviews the Zero Harm Board. By reviewing the board they understand that Zero Harm to people, equipment, and the environment is their number one goal each watch. Kirby was very impressed at the dedication to the Zero Harm initiative displayed by the crew, and rewarded them with the Zero Harm Coin.

- On May 14, 2017, tankermen Brandon Oubre and Daniel Blanchard on the Lucy Hannah were doing a pre-transfer inspection on a loaded barge. They noticed the supporting legs on the shaft guard were rusted through by more than 50 percent. Both tankermen did not feel comfortable with the situation and used the Stop Work Authority. It was discovered that the barge could not



be fully repaired but patched to allow the barge to be discharged. Kirby dispatched one of their supervisors and tankerman to oversee the discharge. If the vessel had not caught this and discharged the barge, vibrations could have very well caused the legs of the drive shaft cover to fail. Had the legs failed and allowed the cover to come into contact with the drive shaft, damage could have occurred to equipment and possibly personnel. Kirby recognized their use of Stop Work Authority by also issuing the vessel a Zero Harm Coin.

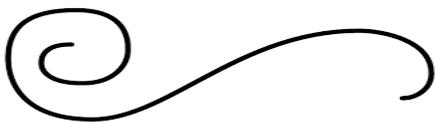
Getting to Know

Philip first came to D&S Marine as an intern in May of 2016, and was hired on full-time last July as D&S's Personnel Coordinator. He was born and raised in Vicksburg, Mississippi until he moved to Houma, Louisiana in 2004. He graduated from Nicholls State University with a concentration in Maritime Management. His favorite part of the job is seeing the crew members when they get a chance to come by the office. When Philip is not at the office he enjoys personal training, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.



Fleet Update

Please welcome to the fleet the M/V BRYCE MORGAN. The M/V BRYCE MORGAN was named for siblings who are close to Dean and Danielle Cheramie. Their parents, Tiffany and Brent Adams, have known the Cheramies for many years. In fact, Tiffany and Danielle have been best friends since grade school. Thus, the Cheramies have been like second parents to Bryce and Morgan, and all of their children have grown up together.



Beat the Heat

With outside temperatures starting to soar, now is the time to make sure you are taking the steps necessary to protect yourself and others from heat stress and heat-related illness. Heat can cause more than just discomfort. Exposure to high heat and high humidity can be life threatening. Everyone should make sure they know the signs, symptoms and appropriate first-aid procedures for serious heat illnesses. You can treat heat stress, but preventing it is even better. Here are the steps you need to know to do both as June stretches into July, August, and September, traditionally the hottest months of the year.



- **Pre-hydrate.** Before activity starts, drink up to 16 ounces of fluid. Then drink 8 ounces every 20 minutes during activity.
- **Drink flavored water.** Plain water quenches thirst too quickly, so we tend to not drink enough of it. Limit caffeinated beverages, which causes your body to lose fluids.
- **Adjust work schedules.** Complete the most strenuous tasks during the evening and night, after the sun has gone down.
- **Set up a buddy system.** Closely monitor vessel personnel working outside for prolonged periods and inform them of any upcoming weather and temperature changes.
- **Wear your PPE no matter what the temperature.** It can't protect you if it's not on you. If it's uncomfortable, take frequent breaks in a cool shaded area and use provided pop up awnings when tankering barges.

Hurricane Season is Here

Unfortunately, many of us don't give the beginning of hurricane season much thought or take action to prepare. In fact, after a few relatively quiet hurricane seasons, it's easy to develop hurricane amnesia.



But hurricane season started June 1st and will last through November 30th. If you do not already have a game plan, now is the time to get one.

Take a few minutes to create a home inventory, organize all of your important insurance documents, and develop or update your family's emergency plan and supply kit. Among the items you need are a three to five day supply of water and non-perishable foods, a first aid kit, flashlights, and a battery powered radio.

Also, if you have small kids, pets, or elderly family members, do not forget to stock up on food, special supplies, and medicine they may need.

When storms approach, make sure you have some cash on hand and a full-tank of gas in your car. Hurricanes often make quick turns, knocking out power and forcing evacuations sooner than anticipated.

Stay safe this season by being prepared!

Upcoming Birthdays

July

- Michael Naquin - 1st
- Jason Bourg - 6th
- John Verrett - 9th
- Gregory Armstrong - 11th
- John King - 13th
- Jace LeBoeuf - 14th
- Devin Jupiter - 14th
- Patrick Nash - 15th
- Charles Husley - 17th
- Tissylyn Williams - 18th
- Donzell Turner - 21st
- Eric Cox - 22nd
- Xavier Singleton - 22nd

August

- Richard Portier - 1st
- Rhonda Rebaradi - 3rd
- Leonard Dupre - 6th
- Rickie Daigle - 8th
- Mitzi Naquin - 13th
- Lindsey Stelly - 15th
- Steven LeBeouf - 16th
- Matthew Hurd - 17th
- Donald Cheramie - 19th
- Daniel Hill - 21st
- Jason Cloud - 26th
- Bart Authement - 26th
- Arthur Bartholomew - 27th
- Jason Adams - 30th

September

- Christopher LeBoeuf - 1st
- Louis Lapeyrouse - 4th
- David Henderson - 5th
- Shea Jordan - 6th
- David Kirksey - 6th
- Stanley Sevin - 9th
- Kyle McClendon - 10th
- Philip Smith - 10th
- Joey Davaine - 12th
- Chance Shirley - 12th
- Daniel Porter - 17th
- Dylan Nelton - 18th
- Allen Fields - 21st
- Raymond Daniel - 23rd
- Jeremy Chabert - 27th



Company Anniversaries

April

- Gary McLain - 8 years
- Olympius Johnson - 7 years
- Klancy Ward - 6 years
- Allen Fields - 4 years
- Patrick Nash - 3 years
- Michael Prosperie - 3 years
- Albert Trosclair - 2 years
- Brad DeHart - 2 years

May

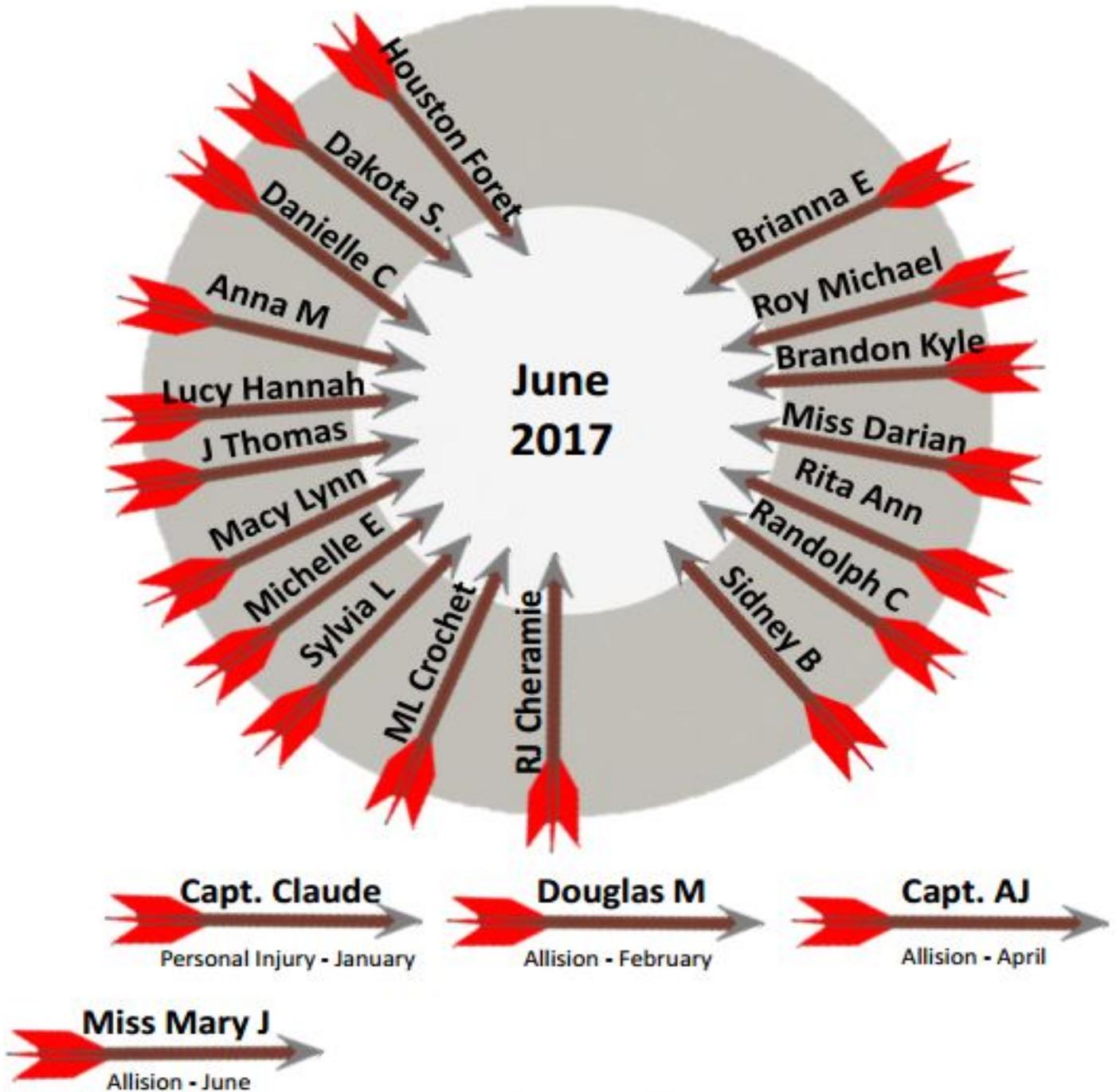
- Edward Westmoreland - 10 years
- Percy Byrnes - 10 years
- Edward Guidroz - 8 years
- Carlton Walimaki - 7 years
- Leonard Dupre - 6 years
- Matthew Hurd - 6 years
- Chance Shirley - 6 years
- Irvin Naquin - 5 years
- Steven Harrison - 5 years
- Tissylyn Williams - 3 years
- Dusty Hale - 1 year
- Robert Cervantes - 1 year
- Jean Taylor - 1 year

June

- Julian Murphy - 9 years
- Cyd Hebert - 4 years
- Gregory McLendon - 4 years
- Bobby Cooper - 4 years
- Anthony White - 4 years
- Zachery Bowman - 3 years
- Dazhjrean Richard - 3 years
- Xavier Singleton - 2 years
- Randy Gaudet - 2 years
- Dylan Nelton - 1 year
- Arthur Bartholomew - 1 year



ARE YOU ON TARGET?



TARGET ZERO