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PAL'S 20TH ANNUAL MEETING "ROLLING ON THE RIVER"

The 2003 PAL annual meeting is developing into one of the most exciting and innovative meetings the group has ever had. St. Bernard Port, the meeting host, is planning to have participants cruise the mighty Mississippi while attending the educational conference. "This event will celebrate the river and its assets," said Annual Meeting Chairman Bobby Scafidel. "What a better way to appreciate the river, than by actually sailing on it!" he exclaimed. Other events being planned will be on land, such as the golf tournament, spouses tour, and the dockside party. Dr. Scafidel is encouraging everyone to make their reservations early at the Doubletree Hotel @ 1-800-222-TREE. "We want this to be a really fun event, one that the whole family can enjoy. Some may want to stay for the weekend and enjoy New Orleans," continued Dr. Scafidel.



STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Representative Juba Diez while addressing the Press Club of Baton Rouge, proposed a two-prong plan:

- An increase of 4 cents a gallon, which would raise about \$100 million a year.
- Indexing the new, 24-cent -per-gallon state tax to the rate of inflation. Diez said that doing so would boost the state gasoline tax rate another 4 cents a gallon in four years, which would make the state rate 28 cents a gallon.

His plan, when fully implemented, would raise an extra \$200 million a year for state highways and bridges.

Millennium Port News

Governor Foster and other state officials met with the owners of a potential port on the west bank of the Mississippi River in Plaquemines Parish and

jointly put up \$600,000 to finance a series of studies aimed at determining whether the location is a viable port site.

BNP Paribas, the world's 10th-largest bank, says it will put up at least \$600 million to build a container port at its 2, 800- acre Citrus Lands sit south of Myrtle Grove if market studies indicate the project would be profitable and if the state comes up the money to link the port to highways and rail lines in New Orleans.

Source: The Times Picayune

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ports to Pay Cost of Security

A House-Senate conference is trying to resolve differences in port security legislation. Sen. Ernest F. (Fritz) Hollings (South Carolina), chairman of the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, wants user fees on exports and imports to pay for port and maritime security measures, and his staff has circulated a proposed fee schedule. It calls for \$20 per container with hazardous materials, \$15 for other containers, \$0.30 per metric ton of crude oil, \$0.45 per metric ton of petroleum, \$0.50 per metric ton of chemicals, \$0.60 per metric ton of liquid gases, \$0.02 per metric ton of dry bulk cargo, and \$1.00 per metric ton of break bulk. One-half of the expected \$692 million annual revenue will be allocated to ports, based on collections at each port; 25 percent would be set aside for discretionary grants and up to 25 percent for generic security programs at various agencies. House conferees, at present, are said to be opposed to the cargo fees but also agonizing over how to fund costly port security programs.

Fifty-one U.S. ports have received \$92.3 million in federal security money to add guards, lights, fencing and equipment, such as cargo-screening systems.

Source: The Times Picayune and National Waterways Inc.



PORT NEWS

The Port of South Louisiana's Globalplex Intermodal Terminal in Reserve, Louisiana has received a new bulk-cement ship unloader. The \$2,700,000 Carlson screw-type unloader was delivered to the Bulk Dock of the terminal which is operated by Kinder-Morgan. The custom-built ship unloader was designed to use the existing rails and belt conveyor to unload cement, and the handling system will be completely enclosed to minimize dust emissions. It was also built to unload Panamax ships at a capacity of 800 tons of cement per hour and can safely operate 24 hours a day.

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The M/V Ikan Acapulco is expected to arrive at the Port of Lake Charles on Thursday, August 8, 2002 to load 5000 metric tons of bulk whole green peas. The peas are being shipped to Cuba as humanitarian relief for victims of Hurricane Michelle. The Port of Lake Charles is the first U.S. port to ship peas to Cuba in 42 years.

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The Port of New Orleans welcomes a French based containerized cargo-shipping line CMA CGM group to commence New Latin America/Caribbean Container Service. CMA CGM group will inaugurate a regular bi-weekly service connecting the Port of New Orleans with ports in Mexico, the Caribbean, and the East Coast of South America. The new service could add more than 8,000 container TEU's, or twenty-foot-equivalent units, to the port's annual container volume.

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The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans announced the hiring of Andrew "Andy" W. Fobes as the port's new protocol director. Fobes, most recently communications manager for the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, brings 10 years of public relations experience to the port. Mr. Fobes will most actively be involved in hosting distinguished guests and foreign marketing efforts of the port's sales and marketing team.

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The Port of New Orleans Board of Commissioners has elected Mr. David P. Schulingkamp, as chairman for a nine-month term, Mr. David Guidry, as the Board's vice-chairman, Mr. Bernard L. Charbonnet, Jr., as the Board's secretary-treasurer and Mr. Conrad H. Appel, III was sworn in June 27 as the newest member of the Board of Commissioners. He succeeds Francis E.

Lauricella as one of two Jefferson Parish representatives on the regional board, which governs public port operations in Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard parishes.

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The Caddo-Bossier Port Commission, the public agency that owns and operates has named Hugh William McConnell as Director of Operations. In that capacity, Mr. McConnell is directly responsible for intermodal and operational activities, including the coordination of cargo flow and the efficient and safe handling of all commodities and equipment at the Port of Shreveport/Bossier.

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Port Manchac held a groundbreaking ceremony on May 17, for its new 30,000-square-foot warehouse. The project is part of efforts by state and local officials to develop Port Manchac as an inter-modal port and distribution center. The new warehouse will be located next to the loading and unloading platform to allow direct access to double rail tracks, enabling up to eight rail cars to be loaded or unloaded at one time. Construction on the new facility is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2002.

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The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans announces hiring of the port's new Brazilian liaison, Celso R. Carmargo. The port will facilitate operation of a South American office in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Camargo, with more than 30 years of shipping business development experience, is charged with managing operations of that office and establishing vital contacts for the port as it seeks to significantly increase vessel calls and annual tonnage.

Sources: AAPA Advisory, Port of New Orleans, The Times Picayune and Louisiana International Trade Bulletin

ASSOCIATE MEMBER NEWS

In the Port of New Orleans Monthly Bulletin of Construction Projects the following projects were listed:

REQ#: REQ 25457

Location: Nashville Avenue Term Complex Wharf "A"

Description: Shed A-Roof Replacement Phase I Plans will be available on 08/07/02. Plans fee: \$50 Pre-Bid Meeting 08/21/02 @ 10:00 a.m., on site.

REQ#: REQ 25871

Location: Napoleon Avenue Term Redevelopment

Description: Gear Maintenance & Track Pit Paving
Plans will be available on 08/07/02. Plans fee: \$50.
Pre-Bid Meeting 08/21/02 @ 1:30 p.m., on site.

REQ#: REQ 22192

Location: Nashville Marshalling Yard "A" Expansion

Description: Demolition Work (Phase I)
Plans will be available on 10/16/02. Plans fee: TBD
Pre-Bid Meeting: TBD

For more information contact Kisti at the PAL office @ 225.334.9040.

Sources: The Times Picayune and the Port of South Louisiana

ED PREAU APPOINTED TO DOTD POST

Mr. Edmond J. Preau, Jr., P.E. has been appointed DOTD Assistant Secretary for Public Works & Intermodal Transportation. Congratulations, Ed!

COASTAL WETLANDS LOSS

This year's coastal "dead zone" covers 8,500 square miles, the largest yet, four times larger than the goal a special national task force set for reducing the annual area of low oxygen by 2015. Louisiana loses 25-35 square miles of coastal wetlands each year.

Source: Legiscon Statehouse Report

TRADE MISSION TO HONDURAS

The World Trade Center and MetroVision Economic Development Partnership organized an exciting 70-member trade mission to Honduras June 30-July 5 which was led by New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin and Louisiana Secretary of Economic Development Don Hutchinson. The mission focused on trade and transportation, tourism, healthcare, and sports management.

Source: Louisiana International Trade Bulletin

CALENDAR

September 4-6 - National Waterways Conference, Inc.'s 2002 Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton Riverside Hotel.

September 13, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. the 3rd Annual Meeting-Tulane Engineering Forum, Topic: Energy and the Environment will be held at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside. Complete details will be sent during the summer.

September 19-20, 2002 – DOTD Mini-Conference "Latin American Trade-An Industry Perspective" will be held at the Plimssoll Club, World Trade Center in New Orleans. You may contact the PAL office @225.334.9040 for more information.

October 14 -15, 2002, the World Trade magazine will host a Critical Cargoes Conference at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in New Orleans.

October 30 – November 1, 2002 – The Port Symposium 2002 hosted by International Port School-University of Southern and State Port-Gulfport, Mississippi will be held at the Grand Oasis Resort on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. You may register now on the web! Symposium.mississippi.com (no "www") or you may contact Melody Bradley-Moeller @ 228.867.8779 or e-mail her @ melody.moeller@usm.edu.

Dec. 4-6, 2002 -The Workboat Show will be held in New Orleans at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

April 9, 10, 11 of 2003, PAL's 20th Annual Meeting, "Rolling on the River", hosted by St. Bernard Port will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Downtown New Orleans. PAL encourages you to start making hotel reservations @ 1-800-222-TREE.

Sources: Louisiana International Trade Bulletin, Washington Watch, Port of New Orleans, AAPA Advisory, and National Waterways Inc.

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