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Barry Hitchcock

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Saying Goodbye

By: Nicole York and Kelly Sellars

We struggle to find the words as we write this goodbye to Dale Artigue, COO, mentor, leader and most of all friend. He began his journey at FMT on June 22, 1995, however, his working relationship with Big D dates back long before. Beginning on the deck, working his way to the wheelhouse, he was a tow boater through and through. Rough around the edges, everything was pretty much black and white, there was not very much gray. Quick witted beyond belief, he never ceased to amaze most with his unique remarks.

Dale's unwavering dedication to Big D and his FMT family led to his executive position as Chief Operating Officer. Keeping true to the FMT way, he became irreplaceable as a mentor, always willing to listen and give rational advise. Good-naturedly he listened to more than a few of the women in the office cry, always giving his undivided attention and offering a new and reasonable perspective. He calmed each down while exemplifying patience.

This special listening quality stretched well beyond the office to the crews on the vessels. Dale was ever present and available to hear anything brought to his

attention. His years in the wheelhouse lent to his complete understanding of life on the river. His transition into the office grew his expertise in the industry. The combined experience made for a perfect match between our crews and office personnel. He possessed a genuine respect for his brothers who were away from home operating our vessels. This was an integral part of successful operations. Without a doubt, Dale Artigue bled FMT blue. His love and respect for Big D was remarkable, his pride always evident when it came to his untiring admiration for him.

We are all so very thankful for the sacrifices Dale made away from his family to lead and represent Florida Marine. He was blessed to be married to the love of his life, Laura, for thirty years.

Dale knew early on that she was the one. Together their proudest accomplishment was the three beautiful daughters and one amazing son they shared. Those who were close to him knew that all of his hard work and dedication was always about providing for his family. His FMT family will remain forever grateful to Laura and their children for sharing his time with us without question.

Dale was the consummate example of our "Relentless Pursuit of Excellence." Here are just a few of the words submitted by his co-workers to describe him: passionate, humble, steadfast, devoted, a true gentlemen and, most importantly a great leader. Dale will forever live on in the heart of each member of his Florida Marine family.

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M/V Dale Artigue

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Dale Artigue, COO

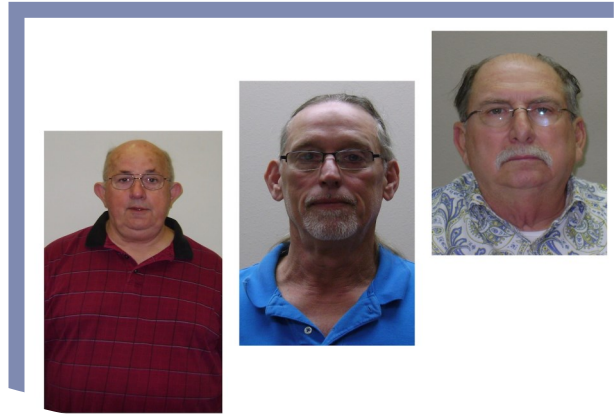
In the past six months our family has unfortunately experienced the loss of a few others from our close knit team.

Captain Albert Pearson, wheelman since November 1999, was one of the kindest souls to everyone he encountered. His gentle nature is greatly missed by all.

Sadly, Captain Charlie Marshall, known as "Cigar Charlie", passed away in January. Charlie was a fine pilot and a great family man and friend to those who knew him. His passion for navigating the river and knowledge was well respected.

Captain Ronald Gaines was with FMT since March 2015, holding the position of pilot.

Capt. Albert Pearson, Capt. Charles Marshall, Capt. Ronald Gaines



His experience gained him the title of Captain of the M/V Trina Smith. He was a well liked Captain and performed his duties very well. Captain Ronald Gaines was with FMT since March 2015, holding the title of pilot. His experience led to him fulfilling his duties in a professional manner. Captain

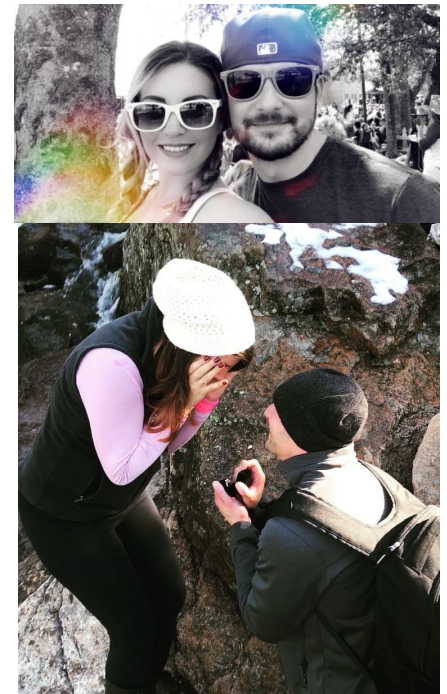
Gaines also passed away in January. He will be fondly remembered.

Life is fleeting, treasure each moment with your loved ones and take the time to pray for the families of our lost companions. May they cross the bar in peace.

ENGAGEMENT
CONGRATS!



Two of our own working on a full heart.
Brandy Champagne and Capt. AJ Dysard!



Dispatch's Josh Miller popping the question to Kelleje Monjure. The Big Day is coming in October 2019

Congratulations

The Celebration of Lent

March 6, 2019 - Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent – the festival where people give up a guilty pleasure for 40 days until Easter Sunday. Lent marks the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert. Although it is traditionally a Catholic holiday, many other Christians join in around the world and try to go without one thing for approximately six weeks. Here are the top 10 for 2019:



Top Five Tangible

1. Chocolate
2. Smoking
3. Alcohol
4. Meat
5. Soft Drinks

Top Five Emotional

1. Impatience
2. Social Networking
3. Negativity
4. Gossip
5. Road Rage

Tip of the Hat

By: Capt. Norman Antrainer

Hats Off to Eric, Ricky and all the Sub M crew for achieving our 9th Sub M / COI on the M/V Jason Belcher!

Hats Off to the Capt., crew and our Vessel Maintenance department in presenting a vessel of this vintage to the USCG and passing a very rigid inspection!

I personally thought this was a near impossible task given the vessel age of 63 years!

Quite an accomplishment.

This very well may be the oldest vessel, to date, that has received a Sub M / COI!



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SUB M COI
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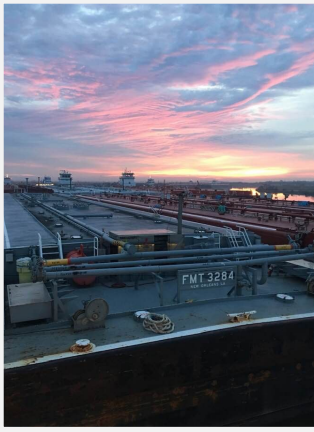
St. Baldrick's Event

On March 23, 2019 Dennis Terry of the shipyard participated in his 6th annual St. Baldrick's event at Finn McCool's Irish Pub in New Orleans. This event is held nationwide and supports children with cancer. Participants raise funds for Pediatric Cancer Research by shaving their heads.



Dennis Terry & Thomas Morstead

The local event has raised an impressive \$ 648,225.00 for this worthy cause. Dennis has a personal goal to raise \$ 5,000.00. For additional information you may go to www.stbaldricks.org.



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Lessons Learned

By: Chad Hidalgo

minimizing these slip, trip and fall events from happening.

The following are some Lessons Learned from and Best Practices for minimizing slip, trip and fall events:

1. The number one way to avoid slip, trip and fall hazards is to practice good housekeeping at all times. Keep your work area clean and store materials in an orderly manner. Always correct any slip, trip and fall hazards you find and report them as a Near Miss.
2. When transiting, conducting tow work, or performing deck operations, always identify danger zones and discuss them in JSA's, Last Minute Risk As-

sessments and Safety Meetings.

3. Always use handrails when using stairs or permanently installed ladders. If appropriate, face the stairs when going up or down.

4. Never attempt to use the stairs when both hands are full or your vision is obstructed. Ensure that all access areas on stairs and stairwells are clear of any obstructions.

5. Never ascend or descend steps or stairs with both hands occupied. Maintain 3 points of contact whenever possible. If it

is not possible to maintain 3 points of contact, ask another coworker for assistance.

6. Never lean on or extend your body over bulwarks, lifelines, rails or lock walls.

7. Never step where you cannot see the edge of a vessel or deck.

8. Never rush, instead, move deliberately and always be on the lookout for potential safety hazards.

After reviewing recent near misses and events, we have noticed a few instances of slip, trip and fall situation. Any momentary lapse of attention or distraction can result in a slip, trip or fall. A slip, trip or fall event can lead to a variety of unfortunate outcomes that range from a simple near miss to an extremely serious injury or even a man overboard. Any number of conditions and situations can set the stage for slips, trips and falls in the workplace. Hazard recognition is the key

Captains Meetings are Underway

By: Jenny Trahan

CAPTAINS' MEETINGS 2019

This year's training consists of Scenario Based Trainings that will challenge the Wheelmen on their responsibilities per regulation, company policy, and industry best practices. The scenarios vary on situations that force the participants to utilize all of their resources from software such as HELM, RosePoint, Laserfiche (Forms and Repository), PolicyTech, and Sinex as well as when to call on shore side staff such as Operations, Personnel and Port Captains. In addition, Wheelmen will be tested on their knowledge of the Rules of the Road and Company Policy &



Training Session 3

Procedures. An emphasis will also be made on the COI implementation and on our transition to the online Learning Management System with Moxie Media.

Training Session 3



Pursuing Excellence

A vessel was crossing the Brazos River and lining up on the west gate when fog began to set in. The river was already running in excess of 3 mph. The Wheelman on watch implemented FMT's stop work obligation and stopped the tow in the river. An additional lookout was posted on the tow and in the wheelhouse. When there was a slight clearing of the fog, the vessel proceeded through the west gate without incident. Upon clearing the Brazos flood gates, heavy fog once again set in. The vessel sounded the fog signal and reduced headway enough to clear the moorings. As soon as the vessel cleared the moorings, the Wheelman on watch once again implemented

FMT's stop work obligation policy and stopped the tow on the bank to wait for conditions to improve.

Follow up:

- Proper use of the LMRA to re-assess the situation when a new hazard (the fog) was introduced;
- Used Stop Work Obligation due to unsafe conditions; and
- Called Port Captain On Call and discussed not taking unnecessary risks due to the prevailing conditions.

The keys to making this an effective Near Miss:

- Early identification of an unsafe condition;
- Proper use of Stop Work Obligation and LMRA;
- Proper Communication between Wheelman, Dispatch and the Port Captain On Call; and
- Effective critical thinking in assessing the hazards involved in this situation and determining that the risk was not acceptable.



Rules of the Road

You are navigating in a narrow channel and must remain in the channel for safe operation.

1. Another vessel is crossing the channel ahead of you from your starboard and you doubt whether your vessel will pass safely. Which statement is TRUE?

A: You must stop your vessel,

since the other vessel is the stand-on.

B: You must sound one short blast of the whistle and turn to starboard.

C: You must sound the danger signal.

D: You must stop your engines and you may sound the dan-

ger signal.

2. You are overtaking a vessel in a narrow channel and wish to leave her on your starboard side. You may _____?

A: attempt to contact her on the radiotelephone to arrange for the passage.

B: Proceed to overtake her without sounding whistle signals.

C: Sound five short blasts.

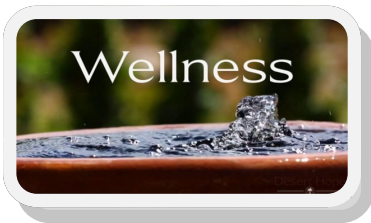
D: All of the above.

1. C: You must sound the danger signal.
2. A: Attempt to contact her on the radiotelephone to arrange for the passage.

Answer

M/V Miss Nicole





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Seafood and Sodium

By: Joy Breath

Sodium is an essential nutrient used to maintain blood pressure, regulate blood volume and aid in the transportation of cellular fluids. Unfortunately, too much sodium can cause high blood pressure and contribute to cardiovascular disease. The American Heart Association recommends limiting your sodium consumption to less

than 1,500 milligrams per day. Consuming low-sodium seafood in place of high-sodium foods can help decrease your overall daily sodium intake. Your cooking style and preparation techniques can influence the amount of sodium in your entrée. Grilled, steamed, baked and boiled seafood are the best ways to main-

tain your low-sodium seafood diet. However, some seafood seasonings and condiments are high in sodium, such as garlic and celery salt, soy sauce, ketchup, cocktail sauce, and tartar sauce. Healthy tip to note: In adults with no symptoms, cholesterol screening should take place every five years starting at age 20. Remember to check your ingredients labels for high sodium.

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This year I am honored to chair the 2019 Northshore Heart Walk. I know the mission of the American Heart Association is near to many of our FMT family members, and I am grateful that we have the opportunity to rally behind such a worthy cause. This event supports the American Heart Association's efforts to save and change lives right here on the Northshore.

We have set a goal of **\$ 7,000** to raise this year, and we are asking for your support to do so. February 1st kicked off National Heart Month, and we want to start our own employee fundraising campaign. If you are able to do so, we are asking that each of you visit:

<http://www2.heart.org/goto/FloridaMarineTransporters>

Top Deck

By: Dennis J. Pasentine

to register for this year's event. Once registered, you can make your own personal donation, send emails, and post to social media asking your friends and family to support your efforts. Also, if there are any of you who would like to set up a payroll deduct option for the American Heart Association instead, please reach out to Nicole York:

Nicole.York@flmarine.com

Please be sure to include your name, employee ID and a dollar amount that you would like to donate-- and thank you!

I look forward to celebrating our success at supporting such a worthy cause on June 1st at Fontainebleau State Park.



**Anniversary between October—February ?
Thank you for your service!**

VOLUME II

Twenty Three Years

Kelly Sellars

Twenty One Years

Marshall Barnes

Nineteen Years

Keith Gelvin

Eighteen Years

Bryan Allemant, Howard Blank, Steven Johnson, William Seymour, Rusty Zeller

Seventeen Years

Timmy Callais, Sr., Santto Cheramie, II, Kristy Dutsch, Jack Foster, Robert Huval, Harry Oalman, James Sikes

Sixteen Years

Jeffrey Brumfield, John Crawford, Bruce Folse, Troy Hotard, Jimmy Pierre, Jason Rogers, Ronald Rogers, Ronny Story, Ike Trosclair

Fifteen Years

Richard Boudreaux, Brian Duffy, Joseph Yeagain

Fourteen Years

Michael Bennett, Dean Brown, Tim Burns, Lawrence Campbell, Douglas Elbert, Scott Jenkins, Andy Lake, David McNemar, James Stock, Randy Trosclair

Thirteen Years

Fred Anderson, Lee Champagne, Ty Dolese, Todd Forward, Kenniston Gazzier, Ron Hull, Aaron Moore, Kimberly Terrebonne, Heather Traughber

Twelve Years

Pete Adams, Russell Brock, Quentin Bryan, Ryan Catalanotto, Shawn Delchamps, Robert Dings, Carrol Guillory, James Guillory, Ricky Jackson, James Jones, Joshua Jones, Steven McNeese, Bobbie Lynn Myer, August Nienaber, Vincent Pergola, Christopher Smith, Nicholas Sparrow, Hope Thompson

Eleven Years

Christopher Bittle, Brian Boudreaux, Emil Cancienne, William Ellzey, Joseph Gaspard, Damion Harris, Suzy Montalbano, Bobbie Sikes, Ryan Smith

Ten Years

Brandon Breeland, Steve Cleland, Nolan Dufrene, Jr., Rachel Elliott, Shay Guthrie, David Killen, Lyies Lyons, Brandon Magee, Rodney Miler, Tommie Neal, Garrett Prestenbach, Jonathan Roof, Bruce Sterling, Brian Stinson, Ricky Torres, Stacy Torres, Kevin Vega, Andrew White

Nine Years

Tyler Bourque, Robert Bush, AJ Dysard, Christopher Evans, Steven Forke, Adam Pennino, Larry Walker

Eight Years

Mark Abshire, Karen Bares, Erick Bonilla, Austin Bradburn, Chad Cunningham, Mark Daigle, Gary DeMoss, Philip Fliehm, Jeremy Glidewell, Rusley Guidry, Wilman Guidry, Daniel Hutchinson, Roderic Kelly, Robert Kingsbury, Timothy Laughlin, Adam Magee, Stephen Mathieu, Ricky McDaniel, John Monahan, Robert Mullins,

Jimmy Ramey, Johnny Robin, Jr., George Seal, Richard Snider, Rowdy Toups, Herbert Williams, III, Billy Williamson, Jr.

Seven Years

Evan Bean, Hugh Claughton, Brent Ice, Matthew Seabrook, Jodie Smith, Andy Traigle

Six Years

Lawrence Allbee, Terry Boggs, Joy Breath, Travis Chatellier, Joshua Collinworth, Matthew Collinworth, Dusty Dorey, Jason Dufrene, Ryan Elsperman, Caleb Graham, Joe Griggs, Jesse Hansford, Phillip Schutt, Michael Simmons, Christopher Sowell, Alton Spivey, Russell Vincent, Gaylen Williamson

Five Years

Orval Beaver, Joseph Blailock, Charles Boudreaux, Jesse Boudreaux, Jordan Brewer, John Brown, Danny Garner, Colin Given, Steven LaBorde, Karl Makofsky, Brandon McCollough, Ralph Morton, Dexter Nobles, Mark Palazzo, Dwight Pearson, Christopher Polito, David Pritchard, Adam Rueda, Christopher Sciolino, Calvin Shamburger, Shawn Singletary, Lance Thompson, Eric Welch

Four Years

Blake Artigue, Tracy Asbill, William Beavers, Wayne Breaux, Ramey Byrd, Nancy Combe, Jason Dillon, Marc Harris, Steven Howard, Curtis Ladnier, Jeffery Jones, Curtis Ladner, Algee LeBlanc, Jacob Lynn, Mitchell MacFadden, Patrick Martinez, Joshua Miller, Raymond Millien Jr., Rafael Montanez, Logan Mozes, Kurtis Nastasi, Jesse Pierre, Devin Porter, Everette Reed, Mikel Roach, Tyler Stock, ET Trujillo, Jimmarquis White, Marcus Wiltz, Steven Woods

Three Years

Michael Allen, Samuel Beach, Douglas Brewer, Chad Brown, Jackie Burns, George Cannatella, John Carnley, Henry Fuchs, Christopher Henry, William Johnson, Hayden Kreakbaum, Anthony Marks, Mark Maselli, Leon Melton, Donald Panepinto II, Gavin Pellissier, Gary Pennington, Trades Phillips, Jordan Rothstein, Dustin Scott, Luke Scott, Branden St. Pierre, Edward Uribe, John Verdin, Taylor Waguespack, Landon York

Two Years

Steven Aicard, Donald Aleman, Alexander Bassett, Robert Bourg Jr., David Caldwell, Richard Easterling, Lance Fothe, Clint Freely, Stephen Highsmith, Bobby Inge, Albert Johnson, Joseph Mackie, Shelby McMorris, Danny Meredith, Dan Palmer, Duffy Rivere, Timothy Wells

One Year

Christopher Austin, Kyle Beeman, Taylor Boudreaux, Adam Braud, Eliud Cabrera, Leo Caldwell, Troy Collins, Wade Dupas, John Dyson, Timothy Eckburg, John Frazier, Brian Goode, Victor Goyer, Patti Guthrie, Joshua Hamilton, Jacob Harris, John Hebert, James Herring, Barry Hitchcock, Desmond Hoard, Steele Hull, Demarcus Johnson, Coady Kenyon, Coleman Knight, Daniel Kopelman, Gilbert Lamas, Jonathan Lannes, Casey Lawrence, Howard McCuller Ardale, McGowan, Kevin McRaney, David Meeke, Maurice Moore-Kimble, Kendal Morris, Jamarcus Morrisette, Matthew Mullett, Austin Pellissier, Shannon Pierce, Prentiss Pope, John Pressler, Samuel Roberts, Jimmie Rogers, Stephen Sistrunk, Christopher Spear, Joshua Stanford, William Stephens, Matthew Strain, Dennis Terry, Dwayne Thomasee, Nicholas Valure, Carl Vowell, Chance Walston, Walter Warn, Deion White, John Wille, Richie Wilson, Cody Young



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