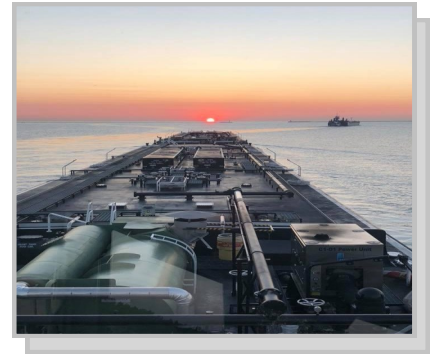


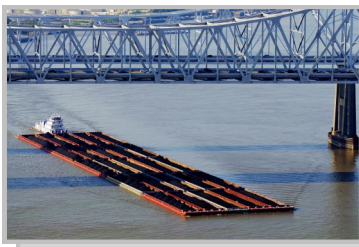
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FMT Dry Cargo Celebrates a Decade

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FMT Dry Cargo is celebrating 10 years in business, and as we reach this milestone it's a good time to reflect on how far we have come. Ten years ago FMT Dry Cargo started out with one push boat, the M/V Jerry Jones, and 20 hopper barges. Big changes have happened in the last decade as FMT Dry Cargo now operates 14 push boats and 260 hopper barges. Things that have not changed are our business strategy, philosophy and future direction. Our mission has always been to combine the skills and attributes of our workforce with a commitment to provide a professional and high level of service to our customers, always putting safety first.

"The growth is due to the values of each individual and the combined strengths of our diverse and talented workforce that are fundamental to our success," said John Pasentine, GM of Dry Cargo.

Timmy Callais, Dry Cargo Operations Manager said, "It is a very exciting time to be in the dry cargo business." We are on pace to move over 4.5 million tons of freight in the next year.

"As FMT Dry Cargo enters its second decade, we are truly excited about the future. We don't know what the next ten years will bring, but we can promise the same level of commitment and service that has come to define our business and reputation," said Dennis J. Pasentine, President. We would also like to thank everyone who has been part of our growth and our success, we truly appreciate your support and we very much look forward to our future successes.



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Here is a comment from one of our valued customers: "FMT has been providing barge transportation for Cleco since March of 2013. FMT and Cleco have enjoyed a working relationship in mutually beneficial business development activities, both in support of our community and in economic development statewide, for over a decade," said Eric A. Schouest, VP of Marketing, South Cleco Power.



Savannah Smiles

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Annual Christmas Toy Drive

It is time to begin planning FMT's 2018 Christmas toy drive. This year we have partnered with Savannah Smiles to collect toys for their annual Christmas giveaway. Savannah Smiles is run by some truly amazing people who faced every parent's worst nightmare but through their faith founded an awesome organization. Savannah Smiles is a charity that helps families through the loss of a child. Jennifer Sharfenstein, Savannah's mother, helps parents cope with the loss by relating with them through her own experience and aids those families in need of

assistance to cover the burial costs of their child. One of Savannah's favorite events was the Christmas toy drive at her church. So, each year since the charity was established, they have collected toys to give to hospitalized children. We will be collecting unwrapped toys and gift cards until December 10th. If you have any questions, please contact Ty Dolese at ty.dolese@flmarine.com for more information.



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Tankermen Continue Training

By: Jenny Trahan

As part of Florida Marine's Relentless Pursuit of Excellence, the Tankering and Compliance Department has teamed up with Delgado Community College to provide all FMT tankermen with relevant company-wide training and information. The Tankerman Team Builder course consists of several areas of training provided by both experienced Florida Marine employees, Safety & Compliance

personnel and training instructors from Delgado. Information covered in this class will include such topics as HazMat Training, PIC Fueling Requirements, Portable Alarm Units, DOI's, Barge Maintenance Reporting, Safety, Sub Chapter M Policy & Procedures and Sinex software training. This course is mandatory for all tankermen as part of Florida Marine's requirement for continual education.



Photo Submission by:
John Clark

Winterizing Barges

It is time to check the ANTI-FREEZE on all liquid cargo barges.

- ◆ Winterizing Barge Cargo Pump Engine -Please make sure to use your hydrometer to see that all of the barge engines have antifreeze strength of -25. If the antifreeze does not
- ◆ meet the -25 requirement it requires changing.
- ◆ Pour a cap full of antifreeze in all gauge tubes.
- ◆ We use the Prestone Orange Cap Antifreeze in all of our cargo pump engines.
- ◆ After you have winterized the barge(s) please sign off on the item in Sinex.

TIME TO CHECK THE ANTIFREEZE ON ALL LIQUID CARGO BARGES



Riddle Me This or Riddle Me That

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| <p>1. When you need me, you throw me away. But when you're done with me, you bring me back. I am?</p> <p>2. Why is a ferry boat like a good rule?</p> <p>3. On a fine sunny day a ship was in harbor. Suddenly</p> | <p>the ship began to sink. There was no storm and nothing wrong with the ship, yet it sank right in front of the spectators eyes. What caused the ship to sink?</p> <p>4. A 10 foot rope ladder hangs over the side of a</p> | <p>boat with the bottom rung on the surface of the water. The rungs are one foot apart, and the tide goes up at a rate of 6 inches per hour. How long will it be until three rungs are covered?</p> | <p>1. An Anchor.</p> <p>2. Because it works both ways.</p> <p>3. It was a submarine.</p> <p>4. Never. The boat rises as the tide goes up!</p> |
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Lessons Learned

After reviewing recent near misses and events we have noticed a few instances where the proper use of a lookout would have helped mitigate the situation. Every vessel shall, at all times, maintain a proper look-out by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision or allision.

The following are some Lessons Learned from, and related to, these events:

- The wheelman on watch will determine the necessity of assigning a lookout to the tow. The wheelman on watch shall appoint and instruct a person to perform lookout duties in any situation deemed appropriate.

- ◇ The lookout must be properly trained.
- ◇ The lookout must be properly instructed on his specific duties as a lookout.
- ◇ The lookout must be directed to a specific location.
- ◇ Primary and back up communications between the bridge and the lookout shall be established prior to posting the lookout.

- The wheelman on watch shall log the posting of a lookout to include the following:

- ◇ Name of the lookout
- ◇ Time the lookout was posted
- ◇ Location where the lookout was posted (i.e., wheelhouse, head of tow, etc.)
- ◇ Time the lookout was stood down

- The wheelman on watch should post a lookout when transiting narrow span bridges.
- When laying into or departing a dock, always use at least one properly trained lookout at the head of the tow to assist in spotting potential hazards, set/drift and distances to

identified hazards.

- It is the master's responsibility to make sure all wheelmen aboard his vessel are familiar with the Restricted Visibility Guidance.
- Always designate and maintain a lookout when operating the skiff.

Remember our last minute risk assessment "SafeCheck" and "Stop Work Obligation".



Pursuing Excellence

While transiting inbound on the Victoria Barge canal, the wheelman on watch noticed a flashing yellow light mid channel. This light turned out to be a dredge pipe that had broken free from its moorings.

Follow up:

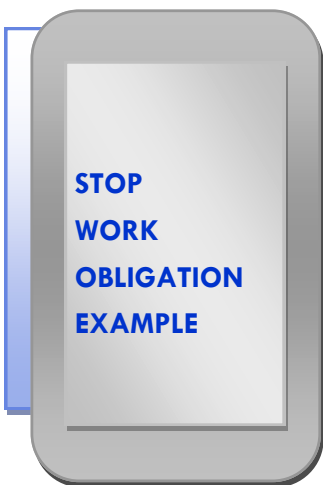
- The wheelman on watch used his Stop Work Obligation due to unsafe conditions;

- He stopped the vessel until it was safe to proceed;
- Then he notified the USCG of the situation; and
- The Port Captain On Call was notified to discuss the situation.

The keys to making this an effective Near Miss:

- * Early identification of the problem;

- * Proper use of Stop Work Obligation and Last Minute Risk Assessment;
- * Proper communication between wheelman, USCG, the main office and the Port Captain On Call;
- * Early and effective hazard recognition;
- * Proper identification of the risk involved with the hazard, and
- * No assumptions.



COI Milestone

By: Eric Brumfield

FMT has reached another milestone in receiving our first towboat Certificate of Inspection. The first Florida Marine boat to receive this long awaited COI was the M/V Ron Hull. We are proud to say it was the United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit, Port Arthur's first towboat COI to be issued! The second certificate to be issued to an FMT vessel was awarded to the M/V Capt. Ricky Torres, another first issue, this

one received from USCG MSU Texas City.

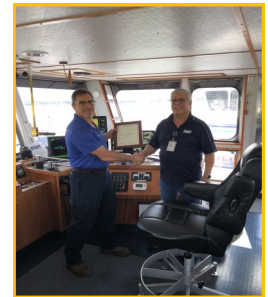
This achievement of receiving first issuance COIs from two Marine Safety Units is historic and was only possible because of the due diligence and relentless pursuit of excellence of our FMT crew.

Big D's vision of being well prepared to excel with Subchapter M began over ten years ago with the development and implementation of

vessel engineering and management systems that meet or exceed Subchapter M requirements. As a result of being so well prepared we have been able to move forward with applying for and receiving our first two towboat COIs with more applied for and on the way. Congratulations for reaching this goal!



Capt. Joe Kent



Capt. Tony Economy & Capt. Ricky Torres

Shell Goal Zero Hero Recognizes the M/V Woody Richerson

On April 23, 2018 at Shell Deer Park Barge Dock, the M/V Woody Richerson had just completed a cargo discharge. The dock man stated to the tankerman to hurry and disconnect and depart the dock because he had a safety meeting that he had to go to at 1100. The inspector had not arrived to gauge the barge. Tanker-

man Sam Beach, in agreement with the Vessel Master, Captain William Whittaker, initiated **Florida Marine's Stop Work Obligation**. The dock man was told that it was Florida Marine's policy to allow the inspector to gauge the barge prior to disconnecting and that it is not a safe practice to rush the process for any

reason.

This **INTERVENTION** by Sam Beach and Captain William Whittaker of the M/V Woody Richerson to identify a very unsafe condition and take immediate action prevented a direct violation of policy and paid ultimate respect for maritime neighbors during Shell chartered marine operations.

The actions of Mr. Beach and Captain Whittaker were consistent with the purpose of Shell's journey to eliminate incidents from maritime operations! Shell commends Tankerman Sam Beach and Captain William Whittaker of the M/V Woody Richerson and Florida Marine Transporters for their outstanding safety leadership and commitment to Goal Zero!





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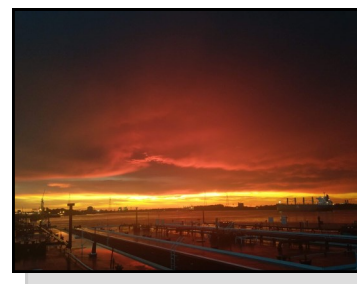
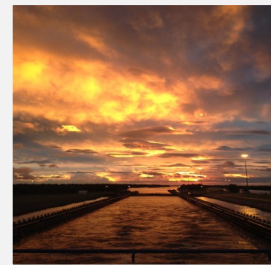
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M/V Sawyer-William



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By: Rhonda Lamulle



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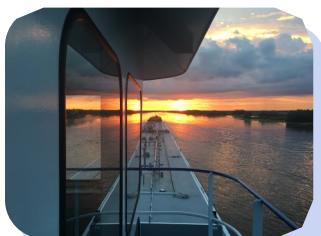


Photo Submitted by:

Jeremy Dillon

We are excited to announce that 2 of the newer divisions in our company are celebrating 10 years in business! FMT Shipyard and FMT Dry Cargo/Aggregate are both celebrating this milestone.

Top Deck

By: Dennis A. Pasentine

As we reflect on the past we are extremely proud of the growth and expansions in each division.

The holiday season is the perfect time to stop and

reflect on the blessings in our lives.

May God Bless and keep us all safe during this holiday season.

Anniversary between July - September ? Thank you for your service!

Twenty Five Years

Chris Pike

Twenty Four Years

Jerry Jones

Twenty One Years

AB York

Twenty Years

Louis Develle

Nineteen Years

Ricky Burkett, William Farmer, Janice Tyson

Eighteen Years

Ray Baham, Brian O'Daniels, Judy Pasentine

Seventeen Years

Kevin Box, Mark Collins, Victor Dardar, Rhonda Lamulle, Leighton Powe

Sixteen Years

David Cascio, Gene Jackson, Kaylor Jones, RD Quebodeaux, Wes Sellars

Fifteen Years

Andre Breaux, Stephen Futrell, Donald Tanner

Fourteen Years

Andrew Ballah, Jeryet Bourg, Don Carlton, Charles Kirkham, Robert Legendre, Polly Quebodeaux, Sheila Sbis

Thirteen Years

Kimberly Hidalgo, Roger Miller, Joseph Mitchell, John Starcher

Twelve Years

James Adair, Homer Barrett, Christopher Bebow, Ray Hynes, Heath McWilliams, Woody Richerson

Eleven Years

Dustin Givens, Dwayne Guerin, Joseph Hawkins, Michael Lee

Ten Years

Daniel Champagne, Tracy Cheramie, Sean Collum, James Miller, Bryan Naquin, Raymond Noonchester, Henry Santos, Jr., Chip Stiebing II

Nine Years

Anthony Davis, Ricky Porche, Moe Proctor

Eight Years

Kelly Arnold, Joseph Beegle, Chad Douglas, Hank Joiner, Christian Lancon, Eric Langlois, Cody Lepretre, Christopher Moore, Jeremy Robinson, Jerry Stapleton, Phillip Wright



Seven Years

Scott Baham, Earl Bennett, Jr., Robert Collins, James Davidson, Jeremy Dillon, Thomas Finney, Dustin Furr, Jesse Graham, Zachary Hodges, Maria Joyner, Milton McNeese, Dean Phillips, Bradley Sparks, Holly Truesdell, Floyd West

Six Years

Joey Collins, Samuel Dauss, Joseph DeVan, Joseph Devillier, Timothy St. Andre'

Five Years

Leonard Allen, Tyler Arnold, Blake Buras, Oscar Calix, Darcy Garrett, Charles Geis, Wendell Hill, Carl Howton, Collin Lewis, Jack Miller, Timothy Moss, Tannar Penny, Richard Schaus, Timothy Scott

Four Years

Maxwell Beach, Catlyn Cormier, Kody Hobgood, Clayton Hunt, Richard Johnson, Shannon Jones, Bryan Kemp, Christopher Moore, Marcel Thomas, Jennifer Trahan, Trenton Wood

Three Years

Karen Brumfield, Antonio Dauzat, Jared Davison, Deon DeBoise, Michael Diaz, Joseph Fabacher, Susan Folse, Marie Fontenet, Francis Foster, Clyde Holmes, Omar Hyman, Hunter Jones, Ryan Killeen, Richard Little, Jody Marchand, Patrick Richard, Adam Stacy, Thomas Tate, Montrey Thornton, Thomas Vorholt

Two Years

Kenneth Alexius, Victor Allen, Samuel Blanco, Clifton Breaux, Logan Heineck, Michael Martin, Gary Miller, Gino Monaco, Anthony Sagona, Donald Small

One Year

Kristin Artigue, Ronnie Colwart, Corey Cummings, Colton Graves, Joseph Harris, Glenn Labit, Jeffrey Langston, Jason Mikeska, CL Moore, Matthew Patrick, Patrick Regan, Danny Verret, Glenn Wescovich, Christopher Whelehan



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