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FMT Dry Cargo to Take Delivery of 50 New Barges

By: Nancy Combs

With the ever growing frac sand industry, FMT Dry Cargo is set to take delivery of 50 new covered hopper barges (30 rakes and 20 boxes). This addition of 50 new barges will bring the total fleet for the FMT Dry Cargo division to just over 300 barges. These barges are dedicated to our large sand customers, including Capital Sand Proppants, U.S. Silica, and Carbo Ceramics, to name a few. Since 2005, the demand for frac sand has increased dramatically as thousands of oil and gas wells

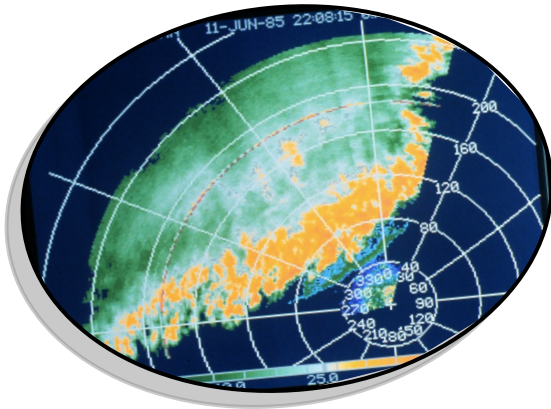


are being stimulated using the hydraulic fracturing process. A few thousand tons of frac sand can be required to stimulate a single well. The continuing surge of specialized drilling has created a billion-dollar frac sand industry in a very short time. This year, FMT Dry Cargo is on track to move over 350,000 tons of frac sand per month.

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Radar Refresher Course

The Coast Guard published a final rule eliminating the radar refresher course requirement for mariners who routinely use radar for 1 year (360 days) in the previous 5 years for navigation and collision avoidance purposes.

er endorsement to be harmonized with the expiration date of the MMC.

This change is effective July 22, 2019, so mariners whose radar observer endorsement expires on or after that date no longer have to take a refresher course if they meet one of those two categories (routine radar use or teaching radar courses). If you have any questions please contact Ms. Bobbie Sikes at the Training Center.

- Eliminates the requirement to carry a certificate of training if the radar observer endorsement is on the MCC.
- Allows the radar observ-



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FMT Customer Crawfish Boil Festivities.



Steering the Course

By: Brent Ice

During early 2019 the Marine Industry achieved their highest utilization and day rates since 2015. Several factors contributed to this very welcomed change, the robust U.S economy, crude oil growth, good refining margins, Marine Industry consolidations, along with infrastructure issues such as high water, lock delays, and navigation restrictions.

The liquid market is extremely

tight and very favorable. FMT has negotiation leverage and is looking to replace older lower priced contracts with new agreements at more attractive rates. The dry market is also very busy, but since the majority of their business is based on line-haul and air-freight rates, the infrastructure issues have resulted in lower than expected results. As infrastructure issues im-

prove, the remainder of the year should be very productive.

During 2019, FMT will be delivering 8 boats, 20 plus liquid barges, as well as several new covered hopper barges. With the projected future tightness of both the liquid and dry businesses these deliveries should be welcomed by our customers. FMT is continuing to look for ways to reduce expenses with

a major focus on fuel. We spend about \$60 million annually on fuel and we believe that a 5% reduction is very achievable. This is possible if FMT works diligently on buying at the right places, operating vessels optimally, as well as negotiating fuel discounts and supply arrangements.

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Summer Family Fun

When summer approaches it always seems like a stressful time trying to keep your children occupied on those long days of summer. Consider these options when your child comes to you with the dreaded words - Mommy I'm bored!

- ◆ Plant a garden. Plant seeds in the spring and watch them grow through the summer.
- ◆ Watch birds. Take binoculars and a book or list of their state's native birds to the backyard and try to identify as many birds as possible.
- ◆ Visit the public library. Public libraries often offer free summer reading programs that include workshops, movies, children's theater, puppet shows and more. Or just check out how-to books so your kids and you can learn something new together.
- ◆ Have a scavenger hunt. Hide items in your house or yard, then give the kids a list of the items and see who can find them the fastest.



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Lessons Learned

By: Chad Hidalgo

After reviewing recent near misses and events involving locks and bridges, we have noticed a few instances where there is room for improvement in the use of proper techniques and industry best practices for transiting locks and bridges with respect to the prevailing circumstances and conditions.

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

1. The wheelman on watch shall conduct steering and propulsion tests prior to arriving at a lock or narrow bridge.
2. The vessel master shall ensure that the voyage plan includes, and takes into consideration, all daylight and night-time passages of hazardous areas.
3. The wheelman on watch shall ensure that the tow configuration is correct for the prevailing circumstances and conditions. It is the master's responsibility to ensure all wheelmen onboard the vessel are familiar with all active Fleet Alerts and navigational advisories at watch change.
4. The vessel master should ensure that all wheelmen are capable of performing any critical maneuvers with respect to the prevailing circumstances and conditions that may occur during their watch.
5. The wheelman on watch will adjust the speed of the tug/tow combination according to the prevailing circumstances and conditions to ensure a safe transit through the lock or bridge.
6. You should not pass under a lift bridge unless the bridge is fully open and confirmed by green lights, whistle and/or verbal confirmation.
7. When a master concludes that it is not safe to proceed along the intended route due to air draft constraints of either the towing vessel or tow you shall notify the Port Captain on Call and Operations department immediately.
8. The wheelman on watch will determine the vertical clearance, at time of transit, between the bridge span and air draft of boat and tow prior to making an approach to the bridge.

A Man's Life was Saved

By: Suzy Montalbano

Mid-morning, Wednesday, March 13th, the MV Hermanator J was travelling west-bound heading into Cenac Bend, east of Houma. At m/b 56, Relief Captain, Juan Espinoza, sounded the general alarm. He informed his deck crew, Pete Aleman and Bradley Anderson, of a man in the water, on the port side, without a life jacket. Utilizing the skills they were taught through the Man Overboard

Rescue lesson, Pete and Bradley quickly went into action. They launched a skiff and pulled the man from the water. It was later learned that the man had fallen from the boat ahead of them, the M/V Susan Lynn. Through the keen eye of Captain Juan and the fast thinking of his crew, a man's life was saved. Great job Hermanator J!



M/V Dennis J Pasentine COI being delivered to the vessel by USCG New Orleans Chief of Inspections Commander Jason Boyle and Big D.

Pursuing Excellence

A wheelman was assisting a deckhand with departing the fleet. Another FMT vessel was also departing the fleet. When the wheelman walked up to the bow with the deckhand he noticed both deckhands from the other vessel were about to handle barge cables without any hand protection. The wheelman stopped them and asked them to retrieve proper hand protection before proceeding in accordance with the FMT PPE policy.

Follow Up:

The deckhands stopped and retrieved proper PPE prior to returning to the barges to depart the fleet. The wheelman held a quick safety meeting explaining the importance of proper PPE. All of the deckhands agreed and mentioned it wouldn't happen again. The deckhands thanked the wheelman for pointing it out, stating they were in a hurry at their wheelman's request.

- Early identification of an unsafe condition
- Proper use of Stop Work Obligation and LMRA
- Proper Communication between wheelman on watch, wheelman off watch and deck crew
- Effective critical thinking in assessing the hazards involved in this situation and determining that the risk was not acceptable
- Wheelman off watch assisted the deck crew teaching and helping green deckhands to practice safety

Rules of the Road

1. What shape must be shown by a fishing vessel over 20 meters in length, and has gear extending more than 150 meters horizontally outward from it?

- A) One black ball
- B) One basket
- C) One cone with its apex upwards

D) One diamond shape

2. In a narrow channel, a power-driven vessel desiring to overtake another power-driven vessel on the other vessel's starboard side will sound which whistle signal?

- A) one short blast
- B) two prolonged blasts

followed by two short blasts

- C) two short blasts
- D) two prolonged blasts followed by one short blast

3. Sailing vessels are considered the stand-on vessel over power-driven vessels, except in

which of the following situations?

- A) in a meeting situation
- B) in a crossing situation
- C) on the inland waters of the U.S.
- D) when they are the overtaking vessel

4. What equipment for fog signals is required for a vessel 20 meters in length?

- A) Bell only
- B) Whistle only
- C) Whistle, bell and gong
- D) Whistle and bell only

5. Which situation would be a "special circumstance" under the Rules?

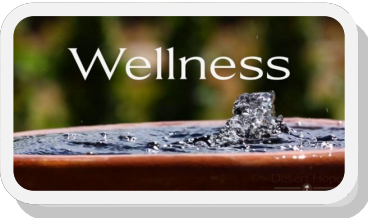
- A) more than 2 vessels meeting
- B) Speed in fog
- C) Two vessels crossing
- D) Vessel at anchor

Resource:

Rules of the Road
Webpage

Raynormaritime.com

- Answer
1. C: One cone with its apex upwards
 2. A: One short blast
 3. D: When they are the overtaking vessel.
 4. D: Whistle and bell only
 5. A: More than 2 vessels meeting.



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Outdoor Activities and Stress Relief

By: Joy Breath

Did you know that just looking at pictures of nature can lower your blood pressure and reduce stress and mental fatigue? It turns out that exercising outside has more benefits than you might think.

- 1. Increased activity: Children have been shown to be twice as active if playing or exercising outdoors, and this may also apply to adults.
- 2. More social interaction: People who exercise out-

doors often have more social relationships. Whether walking with a friend or participating on a team, social interactions help develop lasting friendships that develop feelings of connectedness and overall mental health.

- 3. Super cell development: The disease-fighting cells in your body can increase by up to 50 percent after spending time outdoors. Vitamin D boost: With exposure to

the sun, studies have shown that Vitamin D may offer protection against osteoporosis, depression, cancer, heart attacks and stroke.

- 4. Less pain and better healing: Studies have shown natural light while exercising reduces pain and increases recovery.
- 5. Better concentration: Studies have shown that children with ADHD scored higher on tests of

concentration after a walk through the park.

- 6. Improved mood and reduced stress: Exposure to natural light has been shown to elevate a person's mood. Studies have also documented a boost in self-esteem. With all the pros of being outdoors, why not take as little as 30 minutes today and get outside for some fresh air and exercise? Just remember, stay hydrated and apply your SPF!

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET.... Open Enrollment is approaching, be ready to **GO**. Don't get left behind confirming your benefit selections. The detailed information package is coming your way in **August 2019**.

Top Deck

By: Dennis J. Pasentine

Thank you for supporting the Heart Walk!

An impressive 1,500 walkers from around the Mandeville area, including a large team of walkers from Team FMT, participated in the American Heart Association's Northshore Heart Walk on June 1, 2019. This year's heart walk raised \$29,402!!

As this year chair I would like to give praise to the FMT em-

ployees, their family members and their friends for pitching in to build interest in the event and for supporting the American Heart Association's Northshore Heart Walk by either walking or through donations.

Thanks, one and all, for bringing the positive, enthusiastic spirit of Team FMT to the Heart Walk!



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Twenty-Four Years

John Leblanc, Harvey Sbisá

Twenty-Two Years

A.B. York

Twenty-One Years

Lora Dismuke, Dennis J Pasentine

Twenty Years

Ricky Burkett, Matthew Coen

Nineteen Years

Billy Burkett, Brent Michel, John Sumrall

Eighteen Years

Joshua Ard, Cynthia Hull, Joe Kent, Jerry King, Justin Simpson, Nicole York

Seventeen Years

D'Andre Forward, Samuel Gay, Timothy Griesheimer, Gene Jackson, John Pasentine, Calvin Plaisance, Wes Sellars

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Fifteen Years

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Two Years

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One Year

Ryan Allemand, Edgar Barrios, James Blankenship, Russel Bolotte, Jeffrey Bordelon, Dennis Bourg, Curt Bourgeois, Sham Bourque, Wesley Bradshaw, Jimmy Brister, Braden Brooks, Andy Burt, Steven Call, Luis Ceron, Elmond Chiasson, RicharIda Conerly, Shane Cox, Mark Dauss, Christopher Davis, Dusty Davis, Kenneth Deloach, Robert Dickson, David Dorrell, Dylan Duncan, Justin Duplantist, Kenneth Dupre, Donald Fears, Jeramiah Galiano, Clay Gautreaux, Marlo Gibson, Rykeiez Gasper, Marcus Gasper, Thomas Goin, Spence Guidry, Austin Guy, David Hales, Brighton Henderson, Zachary Hester, Cody Hill, Leonard Holmes, Seth Holmes, Jarvis Hopper, James Ishee, Curtis Johnson, Justin Johnson, Robert Johnson, Timothy Johnson, Leron Lewis, Nicholas Magee, Jody Marie, Justin Martsching, Brent Miller, Brandon Moffett, TaMarrea Moore, Frank Morales, Darren Norflin, Edward Norton, Tommy Norwood, Ronnie Perrin, Westley Rivero, Justin Roberts, Travis Roberts, Richard Robertson, Aaron Robinson, Skeat Rouse, Zachary Saraceno, Bruce Sarsfield, Joshua Schexnayder, Arthur Shaw, Jason Stewart, Terrell Swinton, Patrick Tackett, Matthew Taylor, Shakel Thomas-Bee, Philip Tobias, Troy Totorico, John Tower, Shelby Trisler, Richard Washington, Nicholas Watson, Brent Wheeler, Tyler Wilson, Derek Zelaya



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