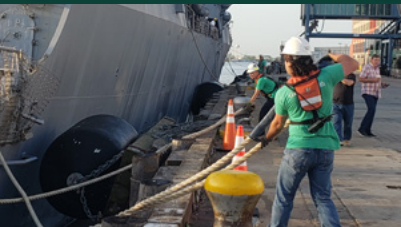


Coop^{The} Scoop

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Cooper Marine and Timberlands pushboat Scott Quest and Crescent Towing tugboat Lisa Cooper tow offshore oil rig Hercules 202 to Alabama Shipyard.



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NOLA Navy Week

During NOLA Navy Week, held April 18 – 22, New Orleans welcomed the *USS Farragut*, *USS Lassen*, USCG Cutter *Daniel Tarr*, and French Naval Destroyer *La Combattante*. Cooper/T. Smith Mooring teams and Crescent Towing tugs were on hand to assist with the arrivals. Navy Week brought more than 1,000 Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, and French Navy service members to the city. The event provides an opportunity for residents and visitors to tour the vessels, interact with the crews and learn more about military and maritime history. •



> The Cooper Group

The Cooper Group Hosts Congressional Staff

On Friday, April 22, The Cooper Group of Companies hosted staff members from the offices of Senator Bill Cassidy, Senator John Kennedy, Congressman Troy Carter, Congressman Garret Graves, Congresswoman Julia Letlow, and House Republican Whip Steve Scalise at Crescent Towing's headquarters in New Orleans. The group, organized by American Waterways Operators Vice President and Louisiana State Representative Mark Wright, learned about the role the Mississippi River and the maritime industry play in foreign trade and helping to shape the global economy. Once the meeting wrapped, the group was treated to a tour of the New Orleans harbor aboard Crescent Towing's tugboat *Mardi Gras*. •



Governor Ivey Visits Carrollton Sawmill



Cooper Marine and Timberlands (CMT) was honored to host Governor Kay Ivey at its Carrollton Sawmill on Tuesday, May 10, as part of her tour to promote the importance of the forestry and recreation industries to the state's economy.



"Carrollton, Alabama, has got a lot of timber and that's a good thing," Ivey said. "It's an honor to be here and to celebrate this combination of wood products, waterways, and our port to Mobile."

Upon meeting with representatives from the company and giving remarks, Governor Ivey toured the facility, which displayed the vital importance of Alabama's timberlands and river system, not just to the community, but to the state as a whole.

"She understands what forest products are all about and so for her to care about this county and care about what we do is very special," said Angus Cooper III, President, The Cooper Group of Companies.

CMT's forestry footprint extends across the southeastern United States and consists of saw mill, chip mill, wood yard, procurement, in-woods chipping, biomass export, and logging operations. In addition to utilizing state-of-the-art forestry equipment, the company's team is comprised of an experienced timber procurement staff and skilled logging crews. CMT's pine sawmill in Carrollton specializes in producing 1" rough-cut lumber for domestic and export markets.

Alabama Forestry Association President and CEO Chris Isaacson said the event was meant to highlight the facility creating jobs in Pickens County as well as highlighting the river system that feeds into Mobile.

"Having Governor Ivey here today allows us to showcase one of the premier facilities we have in this part of the world," Isaacson said. "This was an older facility. Cooper Marine and Timberlands took it, revamped it and has turned it into a showcase for what a small sawmill can be." •



A New Way to Move Grain on the Mississippi River

After an extensive conversion process, Cooper Consolidated's Louisiana Mid-Stream One (LMO) is back in service with a new mission. This unique barge-mounted transfer system was originally purposed to transfer coal and coke products from barge to vessel. As commodity markets changed and the need for additional capacity for mid-stream transfer of regulated grains grew, Cooper Consolidated made the commitment to grow its asset base in this segment. The LMO's conversion process added numerous best-in-class features, including engineered transfer chutes, USDA/FGIS-certified weigh scale and sampling system, and a state-of-the-art high-angle sandwich conveyor. The first export grain handled by the new transfer system was on May 23. •



> Maritime Industry

Careers that Make Waves

Tugboat, towboat and barge operators across the country make vital contributions to our nation's economy, security and quality of life day in and day out. American Waterways Operators has produced a new video to tell that story. To be part of the American tugboat, towboat and barge industry is to be part of an industry that matters – for our economy, security, environment and future. •



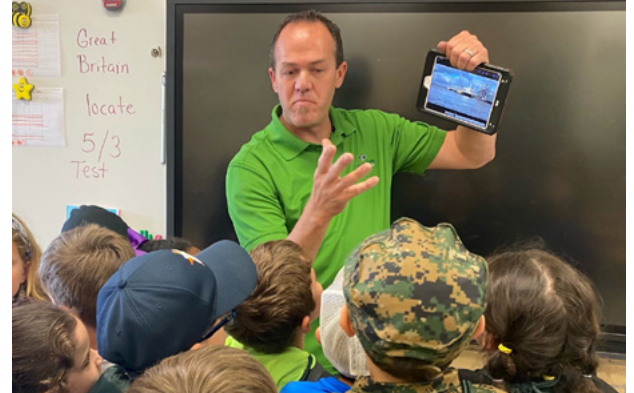
Watch 



The American
Waterways Operators

Career Day at Lockport Lower Elementary School

On Friday, April 29, second-grade students at Lockport Lower Elementary School in Lockport, Louisiana, participated in Career Day. Joining them to tell all about life aboard a tugboat was Crescent Towing's Captain Nolte Lincks. Speaking with the students, Captain Lincks explained what his job as a tugboat captain entails, described the process of docking and undocking vessels, and answered the many questions posed by the curious students. By the end of the day, Captain Lincks had spoken with five different second-grade classes – a total of 125 students – and presented each student with a small backpack embossed with the Crescent Towing logo. •



> We Are the Cooper Group

Snap Nelson, Cooper Marine and Timberlands

As Vessel Operations Manager for Cooper Marine and Timberlands, Snap Nelson is responsible for ensuring the framework that supports our maritime operations is effective – this includes vessel and barge maintenance and repair, safety and compliance, and crewing. •



Subchapter M Compliance



We sincerely thank our incredible team of mariners and shore-based staff for their blood, sweat, and tears in bringing the Cooper Group of Companies into 100% compliance with Subchapter M ahead of the July 19 final compliance deadline. Six years ago, the adoption of the federal Subchapter M regulation established new safety and environmental standards for U.S. towing vessels. Our team has worked hard to ensure compliance and our commitment to safety has never been stronger. Again, to our marine team members, thank you! •

> Safety

AEU Announces 2021 Safety Award Winners

The American Equity Underwriters, Inc. (AEU), the leading provider of workers' compensation insurance for waterfront employers, has announced winners of the 2021 AEU Safety Awards and The Cooper Group of Companies is honored to be among them.

AEU, the program administrator for American Longshore Mutual Association (ALMA), a group self-insurance fund providing USL&H coverage under the United States Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act, presents the awards each year to the best-performing ALMA members nationwide.

"For a company to display a strong commitment to safety, it takes a concerted effort by all levels of the organization," said Adele Hapworth, CEO of AEU. "AEU is excited to recognize each of these companies' safety programs. It is an indicator that their entire organization is on the right path to keeping employees safe, healthy and productive."



Since 2007, AEU's annual safety awards program has recognized the best in safety from across the maritime industry. Eligibility for the award is based on the frequency and severity of workers' compensation accidents for the prior calendar year, as well as safety-related metrics determined by AEU's loss control team.

Special thanks to our employees for their ongoing commitment to working safely.

[Click](#) for the complete list of winners. •

Laura Bergeron, Cooper Consolidated

As Real Estate Administrator for Cooper Consolidated, Laura Bergeron is responsible for managing the company's leased and purchased land, which helps to ensure reliable shore support for the company's inland waterway operations. •



> Crescent Towing

Propeller Club Gumbo Cook-Off

Crescent Towing - Mobile was pleased to participate in the 25th Annual Rufus B. Lee Gumbo Cook-Off held at Cooper Riverside Park in Mobile, AL, on May 20. Organized by the Propeller Club of Mobile, the event recognized National Maritime Day and celebrated Mobile's waterfront. The gumbo cook-off featured maritime displays, food, music, and activities for the whole family. Proceeds from the event support GulfQuest National Maritime Museum. •



Pictured, l-r: Robbie Thompson, Tadd Willcutt, Travis Stringfellow, Cody Denny

Mooring Sponsors Fishing Tournament for a Cause

On June 2 and 3, Valero St. Charles Refinery held its first-ever Cast It Forward fishing tournament, benefitting the St. John United Way in Grand Isle, Louisiana. Cooper/T. Smith Mooring was a sponsor of the event, which raised more than \$125,000 for United Way. The funds will go directly toward programs which serve St. John the Baptist Parish and the surrounding areas. Cooper/T. Smith Mooring cooked and served pastalaya, jambalaya made with pasta, for the more than 200 participants. •



Pictured, l-r: Mooring's Bradley Burdett and Harmon Hartson

> Cooper/Ports America

C/PA's Ed Klauke Retires

Cooper/Ports America's Ed Klauke retired on June 30. A longtime employee since March 23, 1998, Ed served as the company's Environmental HSE Manager. We were fortunate to have had him as part of our team and wish him well in his new adventure! •



First Quarter Safety Awards

Each quarter Cooper/Ports America (C/PA) recognizes employees who were nominated by their peers for having demonstrated safety in an exceptional manner in the performance of their duties. Recipients of C/PA's First Quarter Safety Awards are:

- Jose Gandarilla, Sr., CD Terminal W/F
- Willie Campbell, Local 24 Utility Man
- Ekduar Gonzalez, CD Container Yard Clerk
- Charles Moody, C/PA Depot W/F
- Calvin Tucker, C/PA Reefer Dept.



Pictured, l-r: Daniel Robledo, Jose Gandarilla Sr., Calvin Tucker, Charles Moody, Ryan Whitmire, Ekduar Gonzalez, Mackie Caves, Ed Klauke, Willie Campbell, Trent Williams

> Southeastern Propeller

Company Overview: Southeastern Propeller

Since 1976 Southeastern Propeller has been providing propeller services for recreational, commercial, industrial, and military vessels operating along the U.S. Gulf Coast and Inland Waterway system. Located in Mobile, Alabama, this 15,000+ square-foot repair shop offers a full array of propeller services, including complete propeller repair, bushing replacement and boring; propeller welding; skeg repair; shaft machining and straightening; and more. •



Watch 

Cooper/T. Smith Mooring Fishing Rodeo

The First-Annual Cooper/T. Smith Mooring Fishing Rodeo was held in June. The event had 30 participants spread across seven boats and three kayaks. Launching from Rigolets Marina in Slidell, Louisiana, the anglers caught a variety of species, including redfish, speckled trout, flounder, sheepshead, garfish, bull shark, stingray, catfish, croaker, and crabs.

Heaviest Slot Redfish (16" – 27")

Thomas Thornhill
5.42 pounds

Heaviest Speckled Trout

Kevin Jacobs
2.49 pounds

Heaviest Any Species Fish

Mark Scharfenstein
18.2 pound redfish



*Pictured, far left:
Heather Lech*

*Pictured, l-r:
Alex Chaupetta, Jr.;
Mark Scharfenstein;
Kevin Jacobs;
Thomas Thornhill*

Milestones

5 Years

Andrew Anderson
Christopher Boyter
Kevin Chastang
David Clement
Riley Cox
Richard Crump
Swat Kannalath
Marcus McGhee
Cody Nelson
Jonathan Nicholson
Scott Nordan
Richard Pipkins
Juan Ramirez Silva
Ryan Simmons

10 Years

Joshua Dickerson
Nicholas Gale
William Head
David Schaub

15 Years

Jarrad Breaux
Gregg Gardner
John Giles
Gregg Johnson
Terry Keasler
Jade Michel
Nick Villacampa
David White, Jr.

Milestones

New Hires

- Brandon Bradley
Accountant
Cooper Marine and Timberlands
- Alexander Venable
CD Superintendent
Cooper/Ports America
- Stefanie Chandler
Receivable Biller
Cooper/Ports America
- Douglas Heasley
CD Terminal Superintendent
Cooper/Ports America
- Marissa Santollo
Brokerage/Logistics Payable
Cooper/Ports America
- Juan Gabriel Hernandez
IT Term. Analyst
Cooper/Ports America
- Josh Holloway
Lineman
Cooper/T. Smith Mooring
- Justin Redmond
Lineman
Cooper/T. Smith Mooring
- Blake Bergeron
Lineman
Cooper/T. Smith Mooring
- Brian Fortunate
Lineman
Cooper/T. Smith Mooring

Promotions

- Jordan Kenny
Traffic Manager
Cooper Marine and Timberlands
- Sam Dennis
Operations Manager, Corpus Christi Stevedoring
Cooper Marine and Timberlands
- Hartson Harmon
Operations Manager
Cooper/T. Smith Mooring
- Lee Campo
Field Asset Manager
Cooper/T. Smith Mooring
- Austin Nicholson
Pilot
Cooper Marine and Timberlands
- Robbie Wilkerson
Pilot
Cooper Marine and Timberlands

Births



Cooper Consolidated's Chris Blanchard welcomed Charles Ragon Blanchard on April 14.

Weddings



Cooper/T. Smith Mooring's Hartson Harmon married Riley Donohue on April 23.



Plimsoll Marine's James Rousse married Darian Scurlock on April 23.

Milestones

On June 10, Plimsoll Marine donated \$500 to the local VFW's Poppy Program. The Poppy Program was created by the VFW to give back to military, first responders, and the community.



Crewmembers of the Cooper Marine and Timberlands' *Southern Swag* conduct Man Overboard training at the CMT's Aliceville facility.



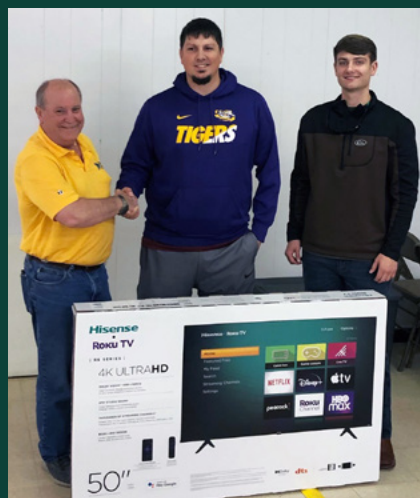
Congratulations to the crews of the *Ted Kayser* and *Rod C.*, Plimsoll Marine's 2020 and 2021 Top Gun Safety winners. The Top Gun Safety program recognizes the vessel crews who display excellence in all facets of the company. Crews of winning vessels earn Top Gun Safety Jackets, stack logos, a flag, push-knee flags, and vessel recognition in the Plimsoll office.



Dakota Heidebreder is the first employee to complete Cooper Marine and Timberlands' recently improved Mate Program. As the Mate on the vessel, Dakota is responsible for ensuring the deck crew operates safely, takes care of the engine room, tow building and other tasks the wheelman need completed!



Congratulations to Captain Joseph Vial, Plimsoll Marine's 2021 Great Catch winner. The Great Catch program recognizes employees for reporting near-miss incidents, and Captain Vial's reported near miss demonstrated excellent hazard identification skills and the appropriate corrective/preventative actions to remedy the situation.



Michael Threadgill, pilot aboard Cooper Marine and Timberlands' *Jackson 3*, received the Firecracker of the Month award in June. Michael submitted 16 Near Misses during the month and is always focused on keeping his crew safe!



Submit Your Milestones

Do you know a new hire, promotion, or other milestone to announce? Send them to Thomas Smith, Director, Corporate Communications: thomas.smith@coopertsmith.com