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## Port Facts...

- Water is the safest, cheapest and cleanest transportation mode.
- Breakbulk cargo is non-containerized general cargo stored in boxes, bales, pallets or other units to be loaded onto or discharged from ships or other forms of transportation.
- Public ports contribute significant benefits to local and regional economies, including generating business development and job opportunities.
- A *knot* is a unit of speed equal to one nautical mph or approximately 1.151 mph.

## A Note from the Director Mark McAndrews

The activities of the Jackson County Port Authority encompass more than just the operations of the port's public marine terminals. We support Economic Development through the management and operation of the Industrial Parks, the Jackson County Industrial Water System and the Black Creek Cooling Facility. We also serve as the Non-Federal Sponsor of the federal waterways. It could be argued this third element of the Port Authority's core functions may be the most important, despite being more difficult to understand and less visible than wharves and industrial parks.

Operations and maintenance of these waterways, including provisions for the economical and environmentally responsible management of dredged material, is a partnership between the Port and



several agencies. Agencies involved include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, US Coast Guard and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and state agencies such as Dept of Marine Resources and Dept of Environmental Quality.

I will take this opportunity to provide an update on projects and initiatives underway which will enable us to continue to

safely accommodate the vessels and tonnage that have Pascagoula annually ranked in the top 20 ports in the U. S. in terms of foreign tonnage.

- Widening of the Pascagoula Bar Channel from 450 to 550 ft. is scheduled to begin late fall/early winter. This project was funded through Katrina Relief legislation and will bring this channel

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# Mid-Year Cargo Volume Up Over 2008

Tonnage through our public terminals in the first half of 2009 has increased one percent over last year's figures. While U.S. container trade declined by 21 percent in the first quarter of 2009, the port's traditional breakbulk cargos have been an advantage in the current economic climate. Forest and paper products moving through the port have fluctuated. While lumber and plywood cargos have plunged due to the depressed housing market, linerboard shipments to Central America are up, as are poultry exports. Periodic shipments of inbound construction aggregate have also contributed to the increase.



## Gulf Ports Association "Hit the Hill Event" in Washington DC



Officers of GPA are left to right: Mark McAndrews, Port of Pascagoula; Gene Boullion, Port of Orange, Texas; Philip Prejean, Port of West St. Mary, Louisiana

Representatives of ports along the Gulf of Mexico in the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida meet in Washington, DC, each year to attend meetings with members of Congress and related agencies. These meetings focus on current legislative issues that are important to all ports along the Gulf.

## Abston wins 3rd term on Pascagoula City Council



Joe Abston, Manager of Finance for the Jackson County Port Authority, was re-elected to a third term on the Pascagoula City Council on May 5th and was recently recognized for 15 years service with the port. He is a graduate of Pascagoula High School and holds a Bachelor of Professional Accountancy and a Master of Professional Accountancy from Mississippi State University.

Abston is an active member of the Mississippi High School Athletic Association and serves as a football official and public address announcer for Pascagoula High School Basketball and Baseball. He coaches Pascagoula Girls Softball and is a member of Cherokee Elementary & Colmer Middle Schools PTO.

## Propeller Club celebrates National Maritime Day



Top Right: Janet Colle, Alice Baker & Pat Keene  
Top Left: Captain Joe & Judy Mosso  
Bottom Left: Bill Skinner, Chris Smith & James Rowe

The Port of Pascagoula chapter of the Propeller Club celebrated National Maritime Day with an evening social at Scranton's Restaurant on May 21, 2009. The local maritime community always enjoys this event which this year included a social hour sponsored by Colle Towing Company and Gulf LNG Energy followed by a buffet dinner. Local band "Centre Stage" provided the music.

A traditional raffle was held to benefit the chapter's scholarship fund and numerous prizes were donated. This year's raffle ticket sales provided three scholarships for the annual "Explosion of Excellence," honoring area high school graduates who rank in the top ten percent of their class.

## Congratulations to...

Pascagoula Bar Pilot Captain Walter Gautier and his wife Lanee on the birth of their son, Noah Quin Gautier, who arrived on Mother's Day. Grandparents are Port Commissioner and Mrs. Warren Gautier.

Jackson County Port Authority Manager of MIS & Purchasing Shannon Coggin and her husband Eric, on the arrival of twins Abigail Marie and Daxton Lee on June 30, 2009.

## Appointed

William E. "Bill" Skinner was recently appointed Chief Executive Officer of VT Halter Marine and Paul J. Albert is the organization's new Chief Operating Officer.

## In Memoriam

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Brigadier General Boyd E. "Butch" King and to the employees of VT Halter Marine. Mr. King passed away on April 20. He served as Chief Executive Officer of VT Halter Marine since 2002.



## A Note from the Director Mark McAndrews continued

segment to its fully authorized dimensions.

- The Pascagoula River Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP), with beneficial material use and stabilization of Singing River Island through marsh creation, is undergoing final review by the Corps of Engineers. Construction of this project is also funded by Katrina legislation and will provide economical and environmentally responsible management of dredged material in the River harbor for 25 years.

- The Greenwood Island Mitigation project is underway. A cooperative effort of the Corps, Department of Marine Resources, and the Port Authority, it fulfills mitigation requirements incurred in the construction of the Bayou Casotte Dredged Material Management Site while providing a beneficial use disposal area for smaller local dredging projects in the area's bayous and marinas.

In July, the Port Commission and Corps

of Engineers entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to perform a study to determine the economic and environmental feasibility of widening the channel segments leading to the Bayou Casotte Harbor to better accommodate the large vessels that call there. It is expected that the study will begin in a few months and take two years to complete.

In August, a bid was awarded for construction of a drydock launch pit in the Bayou Casotte harbor adjacent to Signal International. The project is being funded by a Community Development Block Grant through Mississippi Development Authority and Jackson County.

Maintenance dredging of the federal navigation projects in the port is the responsibility of the federal government. Our channels annually require approximately \$9 million to fully maintain at authorized depth and width. Our deep-water channels receive periodic and "as-needed" maintenance dredging, while the upriver portion (from the CSX railroad bridge to the IP wharf) is not frequently

dredged. Current plans are for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to perform a maintenance dredging of the upriver segment that will coincide with and benefit the City of Pascagoula's beach replenishment project.

In closing, I want to give credit where credit is due. While virtually no port receives 100 percent of required maintenance dredging funds, the Port of Pascagoula is extremely fortunate to have a knowledgeable and effective Congressional delegation that secures sufficient funding to ensure continued safe, reliable navigation.

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## Update on Gulf LNG Energy, LLC

Gulf LNG Energy, LLC is currently in the 16th month of its 43-month construction phase for its liquefied natural gas terminal in Jackson County, Mississippi.

The site preparation work is essentially complete with access roads, off-site storage areas and the LNG Terminal area prepared for construction activities. The

LNG Tanks, which are the critical items to the overall construction schedule, are well underway with the outer concrete walls half-way complete. The Terminal Seawall, which will be a 27 foot high concrete wall extending around the entire perimeter of the LNG Terminal for storm surge and wave protection, is also well underway with approximately 75% of the piles installed and work underway on the wall structure.

The Terminal Seawall is expected to be complete by September 2009. The marine berth has already been dredged to its full depth for LNG Tankers and the dock facilities are under construction with an estimated completion date in January 2010. Foundations for all of the piping, equipment and buildings are also being installed at this time. Progress to date has been on schedule for completion of the facility on time in the fall of 2011.



# Port Improvement Projects

Infrastructure improvements on the drawing board include two projects which are being funded through MDOT's Intermodal Connector Improvement Program:

- Relocating a road in the Bayou Casotte Harbor which will provide direct access to a new construction lay down area and to Terminals G and H. The relocation will also make available additional land adjacent to the waterfront.
- A new truck marshalling area in the Pascagoula River Harbor is also planned. Exports through the cold storage facility in this harbor arrive primarily by truck as do many forest products deliveries. The

added parking area will enhance traffic flow to and from the terminals.

- Other port projects in progress:
- Terminal B-1 warehouse - rehabilitation of approximately 17,000 sq. ft of concrete floors
  - A new permanent Guard House for the Pascagoula River Harbor is currently in the design phase. This will replace the temporary building located at the gate since Hurricane Katrina
  - A structural assessment of the 175,000 sq. ft warehouse and open wharf facility supporting Terminals E and F is in progress. The structure was built in the late 1960's.

## Meet Natalie Colle



## Colle Towing Company

Natalie Colle is the Manager of Safety and Human Resources for Colle Towing Company. She recently celebrated 15 years with the company which was founded in 1878 by her great-grandfather. The company provides tug services in the Port of Pascagoula and employs over 80 people.

In addition to her duties at the towing company, Natalie serves the Port of Pascagoula Chapter of the Propeller Club as Secretary/Treasurer. She was elected to the position in 2003 and is doing a terrific job for the organization.

Natalie enjoys the outdoors, soccer and travel. She has been coaching youth soccer for 6 years and is looking forward to the approaching season when she will again coach for the Gulf Coast United Futbol Club and Ocean Springs Middle School.

Natalie graduated from University of Southern Mississippi (USM) with a BSBA in Business Management and was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority.

## Port Authority enters into Operating Agreement with Signal International, LLC

Construction of a 500' x 300' deep pit in the Bayou Casotte Harbor, adjacent to Signal International, will be funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program through the Mississippi Development Authority. The program makes funds available to local units of government to assist in developing projects which provide economic opportunities. The facility will be owned by the Jackson County Port Authority and operated by Signal International, LLC. Eligibility requirements of the state CDBG program include meeting federal audit requirements and committing to additional job creation.

Under the operating agreement, Signal assumes the responsibility for the management, operation and maintenance of the facility which will provide marine dry docking and stability testing for use in conjunction with marine construction, repair and retrofit of offshore drilling vessels.

Completion of the project will alleviate congestion in the Bayou Casotte harbor by reducing intra-harbor transits of drill rigs by providing an area outside the Federal Navigation Project to perform incline and other testing. The ability to perform these procedures in the new location will save Signal and their customers valuable time and will also be beneficial in increasing available pilot and tug resources that are needed for vessel traffic elsewhere in the channels and harbors.



A contract for the project was awarded to the low bidder, Gibbs Construction Company, at the Jackson County Port Authority board meeting in August.

Signal International, LLC, is a leading Gulf of Mexico provider for offshore drilling rig overhaul, repair and conversion. They operate two shipyards in Mississippi. Signal International's West Yard is in the Port of Pascagoula's River harbor and Signal East is in the Port's Bayou Casotte Harbor. The company also operates four yards in Texas.

The Jackson County Port Authority is committed to supporting economic development and the maritime industries in Jackson County.

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# Port of Pascagoula Night 2009

The Port of Pascagoula and the local maritime community recently hosted the 10th annual Port of Pascagoula Night in Jackson. The event provides the opportunity to bring the port and maritime industries to the state capital. Guests were the Mississippi State Legislature and State agency representatives. Visual aids were stationed throughout the reception hall depicting current port and industry activities.

Large representation from local maritime industry sponsors for the event were there to greet the honored guests as well as the Jackson County Port Authority Board of Commissioners and port staff.



John & Brenda McCutcheon, Gulf LNG Energy;  
Charles Persons, Port Commissioner



Ace Necaise, Singing River EPA & Benny Lassitter, Port Commissioner



Senator Hob Bryan & Pages



WauKeita Graves, Jennifer Collins,  
Margery Thompson & Tate Collins



Liza & Ric Looser; Mark McAndrews, Port Director



Warren Gautier, Port Commissioner & Scott Wagner,  
Gulf LNG Energy, LLC



Dan Wilkins & Jim Darnley, CSA Equipment Co.

## Sponsors for the event:

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Pascagoula Bar Pilots Association  
Signal International, LLC  
Singing River Electric Power Association  
VT Halter Marine, Inc.



James Freeman, First Chemical Corp. & Senator Tommy Moffatt



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Transportation Commissioner Wayne Brown & John Hunter, Port Attorney



Joe Gill; Senator Michael Watson; Benny Lassitter, Port Commissioner; Representative Frank Hamilton



Lynda Gautier & Representative Jeff Guice



Representatives John Read, Billy Broomfield and Bobby Shows



Port Commissioners Greg Williams and Ronald Robinson; Louise Robinson



Roland Kell & Katherine W. Swetman, Chevron Pascagoula Refinery



Capt. Walter Gautier & Capt. Mike Torjusen, Bar Pilots; Lee Hedegaard, Singing River EPA



Port Director Mark McAndrews at Podium



Rafael Quesada, Port Trade Development Director & Dave Manella, Coastal Cargo & Gulf Coast Storage



Capt. Mike Torjusen, Bar Pilots; Barry Snyder, Signet Maritime Corporation



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Transportation Commissioner Wayne Brown; Ace Necaise, Singing River EPA; Senator Tommy Dickerson



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