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The Cooper Group

Cooper Marine-LA Top Gun Award

Congratulations to the crew of the M/V "TAK 1," Cooper Marine's 2022 Top Gun winners. The Top Gun program originated in 2019 and recognizes the vessel crews who display excellence in all facets of the company. Vessels are rated on regulatory compliance, safety, crewing, maintenance and repair, and administrative performance. The winning vessel earns Cooper Green Top Gun Jackets, Top Gun Stack Logos, a 24" x 36" Top Gun Flag, Top Gun push-knee flags, and vessel recognition in the Cooper Marine office. Cooper Marine's Top Gun is the most prestigious award in its vessel footprint.



Chris Blanchard Testifies to Senate Committee

On July 20th, Cooper Consolidated Executive Director Chris Blanchard testified to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works regarding the new WRDA bills for 2024.

Chris represented Cooper Consolidated and The Waterways Council well as he highlighted the importance of WRDA and how the inland waterways provide and sustain more jobs, increase efficiency and competitiveness, and provide the safest and most environmentally friendly transportation of any surface mode.



Blakeley BoatWorks Launches Angus R. Cooper II

Blakeley BoatWorks recently launched the M/V Angus R. Cooper II, a new 6,000 HP tier 4 z-drive tugboat to be added to Crescent Towing's ship assist operations in the Port of Savannah, Georgia.

This new escort towing vessel is named in recognition of The Cooper Group's longtime Chairman and CEO, and is powered by twin Caterpillar 3516E tier 4 engines, each producing 3,004HP to power Kongsberg 255 fixed pitch azimuthing drives (z-drives).

"Surprising my father by naming our newest and most technologically advanced tugboat after him was a high privilege for a proud son and memory that I will forever cherish," said Scott H. Cooper, President of Crescent Towing. "My father's impact on our industry and The Cooper Group will be realized for generations and with the naming of this special vessel, I'm honored to recognize the wonderful legacy that he continues to build every day."

"The Port of Savannah continues to experience transformative growth and our deployment of the M/V Angus R. Cooper II, our newest and most technologically advanced tugboat, marks another important step in our continued commitment to best foster the port's growth and ensure the safest and most efficient ship assist operations," said Keith Kettnering, Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer for Crescent Towing.



"Constructing the M/V Angus R. Cooper II, the first of a series of world-class ship assist towing vessels that Blakeley BoatWorks is building for Crescent Towing, is a new high-water mark for our company," said Swathin Kannalath, Managing Director of Blakeley BoatWorks. "Building Crescent Towing's first 6,000HP tier 4 z-drive was an exciting challenge for our team, and we're eager to continue our work in building these incredible vessels that will best facilitate U.S. import and export activity for decades to come."

The M/V Angus R. Cooper II achieves ABS FFV1 class notation with firefighting systems (FFS-Sweden), main engine driven fire pump and twin remotely operated fire monitors, each capable of 5,230 GPM output at 145 PSI. The vessel is 92' long, 38' wide, and drafts 19'.

The vessel is built to ABS classification Maltese cross, A-1 towing, AMS, full ocean service, FFV1, international load line, UWILD and escort class towing. The tug, designed by Crowley Engineering Services, has a fuel capacity of 44,193 gallons and a portable water capacity of 16,862 gallons.

The Cooper Group Sponsors Africatown Bridge Run

On June 17, The Cooper Group sponsored the Africatown Community Development Corporation's Africatown Bridge Challenge, which is held each summer to benefit Africatown's Community Garden and Marketplace. Sam Pipes(CSA) and Richard Pipkins (Cooper Marine) represented us during the 5k run. Way to go, guys!



> Cooper Mooring

Cooper Mooring Dedicates Boat to Late Al Crespo

Al Crespo was an incredible member of the Cooper Mooring team and remained steadfast to his job for over 36 years. Al's dedication wasn't just at work, he was also a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. Al leaves behind many children and grandchildren to tell his stories and keep his memory alive. At Cooper Mooring, Al leaves behind his legend of hard work and dedication, and is known to many as the Number One Hustler of all time. We will be sure to honor and keep his legend with us at The Cooper Group.

Since then, a mooring boat has been named in his honor- the Big Al. His family was able to visit and see the boat first-hand.

Family members are left to right: Rachel Correa (daughter), Stephanie Crespo Harris (daughter), Sherry Corona (daughter), Anthony Taranto (son).



The Cooper Group Partners with AWF and Vulcan Materials Company in Oyster Reef Restoration Efforts

The Cooper Group was proud to be a part of the AWF Oyster Project alongside the Alabama Wildlife Federation, Vulcan Materials Company, and many others! This project was created in efforts to revive the Gulf Coast's oyster reefs, specifically at Cedar Point Beach. We provided transportation for the limestone from Tuscombua to Mobile Bay before the limestone was dispersed at the site, which has been named The Cooper Group-Vulcan Materials Company 2023 Oyster Cultch Plant. On August 23, Angus Cooper III spoke at the Oyster Project Celebration Event where he echoed The Cooper Group's continual dedication to investing in Alabama's natural resources.



> Cooper Consolidated

Tim Dale Receives First Annual Maryann McMillion Award

Maryann McMillion was loved by all who knew her at Cooper Consolidated. Starting this year, CC will give an award in her honor to one employee who exhibits the same passion and work ethic that Maryann did. Huge congratulations to Tim Dale for being the first recipient of the Maryann McMillion Award!



Cooper Restaurants Attends Mobile Chamber Business Expo

On Thursday, August 23, representatives from Cooper Restaurants spent a great day participating in the Mobile Chamber's Business Expo 2023 at the Mobile Convention Center. They promoted the restaurants and spoke about dining, employment, and setting up events with everyone who stopped by. They also gave away samples of Ruth's Chris Bread Pudding, a Restaurant Tumbler every hour and an end of the day gift basket. Renee Lewis said, "there was a large crowd this year and we served over 250 people. We look forward to doing other events locally to keep our restaurants on the forefront of people's minds and show them what we have to offer!"



> Crescent Towing

Crescent Towing Recognized at Jones F. Devlin Awards

Crescent Towing was recognized at the Jones F. Devlin Safety Awards for having 19 boats with 183 years without lost time incidents. The crews below also received special awards for incidents of outstanding feats of safety.

- Crew of the LISA COOPER - Letter of Commendation
- Crew of the SOUTH CAROLINA - Citation of Merit
- Crew of the SAVANNAH - Citation of Merit and Letter of Commendation



"Mini Cooper" Gets a New Home

Crescent Towing/Cooper Mooring has had a family pet for the past 5 to 6 years. She was a very small, friendly Calico cat that had many names, it just depended on who you asked. She was sometimes called Menu, Mimi, Kitty or Mini Cooper. She was usually found sitting at the entrance of the gangway and would greet everyone with her raspy little meow. Unfortunately, on August 6th it was obvious that something had attacked Mini Cooper. The Crescent Towing and Cooper Mooring employees immediately stepped into action. After a long process of finding Mini and luring her out of a hiding spot, they brought her to the vet and found out she had been bitten several times, alongside two abscesses that they had to drain. Mini Cooper was able to be cared for at the vet because of the generosity of an anonymous donor. She stayed at Dana Asevado's house while she healed, then the employees decided it would be best for Mini to have a forever home rather than risk getting hurt again outside the office. Thanks to one of our linemen, Andrew Wahlen, Mini Cooper is now happily living in New Orleans with one of his freinds. Thank you to everyone who contributed to helping Mini Cooper live a happy life!



> Crescent Towing

Crescent Towing New Orleans Safety Meetings

Crescent Towing-New Orleans hosts safety meetings throughout each quarter to discuss the importance of safety culture within the company, emphasizing their commitment to the Zero Safety Initiative. This photo shows a packed house at one of these safety meetings listening to Loss Control Director Joey Pinner's presentation. Crescent Towing is committed to the safety of each of crew member!



> Crescent Towing

Overview of Crescent Towing Mobile



Crescent Towing has been operating in Mobile, AL since 1979 and has become the premeir tug operator in the port. Our Mobile fleet is configured specifically for the extra maneuverability and strength required to handle slip and dry dock berthing, towage, escort and ship assist services in the ports of Mobile, Theodore and Chickasaw.

C/PA Gives Back

C/PA was proud to support The Rose at their annual shrimp boil and auction by donating Houston Astros tickets that raised \$1000. The total auction raised \$202,463 which will go towards The Rose's mission of providing mammograms and quality breast health care to the uninsured. The Rose does a wonderful job of giving back to the Houston community, so C/PA was happy to be a part of their mission!



C/PA also recently sponsored lunches for campers at The Sunburst Summer Arts Camp, which is an 8-week experience that focuses on the holistic well-being of youth and serves around 150 students. The



MECA artistic team creates a unique arts and education curriculum enriched with concepts in Numeracy, Literacy, and Social Emotional Learning that combats the critical learning loss experienced by lower-income students during the summer months.

> Cooper Marine

Cooper Marine-LA Safety Meeting

On June 23, 2023, Cooper Marine hosted a safety meeting for its Towing Vessel Safety and Health Committee meeting. These meetings reflect the safety program as a whole and provide insights on the company's mission.



> The Cooper Group

IT New Hires

Welcome to our two newest hires in the IT department, Cameron Foster (left) and Tyler Scrivenor (right). We are excited to have them on the team!



Cooper Marine-LA Great Catch Winners

Congratulations to Captain Seth Ancar, Captain Johnny Dollar, and Captain Wesley Campbell, Cooper Marine's Monthly Great Catch Winners. The Great Catch program recognizes employees for reporting near-miss incidents, and these reported near misses demonstrated excellent hazard identification skills and the appropriate corrective/preventative actions to remedy the situations.



Captain Jonny Dollar was also Cooper Marine's 2022 Overall Great Catch Winner. His reported near miss demonstrated excellent hazard identification skills and the appropriate corrective/preventative actions to remedy the situation. Captain Johnny Dollar began his career at Cooper Marine in 2018 as a captain of pushboat JOANNE C.



> Crescent Towing

Crescent Towing to Add New Tugboat To Mississippi River

Crescent Towing has begun construction of a new 6,000 HP tier 4 zdrive tugboat at Blakeley BoatWorks in Mobile, Ala. to be immediately added to its Mississippi River ship assist operations upon completion. This new escort towing vessel, to be named at a later date, will be 92' long and 38' wide with a draft of 19'. The tugboat will be powered by twin Caterpillar 3516E tier 4 engines, each producing 3,004HP to power Kongsberg 255 fixed pitch azimuthing drives (z-drives). "The addition of this new 6,000 HP



z-drive in support of our Mississippi River operations highlights our continued commitment to providing our customers with the most powerful and technologically advanced equipment in the industry for the benefit of our customers, employees, and industry partners," said Scott H. Cooper, President of Crescent Towing.

Out with the Old, In with the New

The Cooper Group recently did some rebranding, and Cooper Mooring was a part of the process. Cooper Mooring rebranded everything from signs and letterheads, to vehicles and launches, and everything in between. One of the biggest challenges was rebranding all of our employee shirts out in the field. So they took that challenge and made it, a challenge! They encouraged all employees to turn in all their old shirts, and in return, the employees would receive an award based on the number of shirts they turned in alongside new shirts, of course! Cooper Mooring succeeded in collecting around 400 old shirts, which are being sent to a local upcycle group to be shredded and used for different purposes.



> C/PA

C/PA 2nd Quarter Safety Winners



Each quarter, two C/PA employees are recognized for their outstanding efforts of safety. Quentin Poindexter and Chase Williams were nominated by their peers for going above and beyond in safety for the 2nd quarter of 2023. Congratulations, guys!

> Crescent Towing

Engine Overhaul on the *Mississippi*

The Crescent Towing tug *Mississippi* recently has its main engines overhauled by this great crew of men:

From left to right: A.J. Tritt (Lead Mechanic), Bill Hryhorchuck (Engineer Tug Mississippi), Brett Molaison (Crescent Engineer), Rodney Schaubhut (Crescent Engineer) *Not pictured:* Robbie Thompson (Crescent Mobile Port Engineer), Anthony Frisch (Engineer Tug Mississippi), Gage Tucker (Crescent Deckhand). This team displayed excellent hardwork and team effort! Great job, guys!



Milestones

Work Anniversaries

5 Years

- Eddie R. Adler
- William G. Alario
- Anthony J. Bowers
- Devin G. Chapelle
- Shane J. Chaupetta
- Cedrick J. Chenier
- Michael C. Clark
- Lenny J. Dubroc
- Kevin J. Eugene
- Myrtle Freeman
- Ryan E. Gould
- Michael P. Gurley
- Carey P. Johnson
- Robert T. King
- Todd C. Kirby
- Brett N. Larson
- Gregory Leverette
- Jared M. Maise
- Michael A. Mencer
- Robert J. Ory
- Evan M. Petruska

Work Anniversaries

20 Years

- Charles K. Hammesfahr
- Benjamin D. Murphy
- Christopher K. Sullivan

25 Years

- Barry C. Emmons

30 Years

- Fernando Gonzalez
- Christopher T. Lewis
- John D. Morgan

35 Years

- Erin J. Wainwright

40 Years

- Perry J. Gagliano

45 Years

- Guy G. Heitmeier

- Trenton L. Pruitt
- Nathanael I. Puckett
- Steven C. Robertson
- Steven J. Rojas
- Triston M. Short
- Micah T. Stimac
- Jesse L. Summers
- Mitchell L. White
- Jackie T. Wilkerson
- Timothy R. Wilson

10 Years

- Strickler Adams
- Nick A. Burke
- Michael Caldwell
- Barrett J. Gale
- Timothy T. Jones
- Keith D. Lowe
- John C. McCullough
- Mark McNutt
- John G. Miller
- Mark P. Nance
- Dustin K. Osborn
- Timothy D. Washington
- Trent Williams

New Hires

C/PA

- Kendra Adams - Receptionist
- Clay Castro - Terminal Superintendent
- Renate Peper - Vessel Documentation
- Vincent Alvarez - Terminal Superintendent
- Christopher Betancourt - Outer Port Superintendent
- Devonion Stelly - Outer Port Superintendent
- Brooke Weil - Logistics Sales
- The Cooper Group**
- Cameron Foster - IT Network Technition

- Tyler Scrivenor - IT Network Technition

- Mallory J. Smith - Marketing Content Manager

15 Years

- John F. Ayers
- Roxanne Barnes
- Susan M. Beach
- Gegory D. Cagle
- Deandre L. Carter
- Kevin D. Chastang
- Kelly Coleman
- Jody Doucet
- Thomas D. Doyle
- James C. Driggers
- Benjamin K. Goodwin
- Gustavo P. Gutierrez
- Grant D. Gutter
- Jose N. Hasbun
- John M. Hastie
- Robert G. Johnson
- Ray Marrone
- Matthew J. Nance
- Jamie C. Ortiz-Fredricks
- Thomas J. Perrone
- Corey S. Russell
- Kayla Thomson

Births and Weddings

The Cooper Group's Mallory Johnson Smith married her husband Sean Smith on June 3, 2023.



Crescent Towing's Ben and Maggie Morvant welcomed Mildred (Millie) Anne Morvant to their family in April 2023.



The Cooper Group's Collier Smith married his wife Brooklyn Massey Smith on June 17, 2023.

