

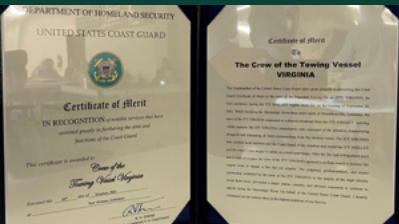
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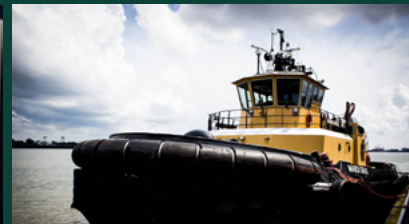


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In September, Cooper Marine & Timberlands opened a new barge fleet operation at Yellow Creek State Inland Port, located at the intersection of the Tennessee River and Tenn-Tom Waterway.



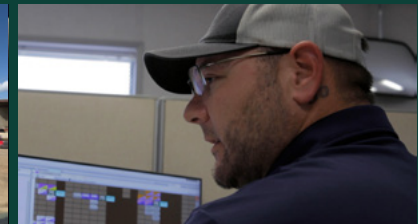
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M/V Virginia Goes Above and Beyond

The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard presented to the crew of the M/V Virginia, the Coast Guard Certificate of Merit for their outstanding assistance during the M/V Shelley engine room fire. The judgement, professionalism, and expert seamanship exhibited by the crew of the M/V Virginia directly saved three (3) lives, prevented a major marine casualty, and allowed commerce to continue to operate along the Mississippi River. We would like to congratulate the crew of the M/V Virginia and Plimsoll Marine on this outstanding accomplishment!



> Blakeley BoatWorks

Blakeley BoatWorks to receive MARAD Grant

Congratulations to Blakeley BoatWorks who were recent recipients of the MARAD Small Shipyard Grant Program. The funds received allow the shipyard to invest in equipment to modernize its infrastructure. The equipment to be acquired include metal working equipment, overhead cranes, man-lifts, and rolling stock. These investments will substantially improve the efficiency, quality and capabilities of the Marine Repair and New Construction Services.



Cooper Marine & Timberlands opens Port at Yellow Creek



Yellow Creek State Inland Port (YCP) and Cooper Marine and Timberlands (CMT) are pleased to announce that effective September 1, 2022, CMT will serve as the exclusive barge fleet and shifting service provider for Yellow Creek State Inland Port, located at the intersection of the Tennessee River and Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

“Thanks to the leadership of federal, state, and local officials, Yellow Creek Port is on a trajectory of exciting new growth,” said YCP Executive Director Robert Dexter. “Tonnage and revenues have grown by double digits in the past few years. Millions in private and public investments have been made in order to expand job opportunities and modernize facilities. Securing CMT as our port’s exclusive barge fleet and shifting service provider is another step forward on our mission of growing and diversifying the port’s capabilities to best serve our current and future tenants and to create high paying and reliable jobs for the state of Mississippi.”

“Located at one of the most strategic interchanges on the U.S. inland waterway system, Yellow Creek State Inland Port will continue to serve as a critical gateway for the state of Mississippi, powering businesses and creating jobs,” said Angus R. Cooper III, President, Cooper Marine & Timberlands. “We look forward to partnering with the port’s board of directors and executive director to best support their exciting future growth and to provide CMT’s great customers with the highest level of barge fleet and shifting services.”



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A Special Memorial

Cody Denny, Operations Manager for Crescent Towing Mobile, and Brother Bernie Maret, Waterfront Chaplain, at the dedication of the Maritime Mission in Puerto Rico. The Mission was dedicated in memory of Cody's late Father, Dale Turner, who was Port Engineer for Crescent Mobile. While in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Cody and Brother Bernie were able to help with city clean-up and hang out with the local community.



> Crescent Towing

Training Makes A Difference

The crew of the M/V Mardi Gras left into action when a crane barge caught on fire back in September of 2021. Almost a year later, the United States Coast Guard honored the crew with a Certificate of Merit signed by the Commandant. The actions of the crew saved lives and equipment. The crew's relentless training as a result of new Subchapter M Compliance readiness ensured that everyone onboard the vessel knew exactly how to respond in this emergency.



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Cooper/Ports America 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 Second Quarter Safety Awards are:



- Miranda Ricci – M&R
- Alexander Alfaro – Depot
- Terrance Finly – BC CFS
- Edith Santos – CD Terminal

Pictured Left to Right: Brandon Wright (M&R), Miranda Ricci (M&R), Gus Gutierrez (M&R Manager), Dave Morgan (President), Daniel Robledo (HSE), Edith Santos (CD Terminal), Fernando Gonzalez (Terminal Manager), Jesse Gomez (HSE). Not pictured: Alexander Alfaro (BC Depot), Terrance Finly (BC CFS) and their Managers.

> We Are the Cooper Group

We Are the Cooper Group: Gonnie Harris, CP&O

“In this job, it’s like a surgery..you have to be very meticulous, and observant in every area. Safety is key!” With more than 30 years experience as a foreman for CP&O, Gonnie Harris ensures that containers are loaded to and unloaded from cargo ships in a safe and timely manner.



Maverick Excellence Award



Congratulations to the crew of the M/V VIRGINIA and M/V GRAIN EXPRESS, Plimsoll Marine's Maverick Excellence Award recipients. The Maverick Excellence Award originated in 2022 and recognizes individuals who display excellence in all facets of the company. The individuals selected go above and beyond their normal duties. The winning individual earns a Cooper Green Maverick Excellence Award Jacket. The Plimsoll Maverick Excellence Award is the most prestigious award in its vessel footprint.

> Blakeley BoatWorks

Blakeley BoatWorks starts construction on Hull 109

Hull 109 is Blakeley BoatWork's latest New Construction Project for Crescent Towing—the 6000HP vessel will be built to full ABS Class, A1, Towing Vessel, Escort Vessel, FFV 1, AMS. The construction of the 92ft Escort tug reached a major milestone in Q3 of 2022—the hull of the vessel was “flipped” utilizing (3) individual cranes. After the successful hull flip, major components of the vessel were set in place prior to the installation of the pre-constructed deckhouse and wheelhouse. The vessel was then shifted back into a covered bay to complete the final phase of construction.



Trustin Remondet, Cooper Consolidated

As Trip Dispatcher for Cooper Consolidated - LaPlace, Trustin Remondet works closely with the logistics team, stevedores, and push boat crews, as well as customers, to ensure the necessary vessels, barges, and equipment are readily available for the efficient movement of cargo along the Mississippi River.



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> Blakely BoatWorks

Company Overview: Blakely BoatWorks

Situated on 26 acres, Blakely BoatWorks is a full-service shipyard focused on new construction and marine repair projects. With our 1,900-short-ton capacity floating dry dock and a 660-short-ton Travelift, Blakely BoatWorks has a professional and skilled workforce who is committed to the highest standards of quality and safety.



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Milestones

Work Anniversaries

5 Years

Austin Ballard
Walker Betts
David Bradford
Ronald Caire
Richard Gautier
Tracy Godwin
Karl Gonzales
Hartson Harmon
Christopher Hawley
Steven Heitmeier
Gage Ledet
Leo Major
Cynthia Parker- Long
Joshua Partsch
Neil Peterson
Bobby Riley

Bradley Riley
Cannon Shirah
Roger Tubbs
Michael Worthignton

10 Years

Frank Dixon
Heather Leach
Travis Stringfellow

15 Years

Dana Asevado
Devin Braud
Vincent Capitano
John Dugas
Edward Jackson
Elizabeth Rudolph

Edmundo Sanchez
Michael Stanfield
Alan Weatherford

20 Years

Christopher Cozzens
Ronald Hinely

35 Years

Tilford Kulp

40 Years

Ralph Culver
Bruce Jeanfreau
Claude Ordoyne

New Hires

- Chris Burns
Director, Corporate Communications
Cooper Group of Companies
- Cameron Foster
Network Technician
Cooper Group of Companies
- Amara Baltimore
Corporate Accountant
Cooper Group of Companies
- Leigh Kellum
Corporate Accountant
Cooper Group of Companies
- Collier Smith
Corporate Accountant
Cooper Group of Companies
- Joshua Smith
Accountant
Cooper Group of Companies
- Michael George
Logistics
Cooper Marine & Timberlands

- Darrel Boyles
Port Engineer
Cooper Marine & Timberlands

Promotions

- Steve Dice
Barge Cleaning Facilities Supervisor
Cooper Marine & Timberlands

Births



Cooper Marine and Timberlands's Strickler Adams welcomed Daniel Haas Adams on September 15th, 2022



Plimsoll Marine's Hayden Pfister welcomed Sawyer Ann Pfister on September 21st, 2022.