Annual Salute to the United States Coast Guard
Dinner and Awards Banquet

Rear Admiral John H. “Jake” Korn, Commander Seventh Coast Guard District, will be
our guest speaker at the Propeller Club’s annual Salute to the Coast Guard Dinner and
Awards Banquet, which will be held Wednesday evening, January 28, 2015 at the
Holiday Inn Tampa Westshore Hotel (formerly the Wyndham/Quorum.) We are pleased
that the Tampa Council, Navy League of the United States, and the Coast Guard
Foundation will again join us as co-hosts in recognizing the men and women of the
Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, and Coast Guard Auxiliary in the Bay area for their
faithful and untiring service to our nation during a period of heavy demands being
placed on their duties both overseas and at home. Team Coast Guard members from
the Tampa Bay area will be invited to join us for the evening. Given the continuing operational demands
for security of our ports and waterways on top of the high expectation of performance in traditional roles
of search and rescue, aids to navigation, marine safety, environmental protection, drug interdiction, and
immigration law enforcement, it is fitting that we take time to express our appreciation to Coast Guard
personnel for their personal sacrifices and dedication to duty.

Admiral Korn reported for duty as the Commander of the Seventh Coast Guard District in June 2013. The
Seventh District is one of the largest districts in the Coast Guard, stretching from South Carolina, Georgia,
and Peninsular Florida to the northern shores of South America, including all of the Bahamas and the
Caribbean Sea and eastern Gulf of Mexico. In addition to being heavily involved in search and rescue, marine safety, and aids to navigation duties, it is the major district for drug interdiction and alien migration interdiction operations. Homeland security duties are extensive in the Seventh District, which
has seven of the nation’s 20 largest container ports and is the leading district for the cruise ship industry.

Prior to assuming command of the Seventh Coast Guard District, Rear Admiral Korn served as Assistant
Commandant for Acquisition and Chief Acquisition Officer, where he oversaw the execution of all USCG
acquisition programs and projects, after serving as Chief of Staff of the Eighth Coast Guard District. Earlier
aviation assignments led to his attainment of pilot qualifications in most fixed-wing and rotary-wing
aircraft in the Coast Guard, plus a Civilian Airline Transport Rating. Admiral Korn is the 24th Ancient
Albatross of the Coast Guard, an honorary position given to the active duty aviator holding the earliest
pilot designation.

Admiral Korn, a native of New Jersey, is a 1979 graduate of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, with a B.S.
degree in Ocean Engineering. He holds a Master of Industrial Administration degree from Purdue
University, and is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at the National Defense University.

9th Maritime Industry Night Celebration and Awards Banquet

In February we will hold our 9th Annual Maritime Industry Night Celebration and Awards Banquet and we
want to get a head start on our Awards Nominations. This is truly a big night for our folks! It is a night
of celebrating our industry and those who work in and around the port. We will recognize our Member of
the Year and our Maritime Person of the Year as well as introduce you to this year’s recipients of our
Unsung Hero Awards and our Leadership Skills Awards. Remember, when you prepare your write-up on
your candidates for either the Unsung Hero and the Leadership Skills awards, you must show your passion and give us your reason for selecting your individual to be one of this year’s recipients. They cannot win if you don’t at least submit them. Our awards committee will meet to go over each and every nomination and select the best of the best. The forms are attached to this email OR you may acquire them online at [www.propellerclubtampa.com](http://www.propellerclubtampa.com), under the “Resources” tab. Submissions must be typed or printed clearly and submitted via pdf to us at [propellerclub@ij.net](mailto:propellerclub@ij.net) with “Award Nominations” in the “Subject” line of the email and received no later than Monday January 20th at 5:00pm.

Once we finalize the event details, we will send them out to you all!

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**Past Event Highlights**

**Outreach Tampa Bay Program with Tampa Fire & Rescue**

Members of the Propeller Club – Port of Tampa and others from the maritime community of Port Tampa Bay participated in the Community Outreach program at DeSota Park in Palmetto.

John Meyer, LEPC District 8, Lynne Vadelund (Mosaic), Octavio Morales (Victory Ship) and Bill Kuzmick (Victory Ship and Port Hendry)

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**September’s Candidate Forum**

On September 16th, the Propeller Club – Port of Tampa and the Port of Tampa Maritime Industries Association held their Candidate Forum at Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club where we welcomed local and state candidates to visit with our group and were given time to introduce themselves and their mission. Despite the many other political events that evening we still had a nice turnout!

*Photo l-r: Commissioner Victor Crist; Elizabeth Belcher; Representative Mark Danish; Donna Fore and Adrian Wyllie - Other candidates in attendance were: Sally Harris, Commissioner Al Higginbotham and Dipa Shah*

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**30th Annual Golf Tournament held at River Hills**

On October 9th we held our 30th Annual Golf Tournament at River Hills Country Club. Another Sold-Out tournament this year! A special thank you to our Golf Committee Co-Chairs Norman Atkins and Dwayne Keith, and raffle prize Chair Liz Collier-Ortiz. A good time was had by all and again, thank you to all who contributed in making this another successful tournament.

Special thanks to our sponsors: A.R. Savage & Son; Abacus; ACE Industries; American Marine Agencies; APG; Brown & Brown Insurance; BMG Conveyors; Clark Environmental; Cliff Berry; Epperson & Co.; Graybar; Gulf Coast Bulk Equipment; Harden Marine; HDR; Home Depot; ISMAS; International Ship Repair & Marine Services; J. W. Knight Electric; Leeco Steel; Marine Towing; McNichols Company; Moran Shipping; Mosaic; Norton Lilly; Orion Marine Group; Parsons Brinckerhoff; Penn Pro; Port Consolidated;
Congratulations to all our team awardees.

Photo right: 1st Place Gross Team from PennPro: J.P. Machek; Derek Kenney; Mark Pennewell; and Pete Earnest

Tampa Port Ministries Anchor Ball

During this year’s Anchor Ball, hosted by Port Tampa Bay, we were thrilled to have Joan Steinbrenner and her daughter Jennifer Steinbrenner Swindal join us for this special event. The Anchor Ball raised $25,000 for the Maritime Education Program to support scholarships. In addition The Steinbrenner Foundation donated $10,000 to establish the George Steinbrenner Maritime Scholarship. This year’s Captain James McKay award was presented posthumously to George M. Steinbrenner for his contributions to the maritime community over many decades, and was accepted by his daughter Jennifer and wife Joan. The Propeller Club also presented Certificates of Appreciation to two outstanding individuals, Mary Ellen Elia, Superintendent Hillsborough Country Schools and Jake Prokop, formerly Hillsborough County Public Schools.

88th Annual International Propeller Club Convention Louisville, KY

Also in October, several Tampa Propeller Club members traveled to Louisville, Kentucky for the 88th International Propeller Club Convention held from October 14-17 and held at the Galt House Hotel. This year’s theme was Rivers of Trade: Linking America’s Heartland to the World, and in closing held a “Kentucky Derby” party Boats, Bourbon and Bluegrass. Our Outgoing International President presented several awards to individuals for their outgoing efforts during his two year term as President as well as presenting the Convention hosts their awards. On Friday, Sonny Smith introduced the new board, introduced the Incoming President, Captain San Juan (Sandy) Dunbar – who comes from the Port of Maine and the Port of Miami. Thank you to the Ports of Louisville, KY; Nashville, TN; Evansville, IN and Paducah, KY (which makes up the Ohio Valley Region) for your untiring efforts and terrific program, specifically Roy & Carolyn Adams, Ron & Nancy Kolb and Mike & Mary Ash for making us all feel so welcomed.

(photo right: KC Misemer, Wade Wetherington, Nancy Simms, Tim Shusta and Barb and Ron Kobosky) (note: it was a Kentucky Derby theme party .. hence the attire...lol)
The convention focused on “brown water” issues with many outstanding speakers from the industry. A couple highlights were when Senator Mitch McConnell dropped in to speak as well as RADM Kevin Cook, USCG Commander Eight District.

Photo left: (l-r) RADM Kevin Cook, USCG Commander, Eighth District; Kentucky Senator Mitch McMillan and Ken Wheeler, Port of Paducah

New & Returning Board Members l-r: Rick Schiappacasse; Bernard Marguet, Rusty Barkerding, Jack Crockett, Tim Shusta, Jim Myrick, Sonny Smith, Captain Sandy Dunbar, Amy Larson; Charlie Atkinson; Phillip de Gauw, William Ciesinski; Richard Tremayne, Mike Ash, John Amos, (missing from photo was Roy Adams)

**The 89th International Convention will be hosted and held by the Propeller Club – Port of Savannah.**

*Save the date: October 28-30, 2015.*

**ANNUAL STONE CRAB FEST** - On November 4th, we held our largest event of the year with nearly 1300 members and guests and volunteers in attendance throughout the evening. Thank you to ALL! Starting with Captain John Timmel, for his guidance and leadership and for his untiring efforts. From the start with cold Beer and Wine, Rusty’s Oyster Bar, Captain John’s Famous Seafood Chowder to the StoneCrabs (catered by Skipper’s Smokehouse), to the Tugboat Ballet and entertainment by “Little Kinter Boys” (a popular south Tampa) the evening was a great success. Thank you Rusty Ferrell and the “Oyster Men”, great job as always! Thank you to our Premier Sponsors: Gulf Marine/Hendry Corporation; Florida Detroit Diesel, Landstar Online Transportation and Ports Consolidated. Thank you to our venue sponsors: Port Tampa Bay; Martinez & Co., and United Rentals. Thank you to our event sponsors: TPin Distributors and Southern Wine & Spirits. Thank you to all the corporate sponsors and all of the volunteers (which there were many to list individually, but know your efforts were appreciated.)

Look who came to visit all the way from the 11th District in California, RADM Joseph Servidio (former COTP, Sector St. Pete.)

Captain John Timmel and Navy League’s Chris Paddock introduce the many tugs which performed in the amazing “TugBoat Ballet”
On December 16th the Tampa Propeller Club held their annual holiday luncheon benefitting the Tampa Port Ministries. Propeller Club President Pamela Baylor was on hand to welcome everyone and thanked them for their continued support and urged everyone to help grow membership by sponsoring someone they know who will benefit from being a member of our #1 Propeller Club in the world. Pamela also updated the group on highlights from the International Convention held in October in Louisville, and thanked those who worked hard on our recent golf tournament and our largest event – the StoneCrabFest. Pamela then spoke about our continuing efforts and success with our maritime education program.

We were honored and delighted to have another sold out event which welcomed Tampa’s Mayor Bob Buckhorn. Mayor Buckhorn spoke about the Port and what it means to our region, his vision for downtown development, ongoing trade missions and overseas trips and how important it is to get the message of Tampa out to markets outside the United States. He also responded to a question involving baseball in the Tampa area. He was eloquent, passionate and he is a champion and ambassador for Tampa and our region.

Message from Chaplain Steve Finnesy with the Tampa Port Ministries, “please forward our appreciation to the membership of the best Propeller club in the world for all the wonderful gifts gathered at today’s luncheon. These will have a great impact in the lives of the international seafarers that visit our port between now and Christmas. Being away from home is always tough but this time of year it is particularly lonely for the men and women at sea and these small gifts mean a lot to them”.

Those wishing to make contributions to the Tampa Port Ministries may still do so via mail to 1918 Eastport Dr., Tampa, FL 33605 or contact Port Tampa Bay at (813) 905-7678 to drop off your donations at 1101 Channelside Dr., 4th Floor receptionist; Tampa, FL 33602.

A friendly reminder, if you are a new member who has not yet received your membership pin, please be sure to note on your next RSVP “needs pin” next to your name. We now do new members introductions at our December holiday luncheon and our June event.

Danielle Johnson, Vice President of Membership (c) introduced our newest members in attendance: l-r; Tracy Cook (Clean Harbors), Armando Schumacher (Graybar), Anthony Severino (Bajo Cuva Cohen & Turkel), Danielle Johnson (ISR); Sol Kohlhaas (OSG) and Darren Richards (Tucker Hall.)
New Members – July through December

Stephen Tallyn
APG Electric

Shawn Antonelli
U.S. Coast Guard

Casey Gardner
Triple H Staffing

Beatrice Vizcaya
Hendry Marine Industries

Emilio Salabarria
Port Tampa Bay

Danny Gearlds
Kinder Morgan

Tracy Cook
Clean Harbors

Marcial Rodriguez
Home Depot

Karen Jubrail
Glazer Children’s Museum

Joseph Pradera
United Rentals

Sol Kohlhaas
OSG

Torrey Chambliss
Port Tampa Bay

Christyna Doege
Port Tampa Bay

Captain Scott Baker
Harvey Gulf Int'l Marine

Matt Emidy
Arthur J Gallagher

Brandon Ducharme
Hydrex

John Green
Hydrex

Matthew Edson
CCC Group

Stacey Gaskins
Home Depot

Ross Miller
CCC Group

Scott Denty
Climate Design

Douglas Sernka
Gulf Marine Repair

Peter Myers
Int'l Ship Holding

Sherry Powell
Trueblue/Labor Ready

Liza Grudin
Handex Consulting & Remediation

Diane Anderson
Handex Consulting & Remediation

Greg Bloom
Handex Consulting & Remediation

Alan Denham
Tampa Electric / Peoples Gas

Kris Pennewell
Penn Pro Inc.

Derek Kenney
Penn Pro Inc.

Randin Bernosky
ISMAS

Terri Lewis
Certex, USA

Armando Schumacher
Graybar

Nicholas Cotsanas
Blueline Rental

Daniel Noble
Florida Detroit Diesel

Zach Faraone
Batson-Cook

Christopher Hamilton
Hamilton, Miller & Birthisel, LLP

John Flynn
Universal Environmental Solutions

Bryan Russel
Universal Environmental Solutions

Jack Suber
Dawson Companies of Florida

Matt Farhadi
Dolphin Constructors

Carlos DeSouza
A&C Drafting and Design

Glenn Kourik
Martin Product Sales

Ben Halliday
Aerotek

Larry McAdoo
Anvil Attachments

Darren Richards
Tucker Hall

Anthony Pellegrino
Tampa Ship

Claus Hartmann
Maritech Commercial Inc.

Now is the time to recruit new members. If you know of anyone who would benefit from becoming a member, please have them contact Nancy Simms at propellerclub@ij.net; or call 813-225-7227. They may also visit our website directly and JOIN NOW online at www.propellerclubtampa.com. Also, to those who still have not provided us with a color headshot photo; please do as we will place them in our files for the next directory. Also, you may let them know in advance to put your name down as the “sponsor”.

Please mark your calendars for the coming year!

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MARCH 17, 2015
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!!!

Other Maritime Events in Port Tampa Bay

* **Blackthorn Memorial Ceremony** – Sunshine Skyway January 28th – 1100
* **Tampa Bay Harbor Safety & Security Committee Meeting** – January 29th – 0900
* **Steel Conference** – Hosted by Port Tampa Bay & Ports America - February 10th – 12th

* **Propeller Club’s Southeast Region’s (SERAC) Conference** - held and hosted by the Propeller Club - Port of Jacksonville and held in conjunction with JAXPorts Conference – March 23-25, 2015 (more details to follow)

* **Hillsborough Education Foundation 2015 Student Internship Fair** – April 9, 2015 at the Florida State Fairgrounds (Florida Center) – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. To learn more about this event, please contact Jacob Lawrence at (813) 463-4284 or jlawrence@educationfoundation.com

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!