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The Cooper Group

Maverick Excellence Award

Congratulations to the crew of the M/V BARBARA, M/V HONEST BOB, and M/V ROGER D, Cooper 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 Cooper Green Maverick Excellence Award Jacket. The Cooper Marine Maverick Excellence Award is the most prestigious award in its vessel footprint.



> Cooper Marine

Cooper Marine and Blakeley BoatWorks Partners with the Alabama Career Center

While Cooper Marine is all about safety, it starts from the bottom. Richard Pipkins, Snap Nelson, Todd Kirby, and Swathin Kannalath visited the Alabama Career Fair to recruit prospects for the Cooper Marine team! "We just really appreciate what the Alabama Career Center has done for us by allowing us to come in and use their facilities. We hope that we can continue that partnership in the future!" -Snap Nelson, Vessel Operations Manager, Cooper Marine



Cooper/T. Smith de Mexico celebrates Dia de Los Muertos



“At Cooper/T. Smith de Mexico, we celebrated Dia de Los Muertos by setting up two ofrendas or altars. Employees brought pictures of their loved ones to include” said Maria Luisa DelAngel

Day of the Dead traditions originated thousands of years ago from Indigenous cultures in Mexico. The Aztec and Mexican people believed the souls of the dead could visit the living, and each year they invited their loved ones to return home. The tradition is so meaningful that 16th-century Spanish settlers adopted the custom and turned it into a holiday.

On this day, Mexican families prepare to honor their loved ones by placing their photos on an ofrenda, or home altar, along with candles to help guide them home. Plumes of copal incense drift into the air as people invite their neighbors inside to admire the decorative altars. Friends share food like Pan de

Muerto, a mouthwatering round bread that represents the circle of life. It’s believed that the deceased first return to their graves, which are often decorated with bright marigold flowers and personal belongings.

Wendell Landry, Senior Vice President said “It was quite special listening to the history of the ofrendas as well as stories of the deceased loved ones whose photos were displayed on the altars. There was one altar in the office and another in the employee cafeteria in the operation building. Seeing the pride invested in the displays, was just special”.

Whether Mexicans are at home, the cemetery, or a local parade, the day is filled with stories and laughter to commemorate loved ones and ancestors.



M/V Ted Kayser hosts a very special crowd

On Tuesday, October 18, 2022, the MV “TED KAYSER” hosted members of the German transportation delegation as they explored fleeting operations on the lower Mississippi River. The delegation was in the US to learn more about how the US utilizes the MS River and its tributaries for economic purposes. Their presence on the Ted Kayser was to see how an inland pushboat plays a part in the economic system.



> Cooper Marine

Quarterly Safety Lunch for Cooper Marine

“What we do at these meetings..it builds on our safety culture, and the recommendations we get back from the guys is paramount to our success and keeping them happy and our operations more safe,” says John McCullough, Compliance and Quality Control Manager for Cooper Marine.

Safety training and continuing education are pivotal to building and maintaining a successful team. Throughout the month of November, all Cooper Marine vessel captains and deckhands met at the Cooper Farm to review and discuss the latest safety and operational reports. Among the topics covered, included: safety incidents and statistics, near-miss reports, review of the Towing Safety Management System (TSMS), breakout groups for improving safety culture, and a question and answer session with representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard.

Coming together as a team to learn, build relationships, and develop their skills ensures that our crews provide outstanding service to our customers!

Creating and cultivating a culture of safety at Cooper Marine is our number 1 priority!



Watch 

Crescent Towing's Newest Tug is Named *M/V Angus R. Cooper II*

For over a year, our Crescent Towing and Blakeley BoatWorks teams have worked diligently to build the most advanced Crescent Towing tugboat ever built and until April 28, 2023, the name of the vessel was kept as a closely guarded secret. On April 28th, the birthday of Angus Cooper II (Chairman and CEO of The Cooper Group), sons Angus III and Scott surprised their father by revealing to him at BWW that they had named the new 6,000 HP tug after him. In the picture above, our Crescent Towing and BBW teams stand with Angus R. Cooper II moments after the big surprise. The M/V Angus R. Cooper II will be delivered and enter service in the summer of 2023. This was a job well done by our Crescent Towing and BBW teams!



> Cooper Timberlands

Company Overview: Cooper Timberlands - Carrollton Sawmill

Did you know that Cooper Timberlands has a sawmill? Our pine sawmill in Carrollton, Alabama, specializes in producing 1" rough-cut lumber for domestic and export markets. Learn more about our Timberland services and operations: www.coopertimberlands.com



Watch 

Cooper Marine's M/V Crimson White II to set sail



MOBILE, ALABAMA – The M/V Crimson White II, a 4,600 HP towing vessel and one of the largest vessels operating on the Tennessee-Tombigbee waterway, was recently added to Cooper Marine's fleet. Cooper Marine, headquartered in the port of Mobile, Alabama, is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Cooper Group, Inc.

Formerly operated as the M/V Jinx P Smith, the M/V Crimson White II is a 116-foot long towing vessel, powered by EMD engines. The vessel is fully compliant with the United States Coast Guard regulatory requirements, including 46 CFR Subchapter M. The acquisition of the M/V Crimson White II expands Cooper Marine's fleet to 41 towing vessels.

"Acquiring the M/V Crimson White II bolsters our longstanding commitment of providing the industry's most reliable barge affreightment services," said Angus R. Cooper III, President of The Cooper Group, Inc. "Adding to our fleet one of the largest towing vessels currently operating on the Tenn.-Tom provides our customers with continued assurance that Cooper Marine will always provide the most reliable barge transportation services in the country."

"As we continue to grow our world-class fleet with the addition of the M/V Crimson White II, we do so in order to best ensure that our customers will continue to depend on Cooper Marine to provide the safest and most reliable barge service in the industry," said James Fowler, Managing Director of Marine & Stevedoring Operations for Cooper Marine.

Cooper Marine's operations are powered by 41 towing vessels, 450 hopper barges, and one of the country's largest fleet of dry bulk gantry and floating derrick cranes. The company's marine footprint includes the Tennessee-Tombigbee River system, Ohio River, Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Illinois River, Arkansas River, Cumberland River, Black Warrior River, Tennessee River, Tombigbee River, Mobile River, and Mississippi River. CM's world-class stevedoring operations include two deep-draft bulk cargo terminals in the Port of Mobile and numerous inland marine terminals throughout the states of Alabama and Mississippi.

Milestones

Work Anniversaries

5 Years

Carthage W. Balckwell
 Nathan L. Blondiau
 Bryce M. Bodden
 Brendan M. Brown
 Stephan Claxton
 Johnny O. Dollar
 James D. Gerstenschlager
 Matthew J. Gifford
 Christopher J. Gould
 Charles T. Green
 Brett A. Molaison
 Joseph L. Olivio
 Michael Pugh
 Jason L. Randall
 Ethan D. Sims
 Walter N. Spitzer
 Robert D. Wilkerson
 Carl L. Willis

10 Years

Justin M. Brady
 Bryan M. Bychurch
 Paul M. Chavers
 Jeremy R. Cotten
 Joseph A. Donahue
 Benjamin R. Morvant
 Robert J. Ose
 Jonathan K. Varnado
 Jack Wilkinson

15 Years

Stephan L. Beard
 Kevin C. Chevis
 David P. Jumonville
 Jason R. Lawshe
 Angela S. McIlwain
 Bennie J. Milner
 Viet Q. Nguyen
 Joseph E. Pinner

Randall V. Zeisloft

20 Years

Laurie M. Hasley

25 Years

Derrick D. Brown
 Stacie N. Knight
 James D. Price

30 Years

Thomas A. Palacio
 Thomas A. Parker
 Wade J. Rester

40 Years

Susan Bates

45 Years

Terry A. Murley

Cooper Marine - LA Anniversaries

10 Years

Walter J. Bailey
 Mel C. Bartholomew
 Timothy Breland
 William D. Brown
 Billy L. Burton
 Wayne J. Burton
 Christopher D. Bychurch
 Tab A. Bychurch
 Elric P. Cady
 Edward C. Cox
 Paul A. Delaune Jr.
 Paul A. Delaune Sr.
 Bradley J. Delaune
 Stanley J. Delaune
 Ryan P. Fontenot
 Alex M. Gale
 Mark Gale
 Kelly L. Gerald

Seldon N. Gomez
 Joseph E. Greaud
 Michael L. Green
 Daniel S. Hernandez
 Kevin M. Huff
 Tyrone D. Hutton
 Jose Lora
 Julian T. Louviere
 Aaron J. McElveen
 Michael R. Mouton
 Chase A. Nichols
 George Polly
 Thomas J. Sarver
 Deanna N. Scherer
 Waldon J. Sculthorp
 Gary M. Simoneaux
 Robert J. Taylor
 Erwin H. Vial III
 Erwin H. Vial Jr.
 Joseph S. Vial
 Guy R. Waite
 William Warden
 Roosevelt Wilson

Births & Weddings

The Cooper Group's Nick and Kate Burke welcomed Simon Joseph Burke at 7 lbs. 14oz.



The Cooper Group's James Fowler welcomed Catherine Everette Fowler on February 27th.



The Cooper Group's Chris Burns married his wife Lauren on November 27th, 2022.

