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The Cooper Group

## Cooper Mooring Grab-a-Line Award

The Grab-a-line Award is given to the linemen who completed the most jobs in the previous year. This past year, Teddy Green completed 827 total jobs!



> Cooper Mooring

## Cooper Mooring Zero Safety Award



The Zero Award recognizes the lineman who demonstrates an outstanding commitment and dedication in maintaining a safe work environment. Whether through implementing innovative safety protocols, leading by example or actively promoting safety culture, recipients of this award demonstrate exceptional vigilance and initiative in preventing accidents and promoting a culture of safety within the Cooper Mooring organization. Anthony Bowers has shown a tremendous commitment to safety this past year and has gone above and beyond to ensure work on the river is safe.

> Crescent Towing

## Crescent Towing Celebrates Capt. Joe's Birthday

Captain Joe Tucker was the first Crescent Towing captain on the Mobile river. While he is now happily retired, his legacy lives on through his 8 family members that currently work on the river for Crescent. Pictured to the right is a group of Crescent Towing employees celebrating Captain Joe's birthday with him. We at The Cooper Group are thankful to have excellent, loyal people on our team like Captain Joe!



*Pictured (Left to Right)*

*Front Row: Tadd Willcutt, Capt. Joe Tucker, Eddie Pinner*

*Back Row: Travis Stringfellow, Capt. Ronnie Walker, Desi Tobias, Cody Denny, Capt. RJ Walker*

# Blakeley BoatWorks and C/PA Achieve AEU Safety Award

Blakeley BoatWorks and Cooper/Ports America have been awarded a 2023 AEU Safety Award for the company's strong commitment to safety in the workplace.

The American Equity Underwriters, Inc., the leading provider of workers' compensation for waterfront employers, presents the AEU Safety Awards each year to its best performing members nationwide.

Eligibility for the awards is based on the frequency and severity of workers' compensation incidents for the prior calendar year, as well as safety-related metrics determined by AEU's loss control team.

"Receiving the AEU Safety Award illustrates a member's excellence in safety," said Jimmy Burgin, AEU's senior vice president and director of loss control. "This achievement speaks volumes about the steadfast dedication of every employee within an organization. From supervisors to frontline personnel, their tireless efforts in maintaining a top-tier safety program truly set them apart in the maritime industry."

It takes everyone to create a culture of safety, so we thank each person on the C/PA and Blakeley BoatWorks teams for their commitment to protecting themselves and others from harm.



## CP&O Superintendent Receives Award

CP&O Superintendent Reinaldo “Rico” Rosas was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for having served as the Sub-Safety Committee facilitator. For one year Rico organized the meetings, met with ILA members to deliver company safety guidance and gain the ILA’s perspective on working safety conditions. Through his voluntary efforts the company was able to drive a proactive safety culture and reinforce the CP&O + ILA member team safety effort. Presenting the award was Leo Murphy, CSP, Director of Loss Control.



### > Crescent Towing

## Crescent Towing Takes Delivery of *Angus R. Cooper II*

Crescent Towing recently took delivery of the M/V Angus R. Cooper II, a new 6,000 HP tier 4 z-drive tugboat constructed at Blakeley BoatWorks in Mobile, Alabama, to be added to their 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).



“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.

“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 Kettenring, Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer for Crescent Towing.

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.

## Cooper Marine's 2023 Great Catch Winner

Congratulations to Steersman Jared Latiolais, Cooper Marine's 2023 Overall Great Catch Winner. The Great Catch program recognizes employees for reporting near-miss incidents, and Steersman Jared Latiolais's reported near miss demonstrated excellent hazard identification skills and the appropriate corrective/preventative actions to remedy the situation. Mr. Latiolais began his career at Cooper Marine in 2021 as a deckhand on pushboat JOANNE C, and has worked his way from the deck to the Steersman Program. His prizes consist of a 32" Flat Screen TV, Four Tickets to a 2024 Saints Game with VIP Parking, and a \$200 Walk-On's Bistro Gift Card to treat his party before the Saints Game. Jared is the first steersman to win this prestigious award.



> Cooper Marine



## New Cooper Marine Wheelman

Lorenzo Griggs joined us six years ago as a deckhand and has quickly moved up the ranks to wheelman through Cooper Marine's Steersman's Program. Known in the fleet as a team player, Lorenzo is always ready to support his fellow mariners and at just 26 years old we know he is going to be an excellent resource for many years to come!

> Cooper Mooring

## We Are The Cooper Group: Anthony Bowers, Cooper Mooring

Anthony Bowers is a lineman and boat operator at Cooper Mooring that has been a valued part of our team for 6 years. He achieved the 2023 Zero Safety Award due to his tremendous commitment to safety, going above and beyond to ensure work on the river is safe. Thank you, Anthony, for all your hard work!



## Cooper Marine-LA 2023 Top Gun Winners

Congratulations to the crew of the ITV “STEEL SKIPPER”, Cooper Marine’s 2023 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. Since the program’s inauguration, it has never seen a repeat champion.



### > Crescent Towing

## Crescent Towing Welcomes King Felix III

Our Crescent Towing tugs on the Mobile River helped welcome the arrival of King Felix III as part of a longstanding Lundi Gras tradition. On the Monday before Fat Tuesday, King Felix and his knights arrive in downtown Mobile where Mayor Sandy Stimpson presents him with the key to the city to begin his rule over Mardi Gras.



# Crescent Towing Participates in Big River Golf Classic

The “Big River Golf Classic” is a golf tournament organized by Crescent River Pilot, Sean Donahue. The purpose of the event is to get together and have some fun with industry partners that work together on the river every single day. Participants include tug crewmembers, mooring personnel, river pilots, agents, terminal operators, etc. The tournament started as a “grass roots” organization and is turning into an event that everyone looks forward to participating in. Kurt and Carl Gegenheimer serve their specialty Italian muffuletta sandwiches on one of the holes and there are prizes and giveaways, making for a fun day for all who participate!



> C/PA

## C/PA 4th Quarter Safety Award



Each quarter, a C/PA employee is recognized for their outstanding efforts of safety. Tarsha Pots was recognized this quarter after being nominated by her peers for her outstanding safety efforts - congratulations, Tarsha! Melvin Miller, Ken Willson, and Alex Venable were also recognized for 100% participation in safety vessel checks. We are proud of everyone on the C/PA team that helps keep safety our top priority!

## Cooper Marine-LA Welcomes TSA at Q1 Safety Meetings

On March 08, 15, and 22, 2024, TSA conducted Cybersecurity Awareness Training for Cooper Marine's Q1 Health and Safety Committee Meetings. TSA provided Cooper Marine's employees with the knowledge and skills needed to recognize, report, and prevent cybersecurity incidents. Thank you TSA for your guidance and expertise.



&gt; C/PA

## C/PA Participates in WIMO's Annual Clay Shoot

Penny Burney, Chris Lewis, Brooke Weil and Scott Clark from Cooper/Ports America took part in WIMO's 3rd Annual Clay Shoot. This event welcomed more than 300 people across the maritime industry and raised the most funds, bringing in \$200,000 in revenue. Even in the rain, the C/PA team had a great time connecting with people in the maritime industry!

### *About WIMOs*

WIMOs (Women in Maritime Operations) is dedicated to educating, engaging, and elevating women who are actively employed in the maritime industry. Industry employment could include, but may not be limited to, individuals that own, operate, charter, dispatch or provide other types of logistical, safety and emergency management services on the water. The organization's membership currently includes 900+ individuals who work for 250+ different companies.



# Milestones

## Work Anniversaries

### 5 Years

Harrison D. Anderson  
 Michael D. Bordelon  
 Edward Davis  
 Eric Galloway  
 Donna J. Hall  
 Gary T. Jenkins  
 Timmie Lanier  
 John P. Lanoix  
 Kim Manley  
 Johnny W. McClain  
 Richard L. Moffett  
 Paul Morris  
 Rhema Nance  
 George L. Nelson  
 Eddy J. Padgett  
 Anthony H. Portier  
 Miranda Ricci  
 Daniel Robledo  
 Logan Sanderson  
 Andrew C. Wahlen

### 10 Years

Kevin T. Anderson  
 Cody Dillon  
 Jesse Gomez  
 Joseph A. Perez  
 Seth A. Reid

### 15 Years

Charles Cherrington  
 Orrie L. Mosley  
 Jeffery C. Williams

### 20 Years

Luis E. Dardon  
 Kevin W. Jacobs

### 25 Years

Mark V. Schmitt

### 30 Years

Don Johnson

### 35 Years

Britton Cooper  
 Deveret V. Napoleon  
 Walter H. Shaaf  
 Robert D. Watford

### 40 Years

Zack J. Crouchet

### 45 Years

Philip L. Siess

CONGRATULATIONS

## Births and Weddings



CP&O's Paul Kenney welcomed his daughter Maria Anna Kenney on December 31, 2023.



Cooper Marine Pilot Randy Jacob Mendenhall married his wife Maddie in January 2024.



Cooper Mooring's Shawn White welcomed his son in January 2024.

Cooper Marine's James King III with his wife Krystal welcomed their son Judah James King on February 13, 2024 (not pictured)

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