

PROPELLER CLUB

PORT OF TAMPA

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Salute to the United States Coast Guard Dinner and Awards Night January 28, 2020



Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, will be our guest speaker at the annual Salute to the Coast Guard Dinner, which will be held Tuesday evening, January 28, 2020 at the Westshore Grand Hotel, 4860 W. Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa. 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, military and civilian, Coast Guard Reserve, and Coast Guard Auxiliary, throughout the West Coast of Florida, 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 surge in 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 Schultz reported for duty as the Coast Guard's 26th Commandant on June 1, 2018, following a tour of duty as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area, where he had operational responsibility for all Coast Guard missions plus mission support to the Department of Defense and Combatant Commanders throughout the Atlantic Region, which includes five Coast Guard districts, 40 states, plus overseas operations in the Arabian Gulf and the Caribbean. As Commandant, he oversees all global Coast Guard operations. Prior flag assignments include Director of Operations (J3), U. S. Southern Command, Commander Eleventh Coast Guard District, and Director of Governmental and Public Affairs at Coast Guard Headquarters. Previous operational assignments include Sector Commander, Miami, Florida, as well as command tours on six Coast Guard Cutters. Senior staff assignments include Chief of the Office of Congressional and Governmental Affairs and Congressional Liaison to the U. S. House of Representatives.

Admiral Schultz graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1983, earning a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering. In 1992, he was awarded a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Connecticut, and completed a one year National Security Fellowship at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He and his wife, Dawn, have five children.

Click here <https://propellerclubtampa.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Salute-to-the-Coast-Guard-2020.pdf> for the flyer for the Salute to U.S. Coast Guard Dinner. Visit www.propellerclubtampa.com/events to register.

Also, if you are unable to attend, please consider sponsoring a couple of our invited coast guardsmen by simply ordering under the "sponsored ticket" tab.

Maritime Industry Night Celebration and Awards Banquet

February 18, 2019 - Bryan Glazer Family Jewish Community Center

We recently sent out a link to this years Maritime Awards application forms. Please be sure to share this information with your management team so that we can honor someone in the maritime industry with one of these 3 awards. Please see the 3 Award Requirements and click on the link for the individual form:

Dave Sessums was the driving force behind the Propeller Club's Education Committee for many years and was instrumental in establishing maritime education programs in local high schools as well as creating a scholarship program for students continuing their maritime education at the college level. The criteria for the award is someone who has actively worked to foster growth of the next generation of maritime employees. The candidate may be a teacher, a former student, an industry person, or anyone who has promoted and supported students learning about the maritime industry.

[Maritime Industry Night – Dave Sessums Maritime Education Award Nomination Form 2020](#)

We also know that there are many deserving employees and co-workers who deserve recognition for the Leadership and Unsung Hero awards.

The Leadership nominees may not be in management but have some type of supervisory authority. They will have done something to exemplify leadership among their peers. It could be safety related or continuously exceeding production goals. Something remarkable that makes this person a standout leader. **[Maritime Industry Night – Leadership Award Nomination Form 2020](#)**

The Unsung Hero award nominees are typically someone who has toiled away for years in their jobs doing what appear to be laborious regular tasks. However, without them your company and the maritime industry would not be able to succeed. The ideal candidate may have worked for your company for many years and is not a member of management, bur rather a loyal, dependable, and industrious employee. **[Maritime Industry Night – Unsung Hero Award Nomination Form 2020](#)**

Our Annual Maritime Industry Night Celebration and Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, February 18th at the Bryan Glazer Family Jewish Community Center. Save the Date! **Please note that all nominations/applications must be completed and emailed to NSimms@propellerclubtampa.com no later than Thursday, January 23, 2020 5:00 p.m. - Subject: Awards Nomination**

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lynne Vadelund at lvadelund@gmail.com or 813-318-1463 OR Nancy Simms at NSimms@propellerclubtampa.com or 813-225-7227. Sponsorships and Reservation Information to follow in a couple weeks.

MEMBERSHIP IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Effective January 1, 2020 our annual membership dues will increase to \$110 (an increase of only \$10 per year.) We found it necessary to increase our annual dues since Headquarters has increased the dues fee for each chapter. This dues increase will help grow our club on the International and local levels. Please note that the Tampa chapter has not increased our dues since approximately 2004. We hope you understand and will continue to support our Tampa chapter.

The International Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Tampa

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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PROPELLER CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON BENEFITTING TAMPA PORT MINISTRIES & SEAFARERS CENTER

TAMPA, Fla., December 18, 2018 – The Propeller Club – Port of Tampa hosted its Annual Holiday Luncheon at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. This is the Club's annual benefit for the Tampa Port Ministries and Seafarer's Center, with attendees bringing gifts for merchant marines visiting the Port of Tampa during the holidays.



Club President Shannon LeMoine welcomed everyone including Hillsborough County & Port Commissioner Sandra Murman, Port Commissioners Steve Swindal, Pat Allman and Hung Mai, Port President and CEO Paul Anderson along with Captain of the Port – Sector St. Pete – Captain Matt Thompson.

The Mayor of Tampa, The Honorable Jane Castor, delivered the keynote address. Mayor Castor emphasized the importance of our Port and the entire maritime community for the future of our region. The Mayor noted that the Port's transformation and diversification is a major element that is helping fuel the remarkable growth in our community. Mayor Castor says the Tampa Bay area will change more in the next ten years than it has in her entire lifetime.



Photo right: Second Vice President, Membership Chris Chambers announced new members in attendance; Kelly Meyer, Eric Brown, David DeLac, Lynn Reece, Lisa D'Addio, Greg Boyle and Karen Somerder (Karen missing from photo)

Second Vice President Chris Chambers announced the Club's upcoming events in 2020: Tuesday, January 28 - Salute to the Coast Guard; Tuesday, February 18 - Maritime Industry Night Celebration and Awards Banquet; and Thursday, March 19: Shrimperoo; more details on all those events will be out soon.



Photo left: Captain John Timmel; Captain Matt Thompson; SUNY Maritime Student Ashley Hallaian; Mayor Jane Castor; Paul Anderson, Shannon LeMoine, Chris Chambers and Chaplain Steve Finnesy.

Thank all who joined us for such a great event with a great purpose. A special thanks to Mayor Jane Castor for her time and remarks.

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PROPELLER CLUB MEMBERS & GUESTS ENJOY 24th ANNUAL STONE CRAB FEST EVENT

TAMPA, Fla., November 18, 2019 – The Propeller Club – Port of Tampa hosted its 24th Annual Stone Crab Fest event at Port Tampa Bay's Cruise Terminal 2 on Thursday, November 14.

Nearly 1,500 club members, guests, staff and volunteers enjoyed a fabulous evening filled with lots of delicious food, including 2,500 pounds of raw and roasted oysters, fish spread and nearly 2,000 pounds of stone crabs, catered by Skipper's Smokehouse. In addition, Captain John Timmel cooked up 100 gallons of his famous seafood chowder.

Port Tampa Bay and the folks from Gilbane Building Company (Cruise Terminal 2 contractors) allowed the event to take place at the terminal in the midst of their ongoing upgrades. That cooperation and can-do spirit made Stone Crab Fest a rousing success.

"We had a fantastic turn out this year with plenty of mouthwatering food and snacks. Despite some inconvenient weather we had an amazing, patient crowd that made the event overall a blast," said Propeller Club President Shannon LeMoine. "It was a wonderful evening and we're happy our members and guests were able to enjoy it."

The Trae Pierce Band provided the music for the event, and of course there were plenty of cold libations!

A special thank you to the folks from Shutts & Bowen for sponsoring a special give-away this year. Shutts & Bowen donated Yeti-Coolers to two lucky guests.

The evening also included the club's annual tugboat "ballet" emceed by former WFLA Anchor Bob Hite. Many thanks to all of the tugboat companies and captains who participated in this year's "ballet."

A special thanks to our VIP Premier Sponsors: **Shutts & Bowen, Tampa Electric Company (TECO), Landstar Online Transportation and Seabulk Towing.**

UPCOMING PROPELLER CLUB EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!

The January Winter Social - Due to Conflicts this event has been postponed!

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 - Annual Salute to the U.S. Coast Guard Dinner

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 - Maritime Industry Night Celebration and Awards Banquet

Thursday, March 19, 2020 - Shrimperoo

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 - Annual Steak and Corn Dinner

May 2020 - National Maritime Ceremony / Spring Social / Date TBD

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 - Leadership Night

Further Details On These Events To Follow!

Visit our Website www.propellerclubtampa.com to register for our events!