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## News Bulletin

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### Dear IRPT Members and Friends

Well, my call for volunteers in the last issue of our newsletter worked. We needed to make the 2004 conference in New Orleans the very best that it could be. Gary LaGrange, Director of the Port of Greater New Orleans, is the overall conference chair. Jim McCarville has agreed to develop the educational technical program, and John Marzullo, at the Port of Alexandria, Louisiana, has taken on the job of generating exhibits and sponsorships. When called by one of those "co-chairs" - please stand up tall and contribute as only you can!

As far as social activities are concerned, we already have a good lineup. Wednesday, April 14, there will be a Ghosts and Goblins Tour of the French Quarter after our Welcome Reception. We also have a tour of the Port of New Orleans (does that count as social?) and our banquet will be at the Plimsoll Club at the top of the World Trade Center.

We have already invited our speakers and have broken down the learning segments into three major divisions: Operations (thank you, Ron Coles, for chairing this portion of the program), Marketing, and Container-on-Barge. We are again applying for Professional Development Hours for participants.

In the meantime, IRPT will be staffing a booth at the International WorkBoat Show. Volunteers include myself, Randy Richardson, and George Andres. This is the first time for IRPT, so if you are at the WorkBoat Show, be sure and drop by. Hope to see you in New Orleans in December or in April or both.

I had the pleasure of representing IRPT in Washington, D.C. at a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) November briefing regarding the TSA's new TSA Self Assessment Risk Module (TMSARM). TMSARM was developed in response to the requirements outlined in the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002 and is an Internet-enhanced tool that is intended to be used by Company, Facility and Vessel Security Officers. In order to gain access to the program you must request a "user password" from the TSA. Please contact me if you are interested in getting more information regarding this tool.

I welcome any comments or suggestions for strengthening the services that we provide at IRPT. I can be reached at [rcunning@hdrinc.com](mailto:rcunning@hdrinc.com).

Rick Cunningham  
IRPT President

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## NEWS FROM MTSNAC

The MTSNAC (Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Council) has prepared a draft series of recommendations on SEA-21 which will be forwarded to the Secretary of Transportation

for incorporation into both legislation and policy. Instrumental in the development of the draft was IRPT Chairman of the Board Jim McCarville, who chairs the MTSNAC Inland Waterway Team.

## IRPT OFFERS SECURITY SEMINARS

It was suggested that IRPT put together workshops to assist members in complying with the requirements of the National Maritime Security Initiative (Final Rule October 22, 2003) prior to the December 29, 2003 deadline. Workshops will be held December 16 in New Orleans and December 18 in Memphis. The objective of the workshops is for each participant to leave with a facility/vessel-

specific draft to submit to his or her USCG Captain of the Port.

Several instructors have stepped forward to assist with the instruction, including members of the USCG, Maritime Administration, and IRPT consulting staff. For additional details and registration forms, you can call the IRPT office at 601-352-4778 or email [admin@irpt.net](mailto:admin@irpt.net).

## VOLUNTEERS GATHER FOR RIVER CLEANUP

Most of the 1,000 students who attended a kickoff for the cleanup of the Missouri and Kansas Rivers had never been close to a big river. On Saturday, September 13, they were touching critters such as crawfish and mussels and even a snapping turtle.

That's a big part of the reason that numerous government agencies, businesses, and private conservation groups organized the Missouri River Relief 2003 Cleanup.

The **Midwest Terminal Warehouse Company** of Kansas City was on hand with displays regarding the environmental efficiency of barge shipping. The company also donated a crane to offload trash, according to Joe LaMothe, Executive Vice President.

The trash pickup covered 26 miles of the Missouri River. The trash was loaded onto barges and sorted for recycling. The cleanup certainly brought together some unusual partnerships.

— *Kansas City Star, September 13, 2003*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

\* **Mississippi County Port Authority**, Missouri, on its ribbon-cutting for its new ferry boat, the Dorena II. The new boat was acquired with \$439,000 in federal Ferry Boat Discretionary Funds and \$110,000 in local match. Senator Kit Bond was instrumental in obtaining the federal funding.

\* **Owensboro Riverport**, Kentucky, on its combination riverport open house and Chamber business after-hours event October 30.

\* **Port of Brownsville**, Texas, on its proposed construction of a new bi-directional pipeline between the terminal and the Pemex Cadereyta Refinery, construction of two new loading racks, and 10,000 feet of new rail capacity.

\* **Tulsa Port of Catoosa**, Oklahoma, on the November 12 grand opening of the Port Plaza Commercial Center, located across the street from the main entrance to the port. Construction was completed in September 2003, and it is already more than 80% occupied by businesses.

\* **The Port of Baton Rouge**, the **Port of Shreveport-Bossier** and the **Port of Memphis** for their cooperative marketing agreement which brings the three separate maritime operations together to promote short-sea shipping service to shippers within each port's respective geographic region. This service is a waterborne transportation option that offers greater shipping efficiency for companies exporting or importing products.

## SECRETARY MINETA TESTIFIES

September 17, 2003, Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta testified before the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. He spoke of the contributions of ports and inland waterways to the nation's intermodal transportation system.

He began by quoting from 1998 statistics, the latest year for which such data are available. The overall U.S. transportation system carried nearly 4 trillion ton miles of freight valued at over \$9 trillion. By the year 2020, forecasts predict the U.S. transportation system will handle cargo valued at over \$28 trillion, of which \$4 trillion will pass through our nation's gateways. "The nation's ports and inland waterways are an important element of the intermodal portion of this transportation system and will play an increasingly larger role to meet the projected increase in freight movement."

On an annual basis, the Marine Transportation System (MTS) moves more than 2 billion tons of freight, imports 3.3 billion barrels of oil, transports 134 million passengers by ferry, serves 78 million Americans in recreational boating, and hosts more than 5 million cruise ship passengers.

Waterborne cargo alone contributes more than \$742 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product and creates employment for more than 13 million citizens.

Coal is the largest commodity group moved on the inland waterway system, accounting for approximately 28% of all traffic.

Another commodity relying heavily on inland waterways is agricultural products. Total U.S. agricultural exports have more than doubled, to over \$50 billion, since 1975.

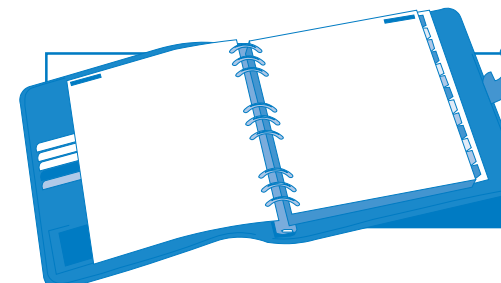
"In May of this year, on behalf of President Bush, I sent to the Congress the administration's proposal for reauthorization of the Surface Transportation program. Among other items, it proposes to enhance the intermodal capability of the nation's freight system by investing in intermodal connectors from the National Highway System to major intermodal terminals and expanding innovative financing tools available to intermodal projects.

"The health of our ports and inland waterways (is) increasingly tied to our country's economic wellbeing. A coordinated federal approach to our nation's maritime infrastructure is critical - a truly intermodal system cannot exist without a strong MTS."

## RESULTS OF E & W APPROPRIATIONS

The most recent information received by IRPT on the final FY 2004 Energy and Water Development Appropriations indicates that: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will receive slightly less than \$4.6 billion, which is \$75 million less than last year. Specific allocations include construction \$1.722

billion, operations and maintenance \$1.967 billion, flood control -0- (monies for flood control in another bill), regulatory \$140 million. Among specific projects, McAlpin Lock was awarded \$35 million, a 12-foot channel for the McClellan/Arkansas River was authorized, and Olmstead Lock received \$63 million.



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- December 18 **IRPT Security Seminar**, Memphis.
- February 17-19, 2004 **Port Symposium 2004**, Grand Oasis Resort, MS Gulf Coast. Pre-register now on the web at [symposium.mississippi.com](http://symposium.mississippi.com) (no www.). For more information contact Melody Bradley-Moeller, 228-867-8779 or [melody.moeller@usm.edu](mailto:melody.moeller@usm.edu).
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