

WINTER NEWSLETTER

Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals, Inc.

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IRPT MESSAGE



Members and Friends,

As we enter into the Christmas Holiday season, let us not forget what is most important - Family!

Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals (IRPT), YOUR family, wishes you all a safe and happy holiday season. We also wish an extremely prosperous new year for all our Members!

Our efforts at IRPT to increase favorable outcomes for growth through new business opportunities, lowering the cost of doing business and providing resources is never ending. This year, we have increased our Member benefits in all of these. With the creation of new initiative such as: Rivers In the News, Federal Register monitoring, Career opportunities and Training programs (offered by IRPT Members), not only are we continuing our mission to be a resource, we are constantly expanding the tools available to you.

We wish you and your staff all a blessed Holiday and look forward to serving you in the new year.

Sincerely,

Aimee Andres
Executive Director

Ada Perez
Administrative Assistant

Our Strength Continues to Grow!

Total number of members

2017-2018 266

2016-2017: 230

2015-2016: 210

Per Basin:

Arkansas-White-Red-
Ouachita Rivers: 24

Gulf & Gulf Intracoastal
Waterways: 13

Southeast Rivers: 6

Illinois River: 25

Upper Mississippi River: 33

Lower Mississippi River: 42

Missouri River: 13

Ohio River: 39

International/Multi-State:
63

Welcome New Members Since September



T. Parker Host, Inc. is a total solutions provider for the maritime industry, specializing in agency, terminal operations, and marine assets. In business for over 90 years they've developed a strong reputation in the maritime community for expertise, transparency, and high standards of service.

Host is committed to providing total solutions for customers' terminal, stevedoring, marine asset, and agency needs. Host has been known in the maritime community for exceptionally high standards of service.

Client-Focused Relationships

At Host, they view their clients as partners. With data-driven solutions, Host offers higher levels of efficiency and a competitive advantage in their markets.

Growing Through Opportunities

With an appreciation for opportunity, their customer-tailored solutions have led them to new undertakings and exponential growth. Host now has over 30 agency, terminal, and stevedoring operations, all positioned to offer the exceptional level of service on which Host was founded.

The River School offers a variety of courses, both those required by Coast Guard regulations and others for individual professional development.

Training courses offered by The River

School include licensing, maritime security, radar, tankerman, and personal survival and river rescue.

Courses are all transportable making them convenient and cost effective. Instructors are professionals with service in the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Merchant Marine and the river industry. All are highly qualified in their field and are experienced, proven training professionals.



The Arkansas-Oklahoma Port Operators Association is the leading advocate for the McKellan Kerr Navigation System, or Arkansas River.

The non-profit organization works to promote and encourage cooperation between ports and stimulate interest in development and commercial use of the regional water transportation system.

AOPOA advocates on the State and Federal level to bring attention to common goals of their users for the benefit of the navigation system.



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Celtic Marine and Logistics develops and delivers independent cost-effective transportation services that are uniquely designed to meet the specific needs of each of their clients. Their vast knowledge and experience in the transportation and logistics industry ensures delivery of full service transportation solutions.

Celtic manages over 10,000,000 tons of cargo annually, including ferro alloys, minerals, limestone, coal, carbon products, fertilizer, cement, salt, iron substitute units, metals, steel, pipe, frac sand, proppants, liquids and other bulk or break-bulk commodities.

Celtic arranges barge services throughout the U.S. Gulf, Inland Waterways and tributaries to ship over 3,000 barges/5 million tons per year. They manage loading and discharge cargo operations for import and export ocean vessels and barges at midstream buoys and bulk terminals in all ports within U.S. Gulf, East and West Coasts, as well as at all dock and terminal locations throughout the U.S. inland waterway system.



Horner & Shifrin is a multidisciplinary professional services firm based in St. Louis, with offices in O'Fallon and Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and Chicago and O'Fallon, Illinois. Offer engineering services in all phases of a project, including design, feasibility, planning, development, and construction administration.

Horner & Shifrin is dedicated to solving their clients' toughest challenges and roadblock with Innovative ideas. Their experience and expertise allows them to complete projects for any type of client, regardless of market.

In addition to engineering, their in-house surveying, GIS mapping and hosting.

IRPT is on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

Stay up-to-date on Member News:



Please don't forget to add IRPT to your email distribution list.

We need your News!

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Integrated Management Service (IMS) is a full-service consulting, engineering, technical, emergency response, management and operations firm helping public and private clients improve the environment and infrastructure.

IMS is highly regarded for having the ability to meet the needs of public and private clients. Their service sectors include planning, civil, environmental, transportation, structural, and water and wastewater engineering, program and construction management and a cadre of other design engineering and construction phase services. IMS has grown from a two-person firm in Mississippi to a staff of more than 300 experienced professionals in seven major cities across the United States.



Blacklands Railroad is a short-line railroad headquartered in Sulphur Springs, Texas. They provide freight rail service across 73 miles of the former St. Louis Southwestern railroad between Greenville, Texas and Mt. Pleasant, Texas. BLR's class I interchange partners are Union Pacific and Kansas City Southern.

The Blacklands Railroad Philosophy is based on a "Customer On Demand Service" which means the BLR in addition to its 24/7 switching service we will accommodate daily requests for car movements, car repairs, any railroad activity for Customers safety.



Central Louisiana Regional Port is located on mile 90 of the Red River, with a strategic location in the heart of the Central Louisiana it's linked to the Mississippi River and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

The CLRP owns almost 200 acres of property and include advantages like a 40-ton crane for loading, a general cargo dock, a hopper barge unloading dock with conveyor system, 75,000 total sq ft. of dry warehousing, 13,600-ton bulk fertilizer warehouse, 3,400 and 5,000-ton bulk fertilizer dome. The Port's liquid loading facility with connectivity to two 550,000-gallon fuel storage tanks and one 150,000-gallon tank. This facility is capable of handling two barges and five trucks of loading simultaneously.

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Palmer Johnson
Power
Systems

Palmer Johnson Power Systems has over 40 years of experience in offering applications and service support to the marine industry. With their extensive product knowledge, inventory and national service network, they offer customers valuable solutions from the Midwest to the West Coast.

- ◆ Full line of marine transmissions, water jets, electronic propulsion control systems, surface drives, couplings, shaft brakes and more
- ◆ Direct access to factory engineering, service and worldwide distribution network
- ◆ Supported thousands of repowers
- ◆ Extensive inventory on parts and high population marine transmissions only using 100% genuine parts
- ◆ Reman units available for immediate shipping
- ◆ State of the art service centers
- ◆ Over 60 factory trained service technicians
- ◆ Transmissions tested and backed by 1-year warranty



Five Rivers
D I S T R I B U T I O N

Located at the confluence of the Poteau and Arkansas Rivers, the Port of Fort Smith is a 28-acre facility with access to rivers (Poteau and Arkansas), road (Interstates 40 and 540 and highways 71 and 64) and rail (UP, BNSF and KCS). Predominant cargo handled at the Port is steel, including coiled plate, coiled wire rod, and bars.

Operated by Five Rivers Distribution, the Port offers green space for future development, climate -controlled and bulk (and shed) storage. The facility's two barge docks offer direct truck-to barge transload, barge cleaning services and fleeting for up to 20 barges at a time.

Not an IRPT Member Yet?

Membership rates are:

- Associations: \$500 per year
- Corporations: \$600 per year
- Ports or Terminals: \$750 per year

The annual fee includes one primary member and additional members can be added for only \$150 each.

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The Port of Muskogee is located near the confluence of the Arkansas, Verdigris and Grand Rivers, the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, linking Oklahoma with inland ports on the Ohio, Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, and sea ports around the world, via the Gulf of Mexico.

The Port offers more than 500 acres of industrial land, one 350' concrete wharf and 20 mooring dolphins, along more than 3,000 feet of navigable waterfront. The port offers easy access to major highways (U.S. 69, 64, 62 and OK 165), major interstates (I-40, 44 and 35) and Class I railroad interchange (UP and BNSF).



Strategically located at Keokuk, Iowa, **Hendricks River Logistics** offers complete transshipment services including barge and rail transportation. Only 970 miles from the Powder River Basin on a 250 plus acre site, **HRL** is the closest terminal to western coal and has, at least, a 10-month shipping season.

Two fleeting areas allow for efficient movement of barges thru the loading process. With over 3 miles of spur track immediately adjacent to the Burlington Northern main line, trains can be brought in, dumped and be on their way back to the mine quickly.



Mike's Inc. repairs marine, industrial equipment, generator, and tractor-trailer. Family-owned and operated, Mike's certified technicians tackle major overhauls and installations every day. On-call technicians service the entire inland waterway system.

Available anytime for any emergency. Repair crews will work round the clock to get you back on the

river or the road.

- 2,400-ton dry dock.
- Repair of heavy equipment, trucks, trailers, generators, compressors, and all related components
- New and rebuilt diesel engine sales
- Marine diesel engine repairs – main & generator
- Wholesale / retail equipment part sales
- Topside vessel and barge repairs
- Equipment rental – compressors, generators, pumps, air tools, hoses
- Power system configuration – sales & service
- Complete machine shop repairs.

Member News



Bedford Technology

Announces James D. Watson as the new Vice President of Engineering. Watson oversees both Product Development and Manufacturing Engineering and will work to advance Bedford

Technology's unique competitive advantage for customers in the marine, industrial, agricultural markets and beyond with innovative and quality structural plastic lumber solutions.

Previously, Mr. Watson served as Vice President of Product Development & Innovation for Textron's Sherman+Reilly Division, where he was responsible ...

Plastic lumber is smarter lumber. Bedford Technology is the leading manufacturer of premium, structural and reinforced plastic lumber for commercial markets including marine, agriculture, industrial and other outdoor markets.

[Read more here...](#)



Ports awarded State Improvement grants:

Recipients of the 2017 Arkansas Port, Intermodal, and Waterways Improvement Grants: \$531,619 to Port of Fort Smith for additional bulk storage; \$243,750 to the Little

Rock Port Authority to construct a warehouse over an existing concrete pad; \$180,000 to the Helena-West Helena/Phillips County Port Authority to complete Phase I of the Helena Harbor Water Tower Project; \$134,000 to the White River Regional Port Authority to construct a paved road to the port site and install signage; and \$63,037 to the Chicot-Desha Metropolitan Port Authority to conduct log retrieval from a dock area.

The Arkansas Waterways Commission's Arkansas Port, Intermodal, and Waterway Development Grant Program is funded with ad valorem taxes paid by industries based on the value of the commodities shipped utilizing Arkansas' navigable waterways.

[Read more here.](#)

Member News

Granite City Port Getting \$700,000 Federal Grant

America's Central Port in of Granite City is receiving a \$700,000 federal grant for rail and roadway improvements to spur business growth in the region.

The U.S. Economic Development Administration says the project will help pay for the construction of about 2,200 feet of rail track at the Port's intermodal industrial park. It also will enhance the link between the nation's freight transportation network and manufacturers in the Granite City area as well as the work on a roadway.

Murphysboro Republican Rep. Mike Bost tells The (Alton) Telegraph the grant is a "big deal for jobs and economic growth" for Madison County and Metro East area.

The Economic Development Administration is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce and invests in economically distressed communities.

[Read more here](#)

West Memphis beefing up deepwater port's rail service with an eye toward creating jobs

A \$10.9 million upgrade of West Memphis port facilities is under way, increasing connectivity among river, road and rail traffic and offering potential for up to 3,000 new jobs.

Arkansas, Crittenden County and West Memphis leaders on Thursday broke ground on the project to beef up rail service to the Port of West Memphis and expand the International Rail Port Logistics Park.

West Memphis won a federal grant in 2012 to install heavier-duty rail serving its Mississippi River port and to build a transload facility where commodities such as steel and timber can be...

[Read more here...](#)

Port KC names Zoraya Rowlands the interim CEO & President

Port KC President & CEO, Michael Collins, announced his resignation and will be leaving his position on January 2, 2018. Collins has accepted a new role with JE Dunn.

"I am honored and truly blessed to have served in my current role for seven years. With the tremendous support and leadership of our Board of Commissioners, our internal team, as well as our partners and customers, we have been able to create additional economic vitality within Kansas City. I look forward to Port KC's future endeavors and making our riverfront the best in the Midwest," said Collins.

The Board has named Zoraya Rowlands the interim CEO & President. Rowlands has worked for Port KC for 10 years and is currently the Vice President of Operations. Over the next few months the Board will be conducting a search for a new CEO & President.

Upcoming Events

Inland Port Manager and Port Executive

The next inland port manager and inland port executive class will be held in **Milwaukee, WI** from June 18—June 22. If you plan to attend, please reserve your space as soon as possible as limited space is available.

[Simply access the registration form here.](#)

The class is Monday thru Thursday 8am – 5pm and Friday from 8am to noon. Monday and Tuesday are the IPM (Inland Port Manager) days where you will receive a certificate issued by the International Association of Marine Port Executives and accredited by Maine Maritime Academy. This will classify you as an official ‘Inland Port Manager (IPM)’. The cost for the first 2 days is \$1,000.

The remainder of the class (Wed-Fri) is the Executive portion of the class. The certificate will classify you as an official ‘Inland Marine Port Executive (IMPE)’, as shown in my email address. The cost for the remainder is also \$1,000.

So, the total cost for the class is \$2,000. As an IRPT Member, you will receive a **10% discount**.

Plan to Attend: April 24-26, 2018 in Cincinnati, Ohio

The Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals 2018 Annual Conference is only months away. Please plan on joining us at the **Westin Cincinnati** for hours of networking, hours of industry content, and a long-lasting experience you can't find elsewhere.

Professional Development Hours Offered

Over the three-day event, the IRPT conference will draw in about 200 professionals from around the nation to discuss the relationship between energy and agriculture commodities and the inland waterways. We will address legislative issues, river management services, education, and grant opportunities.

Please let me know if I can provide more information.

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IRPT News

IRPT Builds new Website

There are a lot of exciting new resources available to our Members with the creation of IRPT's new website. Please visit www.irpt.net to check out all of the exciting changes including:

- ◆ Funding Opportunities
- ◆ Federal Register: Bringing DC to your desktop;
- ◆ Legislation: up-to-date legislation affecting the inland waterways;
- ◆ Education: View opportunities for advancement, schedules and fees;
- ◆ Career Opportunities: Available positions for our Members' companies are updated daily;
- ◆ Calendar of Events: Stay up-to-date on latest events as they are announced ;
- ◆ Member News: Stay up-to-date on our Members' News;
- ◆ **GPS Mapping:** For the first time ever, you can now view ports and terminal facilities along the inland river system! The never before seen publication has already reaped benefits for our Members. Every Member is included on the mapping system and includes:

Physical Location of the port/terminal facility;

Contact information of the IRPT Member associated with the facility;

Direct Access to the Members website;

Aerial View of the facility and surrounding areas;

Description of services offered by the facility;

Capabilities for storage and acreage

Connectivity to transportation network including river, road, rail;

Member logo

Only IRPT Members are shown on this map allowing for additional benefits to our Members

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