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Patti Wins Another “Significant Boat Award” At The International Workboat Show

Pensacola, FL – December 2010 - PATTI Marine Enterprises, Inc. won a SIGNIFICANT BOAT AWARD at the 2010 WorkBoat Show in New Orleans, LA. The *M/V “FREEDOM”* honor marks the 3rd such Award that the PATTI family has been selected for in the last nine years. This is a testimony to the determination and consistency of the workers and supervisors.

In honor of this event, Frank Patti, Jr. (President, PATTI Marine Enterprises, Inc.) had a model of the *M/V “FREEDOM”* made for Dick Walling (President, EXPRESS Marine, Inc.). The model was hidden at the KARL-SENNER booth, and presented to Mr. Walling on Shipyard Day.

In addition to the Award, the *M/V “FREEDOM”* also was the centerpiece of the BEACON-FINLAND exhibit at the WorkBoat Show.

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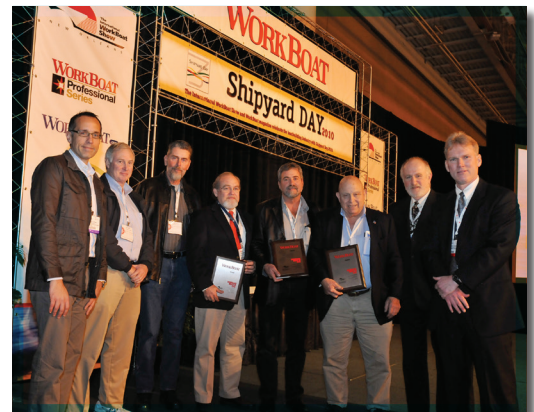
At the International WorkBoat Show held in New Orleans in December, the editors of *WorkBoat* magazine presented awards to the owners, designers and builders of 2010's 10 Significant Boats. Below are descriptions of each winner.

FREEDOM

Express Marine Inc.'s newest tug, the *Freedom*, was delivered from **Patti Marine Enterprises** in Pensacola, Fla., in April. This is the third tug Patti has built for Express Marine. The first was the 102-foot, 3,000-hp Z-drive *Duty*, built in 2007. The second, the 94-foot *Honor*, also a 3,000-hp Z-drive, was delivered later.

The 115'x38' *Freedom* is the first new ATB tug for Express Marine and the first ATB tug that Patti Marine enterprises has built. It is also the tallest boat to come out of the Pensacola boatyard. When the *Freedom* left Patti Marine, it traversed the Panama Canal and then up the West Coast to **Gunderson Marine** in Portland, Ore., where the tug's 482'x90' barge was built. The tug is mated to the barge using a **Beacon Finland JAK-700P** pneumatically actuated and electronically controlled ATB coupling system.

The tug gets its power from a pair of **EMD 12-710G7C-T2** diesels that put out 3,000 hp each at 900 rpm. They power **SteerProp SP35** azimuthing propulsors with 9.2' (2,800 mm), 4-bladed props. These are the largest SteerProp Z-drives ever installed on a U.S. tug, according to Patti Marine. The *Freedom* also has three **John Deere 6081AMK330** gensets. Each one puts out 150-kw at 1,800 rpm, enough to handle the vessel's load. For crew comfort, there's a floating floor system made up of a composite structure that features 10-gauge plate over 2" of mineral wool that keeps vibration from being transmitted to the plate. The wall paneling has extra noise reduction built in, and the main engines and gensets are all flex-mounted.





WorkBoat names its 10 Significant Boats of 2010

In a ceremony at the keynote theater on the show floor, the editors of *WorkBoat* magazine presented awards to the builders, designers and owners of 10 boats that appeared in the pages of *WorkBoat* from December 2009 through November 2010. The winners are:

AQUILA

Builder: Kvichak Marine Industries
 Designer: Camarc Ltd.
 Owner: Nederlands Loodswezen B.V.

ELTON and REDLINGER

Builder: Geo Shipyard Inc.
 Designer: Viking Fast Craft Solutions LLC
 Owner: Army Corps of Engineers, Portland (Ore.) District

FREEDOM

Builder: Patti Marine Enterprises Inc.
 Designers: Express Marine Inc./Guido Perla & Associates Inc.
 Owner: Express Marine Inc.

HOS CENTERLINE, HOS STRONGLINE

Builder: BAE Systems Southeast Shipyards
 Designer: Hornbeck Offshore Services Inc.
 Owner: Hornbeck Offshore Services Inc.

INDEPENDENCE

Builder: Derecktor Shipyards
 Designer: Robert Allan Ltd.
 Owner: Boston Towing & Transportation



INDEPENDENCE

Builder: Chesapeake Shipbuilding Corp.
 Designer: Chesapeake Shipbuilding Corp.
 Owner: American Cruise Lines

MARINE I

Builder: MetalCraft Marine Inc.
 Designer: MetalCraft Marine Inc.
 Owner: Jacksonville (Fla.) Fire and Rescue Department

SUSITNA

Builder: Alaska Ship & Drydock Inc.
 Designers: Lockheed Martin Corp./Guido Perla & Associates Inc.
 Owner: Matanuska-Susitna Borough

320'-CLASS LIFTBOAT

Builder: Semco LLC
 Designers: A.K. Suda Inc./Semco LLC
 Owner: Semco LLC

TY DOLESE

Builder: John Bludworth Shipyard LLC
 Designer: John Bludworth Shipyard LLC
 Owner: Florida Marine Transporters Inc.

Adm. Thad Allen says unity is the key to crisis management

Memo for the next disaster: Be flexible, agile and get control of the air space.

And keep one common theme in mind – unity of effort. That was the message delivered by Adm. Thad Allen, former Coast Guard commandant and national incident commander for the BP *Deepwater Horizon* response, during his keynote address Wednesday at the International WorkBoat Show.

Allen's strategy with the Gulf of Mexico spill was influenced by his deep involvement in two other catastrophes — Hurricane Katrina and the earthquake in Haiti. In those, "we were dealing with a weapon of mass effect" used without criminality, he said.

After Katrina, "everybody was self-deployed, and they weren't reporting to anybody," he said. So he divided the city into sectors and put people in charge of each. They took the same structure that worked with Katrina to Haiti. But the single most critical factor there was getting control of the airspace, so they could land 160 aircraft a day.

Then came the spill, which "was closer to Apollo 13 than it was to the *Exxon Valdez*," Allen said. "This was not a large monolithic spill ... this was hundreds of

thousands of patches of oil."

While there was a legal and response framework created by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, the spill's high profile meant "the political nullification of the response doctrine." There also was tremendous public participation, especially with the vessels of opportunity that were chartered to respond to the spill, which needed a unified command.

That's when he told President Obama that they had to take control of the air

space in the Gulf of Mexico as they did in Haiti to bring all surveillance under one roof. This enabled them to spot exactly where the oil was and deploy response assets more efficiently.

"If I had it to do over again, I would have taken control of the air space on Day One," Allen said.

He also suggested a need for more oil spill research and development. "You can't invent it at the time," he said.

And vessel decontamination has been "very tough," he said. Money may need to be set aside to deal with it. "I think it's going to be a significant issue," Allen said.

— Dale K. DuPont



FEATURED BOATS

BOATS ON DISPLAY

The flagship of the Justice series from Brunswick Commercial & Government Products, the 370 Justice measures 37'6"x11'6" and weighs 13,500 lbs. The display model at the show is powered by three Mercury Verado 250-hp outboards. The Justice series features a deep-V hull and a center console with a storage compartment large enough to accommodate a head and an overnight berth with standing headroom. The fiberglass hull and deck are built using Boston Whaler's



unsinkable Unibond construction.

BCGP also announced at the show that it will soon start selling aluminum boats. The hulls will be constructed by MetalShark, but the boats will be out-fitted and sold by Brunswick.

WorkBoat's 2010 Environmental Awards WorkBoat honors eight companies for environmental achievement

A variety of commercial marine companies were honored at the third annual *WorkBoat* Environmental Awards ceremony yesterday. Awards were presented for both specific environmental projects and comprehensive environmental management. Winners of the Environmental Initiative category include: First Place – Harley Marine Services, Seattle; Second Place – Norfolk Tug Company/James River Barge Line, Norfolk, Va.; Third Place – Crescent Towing, New Orleans; Special Judges' Recognition – C.I. Agent Solutions.

Winners of the Comprehensive Environmental Management Plan category include: First Place – Cummins Inc.;

Second Place – Crowley Maritime Corporation, Seattle; Third Place – Todd Pacific Shipyard Corp., Seattle; Special Judges' Recognition – Chase Cabinet Makers, Covington, La.

— Bruce Buls

