

The Renaming Ceremony

This significant event was conducted by Bob Desautel and his wife Hallie accompanied by Stan Frech, Frank Patti Jr., Todd Brandt and Dave Mays. The renaming began by calling out to Poseidon to take unto himself, the new name of the worthy vessel. The ceremony continued with

champagne and additional invoking to the gods of the winds for safe passage and the benefits and pleasure of their bounty.



Pouring the champagne the length of the vessel from West to East and then lightly dispersing the champagne North, West, East and South, the renaming was complete with the presentation of the new name, DEFENDER. After the launch of the DEFENDER work on the vessel will continue with outfitting, start-ups and testing. Sea trials are scheduled for March in

preparation for its 5200 mile delivery to Seattle, WA. There the final preps are done for the DEFENDER to join the Global Seas fleet for the B season fishing in the Bering Sea.

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LAUNCH OF THE DEFENDER

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The 170' fishing vessel, DEFENDER is a significant project for Patti Marine, as well as our second vessel with Global Seas. What was once the WESTERN VENTURE, now the DEFENDER; is the largest haul out in our history and the first on our new rail system.

The DEFENDER will be equipped with the largest wet fish hold capacity in the USA (10 compartments in excess of 2 million pounds). This vessel will be the first fish pumping vessel in the Global Seas fleet and the second known pumping vessel in US waters.

The good working relationship between Patti

Marine Enterprises and Global Seas continues to grow. Two respected fishing families from opposite ends of the US have once again paired to produce a significant vessel that combines Patti's high quality workmanship with Global's cutting edge fishing technology. The result is another milestone in the industry that reflects practicality, forward thinking and cost effective product of conversions to renew and extend the service life of viable vessels.



Denaming Ceremony

This very important ceremony was conducted on January 28, 2016 by a group of individuals involved with the reconstruction of this vessel; Patti Marine Enterprises, Marine Interior Systems, and Global Seas.

First order was to remove all articles, documentation, tags, and any further remanence of the WESTERN VENTURE.

Second order was to find a steel plate from the WESTERN VENTURE and paint the vessel's name on it with red water soluble ink. Then Gretchen carried the plate throughout the boat to gather the spirits of the former vessel.

Third order was to ask the Gods; Neptune, Poseidon and Aeolus to recognize our request and grant us a purged vessel. Then the plate was cast into the Bayou and champagne was poured from east to west the length of the vessel. The remaining champagne was had by all participants for a toast to the gods and the former vessel. Rest in Peace to the WESTERN VENTURE.



The WESTERN VENTURE arrived at Patti Marine Enterprises on 4/11/15. She was wrapping up her fishing season (Herring & Mackerel) on the East coast when Frank Jr. and Ashley flew to New Bedford, MA for their first ship check. Co-founder and CEO of Global Seas; Bob Desautel and the Global Seas crew outlined the scope of work for a conversion to West coast fishing (Pollock). The haul-out of the WESTERN VENTURE on Patti Marine's new rail system was on 6/10/15.



Work on the vessel included; relocating all fishing equipment from the bow to the stern, installing a new fish pumping system (from the net to the fish holds), constructing a new sheltered fish distribution room, installation of all related equipment, rehab on the accommodations, and the new state of the art electronics arrangement in the pilot house. Structural work included; a stern extension, bulbous bow with new thruster, whaleback bow cover for the new anchor windlass, full fwd shelter deck, anti-roll tank, aft decks and bulwarks. Mechanical work included; rebuilding main engines and generators, rearranging and reinstalling hydraulics, as well as many other related piping systems. Electrical systems and wiring received substantial upgrades and reworks. Sandblasting, water blasting, deep cleaning, and recoating were accomplished in all areas of the vessel.



Concluding Vigor's Denaming Ceremony: (PME) Frank Patti Jr., (Wife) Gretchen Patti, (Global Seas) Stan Frech, (PME) Todd Brandt, (PME) Mandy Johnson, (PME) Mike Toomer and (MIS) Dave Mays.

