

The Port Side Post



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Building a Future at the Port of Wilmington

The Diamond State Port Corporation, better known as the Port of Wilmington, has started assembly on two new gantry cranes purchased from Kocks a crane manufacturer headquartered in Bremen, Germany. The crane components were delivered to the port via ship from fabrication facilities in Poland and Vietnam and arrived at the end of last year. Construction is expected to last until May. The \$25 million project will allow ships to be unloaded quicker, providing customers with better service and allowing the port to handle additional cargos. The two new cranes, estimated to be about 20 stories tall, in addition to the port's two weathered-blue cranes and mobile harbor crane will improve reliability and productivity. **See photos below.**



Team Member Spotlight - Dennis Monahan Retires

Murphy Marine Services, Inc. (MMS) wants to wish Mr. Dennis M. Monahan a very happy and well deserved retirement. Dennis started with the MMS Team in December of 2002 as Chief Financial Officer. He also wore many other hats over the years at MMS, such as information technology support, human resources, legal, shop steward, mentor and coach. On Friday, January 13th, a luncheon was held at the MMS office honoring Dennis with all of his co-workers, customers and friends in attendance.

Dennis will surely be missed, but more importantly, all of us at MMS wish him a happy and healthy retirement!

Pictured right - Dennis Monahan with his staff: (L-R): Stephanie Malone, Payroll Administrator; Fairlight Zimmerman, Accounts Payable; and Carole Foster, Office Manager



MMS Welcomes New Team Members - Kyle Bagnell and Kenneth DeSante

Please join Murphy Marine Services, Inc. (MMS) in officially welcoming their newest team members, Kyle Bagnell and Kenneth DeSante. Kyle, hired January 2nd and Ken January 9th, joined the MMS Team as Ship Superintendents. They will be responsible for the safe and efficient discharge and loading of cargo. Prior to working at MMS, both were employed at Horizon Stevedoring, Inc. in Philadelphia, PA. Kyle was a prior Stevedore and Warehouse/Vessel Manager and Ken was a Stevedore and Crane Operator.



Kyle Bagnell

Kyle currently resides with his wife and their 2 children in his hometown of Atco, New Jersey. In his free time, Kyle enjoys spending time with family and friends, having bonfires and barbecues and golfing. His life dream is to retire to Tennessee with his wife of 10 years, Lauren.



Ken DeSante

Ken currently resides in his hometown of Delanco, New Jersey with his wife of 2 years, Tara. He has 2 children and 1 grandson. Ken's hobbies are fishing, hunting and classic cars. His life dream is to retire to the Caribbean.

Again, we welcome Kyle and Ken to our team and wish them much success!

Signal Administration, Inc. Follow-Up OSHA Inspection



Murphy Marine Services, Inc.



On Tuesday, February 14th, as part of an ongoing effort to keep workplace safety a number one priority, Michael D. Crucefix, Assistant Vice President, Signal Administration Inc. along with Sonny Pezzano, Owner, Cornerstone Safety Consultant, visited Murphy Marine Services, Inc. (MMS) to conduct a follow-up OSHA evaluation. During the visit, MMS dock area, Dole and Chiquita vessels, MMS marine shop, Dole shop and yard and Chiquita yard physical conditions and practices were observed.

As stated by Mr. Crucefix, "Overall the inspection results were very good and much improved over the previous OSHA inspection. Although some findings were repeats, the overall trend for improvement is good. Keep up the good work!"

MMS will ensure corrective action for all findings will be completed in a timely fashion.

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Happy Anniversary

Carole Foster - 5 Years
Bryan Moyer - 4 Years

Happy Birthday

Bryan Moyer - January 9th
Will Allison - February 14th
Mike Dolan - March 18th
Carole Foster - March 23rd
Mark Schweiger, Jr. - March 28th

COMMENTS? SUGGESTIONS?

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The Benefits of “Floating” The Load

“Floating” the load, simply means taking a few seconds after the initial hoisting of the container(s) by any lifting device, to ensure that:

- A. The load is securely engaged and can move safely to its next location; *and*
- B. The load consists only of the container(s) intended to be hoisted; *not a chassis, bombcart, etc.*



Lifting device operators, workers releasing chassis twistlocks and signal persons each have an obligation to work closely with one another on every lift, in order to ensure that the load is securely engaged before hoisting, and that container-carrying vehicles are not going up with the load.

Floating the load allows time for the signal person to instantaneously communicate with the lifting device operator in the event the load is not properly engaged, or in the event that more than the intended load is being hoisted. **Save a life... Float the load!**

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