

Propeller Club January 25, 2012 Meeting

President's notes

It was nearly two years ago when we resurrected the New York/New Jersey Chapter of the Propeller Club. This Chapter was the first one created, coming into existence in 1923. Through the years, it has seen tremendous growth, then a decline when the maritime industry, already a fragmented industry, became even more fragmented when the nexus split off for Connecticut, New Jersey, and parts elsewhere.

This port needs and deserves a vibrant Propeller Club, and so we resurrected the Chapter two years ago. I am pleased to say that we now number over 130 members and this list continues to grow (especially if you remember to renew your membership!). We have an engaged Board of Directors, regular program events, and two major social events (Statue Cruises New York Harbor Tour and the Taste of New York/New Jersey). Together we have built a vibrant Chapter that is poised to regain the strength in numbers and presence that it had in former times.

This Chapter is dedicated to the following mission:

- To promote the interests of the maritime and marine industries;**
- To provide a forum for discussion;**
- To promote public awareness**

You also can benefit from our activities:

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Social events and meetings provide opportunities for networking and meeting with high profile individuals in the maritime industry

Opportunity to meet with local, state and federal officials

Active participation in program planning through committee involvement

Liaison with government agencies

Opportunity to present a unified voice on critical issues affecting
your business interests

Advocacy on issues affecting the maritime industry on local, state and
national level-regular legislative

This work was not done by one man, or woman, alone. Your Board of Directors
has provided countless hours of dedication to making this all happen. Please help
me recognize those Directors:

Vice President: Clay Maitland International Registries Inc. and NAMEPA.

Secretary: Basil M. Karatzas BM Karatzas, LLC

Treasurer: Jonathan Spencer The Spencer Company

Directors:

Membership/Outreach Marcus Arky and Neil Ross Metro Group Maritime

Program/Social George Chalos George Chalos & Co

Communications Joe Sanchez BISO

Port Activities Jonathan Feffer

Web presence Ted Panourgias All Marine Spares

Advocacy Richard Zimmerman

Also, we could not be as efficient as we are without Rose Lambert. For those of
you who haven't heard, Rose suffered a massive stroke on January 17th. She is
recovering slowly, but it will be months before she will be back at work. Please
include her in your prayer.

Jonathan Spencer offers his apologies for not being here tonight. He wanted the membership to know that the Chapter is solvent, with \$3940 in the Treasury after paying our 2011 dues. Having said that, we need to pay our 2012 dues shortly, so we are not flush with cash.

That brings us up to date in terms of what has been, to what is next. It is time for me to turn over the reins of the organization to the next President who will lead it on to even higher ground. Before I do, however, I want to make a few remarks.

Many of you know my background in the maritime industry. I grew up on an island south of Detroit where the Detroit River meets Lake Erie. At one point, this stretch of water was the second busiest waterway in the world after the Suez Canal (or at least according to local lore). As a young girl, and a competitive sailor, I was fascinated by the commercial maritime industry plying its trade. I loved that it carried the goods that kept our society going, and I longed to be part of this global community. One day I was welcomed into this industry, and I have never looked back.

That is why I came into this fascinating, vibrant industry. But I stayed for an entirely different reason. It is the people that make this business special. It is all of you who lend the spice and the interest to this industry, and make this profession a chosen one. These characteristics are what make this industry the best in the world, and make the opportunity for the Propeller Club to be a valuable resource for this Port.

Tonight, subject to your will, we are turning over the helm to George Chalos and a somewhat new slate of officer and directors. While we will not longer benefit from the talents of Joe Sanchez who moved to New Orleans, we are welcoming three new Board members: Justin Zizes, Michael Burke and Hal Clancy. The slate you are voting on is as follows:

President: George M. Chalos, Esq. Chalos & Co. PC- International Law Firm

Vice President: Clay Maitland International Registries Inc./NAMEPA

Secretary: Basil M. Karatzas BM Karatzas LLC

Treasurer: Jonathan Spencer The Spencer Company

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Membership/Outreach Marcus Arky and Neil Ross Metro Group Maritime

Program/Social Captain G. Justin Zizes Maritime Consultant

Communications Hal Clancy/Michael Burke Statue Cruises

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Advocacy Richard Zimmerman Law Offices of Richard Zimmerman

Web presence Ted Panourgias All Marine Spares

President Emeritus: Carleen Lyden-Kluss Morgan Marketing & Communications/NAMEPA

Good evening friends and colleagues and greetings from 36,000 feet somewhere over middle America. Regretfully and despite purposefully blocking my calendar to attend tonight's meeting, a US Federal Magistrate Judge has required my attendance at a hearing in San Diego today. I am now en route back to NY but will not be touching down until much later this evening. Nevertheless, I take the opportunity to share the following brief words with you.

It was a great honor to be asked by the nominating committee if I would be interested in being considered to serve as the next President of the Propeller Club of NY/NJ. Without hesitation I asked that I be considered for the position. Now, it is with much pride I have been elected to fill the post. I am grateful for the opportunity and promise to do my best to continue the great work of the

organization both locally and abroad. The Board and our membership continues to be comprised of top-notch maritime professionals from diverse segments of the local maritime community. The Board has and will continue to work tirelessly to enlarge both the prominence and the foot print of our organization. Speaking of footprints . . . I have no illusions that I will be able to fill the shoes worn by our past -President, Carleen Lyden-Kluss, but I will do my best to try. Carleen has graciously offered to continue to share her experience, wisdom and skills with our organization as President Emeritus; an offer I immediately accepted and fully expect to wear out for as long as Carleen will allow.

In the coming weeks, we will be announcing a number of great events at which your presence will be requested and would be warmly received. Please feel free to share Propeller Club news and happenings with your colleagues and business acquaintances, as well as the details of our organization. New members are certainly welcomed and encouraged. Similarly, your comments and suggestions for programming and improvement are requested and encouraged. The goal, again, is to make our organization as robust as possible.

Finally, I take the opportunity to ask each of you to keep Rosemary Lambert in your thoughts and prayers. She is a good friend and a great lady. She is not feeling well at the moment and I ask that you kindly join me in wishing her a very speedy recovery. We very much look forward to her attending future Propeller Club events soon.

Thank you and good evening to all.

Justin Zizes who will be the Program Chairman wanted me to relay to you that he is working on both program and social events, some that will include families. Stay tuned!

Now for the program part of our evening together. Captain Lou Cavaliere will be speaking on "The Modern Day Slave Trade". Captain Cavaliere received his commission from Officer Candidate School, Newport, Rhode Island, in December 1971. He reported aboard **USS SEVERN (AO-61)** where he served as Communications Officer and as Operations Officer, deploying to Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean in 1973. From July 1974 through July 1976, he served as Instructor in Naval Science at the Officer Staff Corps Indoctrination School, receiving a commendation for his service during the visit of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and the royal yacht **BRITANNIA** to Newport Naval Station as part of the 1976 Bicentennial celebration.

Upon completion of Destroyer School in 1977, he joined **USS GLOVER (FF-1098)**, serving for two years as Chief Engineer. The **GLOVER** deployed to the Middle East in 1978.

In July 1979, he resigned his active commission to take up a civilian position with Keystone Shipping Co. of Philadelphia, PA. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Naval Reserve, serving with a ship repair unit at Philadelphia Naval Station. In mid-1980, his association with Military Sealift Command commenced when he was assigned to MSCO 104 which was then responsible for the Western Med. He remained with MSCO 104 throughout the 1980's, as responsibilities for the unit changed to North Carolina, and finally to the Port of Philadelphia. In 1989, he was transferred to Commander Military Sealift Command, Atlantic in Bayonne, NJ. It was during this tour that Captain Cavaliere was recalled to active duty for eight months during **OPERATION DESERT STORM**. For his efforts in overseeing loading operations from Atlantic and Gulf coast ports, he was awarded the **Navy Meritorious Service Medal**.

Captain Cavaliere has served as Commanding Officer for MSCO 104, Philadelphia and as Commander, Military Sealift, Atlantic Detachment 202 in Bayonne. He retired in 1995 with 25 years service.

Captain Cavaliere is recently retired as the General Manager for Government Contracts for Keystone Shipping Co. of Philadelphia. During his tenure at Keystone, he developed a government franchise that currently totals 15 ships, the largest single holding within the Keystone Group. He holds a BA degree from St John's University and an MBA from Rutgers. He is a member of the **Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers**, and the **Institute of Marine Engineers**. Captain Cavaliere is the Vice Chairman of the **Chapel of the Four Chaplains** in Philadelphia, PA; he serves on the Millennium Development Goals Task Force of the Diocese of New Jersey for ending world-wide poverty, and, his favorite charity is **The Market Street Breakfast and St. Paul's Soup and Evensong**, an outreach for homeless and needy people in the Camden, New Jersey area.

Captain Cavaliere has been married to Denise of Fitchburg, Massachusetts since September 1975. They enjoy two sons, Louis and Michael.