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Cover photo: CMT ChipCo transfer cargo on the Mobile River.

Shaping the Global Economy: Wind Turbines

Cooper Consolidated has transported wind turbine components that will be used in the construction of new wind turbines in the Great Plains states.

Electricity generated from wind turbines eliminates an estimated 189-million tons of carbon pollution. Equal to roughly 11% of power sector emissions, or 40.3-million cars' worth of CO2 emissions.

Helping to provide clean, sustainable, cost-efficient energy, it's another way we're Shaping the Global Economy. •



> CP&O

Gang 88 Recognition



In August, the Port of Virginia recognized CP&O's ship and dock Gang 88 for achievements in Safety Excellence. All registered members of Gang 88 were awarded new foul weather coats and hard hats.

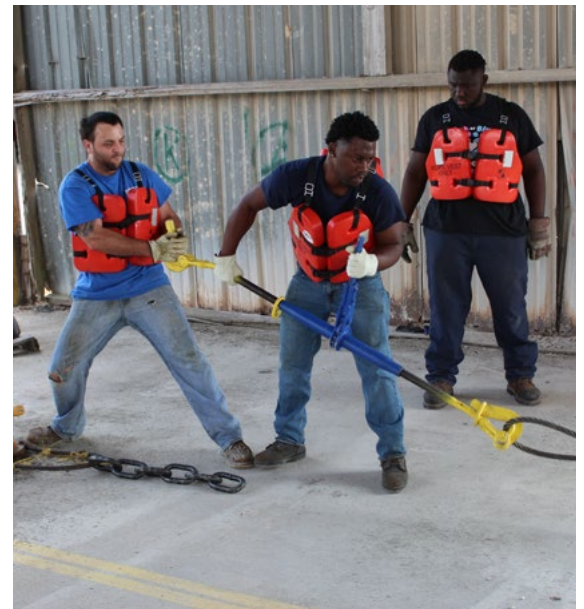
Congratulations to Gang 88 for a job well done!

*Front Row: Delano Ward, Tony Cartwright, Ron Babski
Back Row: Warren Mangum, Mike McCann, James Hardesty, Zach Crook, Kyle Asbell, Myles Billups, Reggie Griffin, Mark Isenberg •*

> Cooper Marine and Timberlands

CMT New Hire Training and Orientation

On September 11 and 12, Cooper Marine and Timberlands (CMT) held new-hire training and orientation at Blakeley BoatWorks and Southeastern Propeller. CMT utilized this opportunity to familiarize maritime new hires with company policies, operational procedures, and even managed to squeeze in some valuable hands-on training. To those new employees, welcome to the Cooper family! •



Shaping the Global Economy: Wood Pellets



Wood pellets are a sustainable energy source. Comprised of compacted sawdust and wood waste from lumber milling, wood pellets are used as fuel for cooking, heating, and power generation. For every ton of wood pellets burned instead of oil, CO2 emissions are reduced by 1.5 tons.

Take a moment to learn more about how the Cooper Group of Companies is doing its part to shape the global economy. •

> Crescent Towing | Cooper/T. Smith Mooring

Coast Guard Recognizes Crews for Water Rescue

On May 23, members of Crescent Towing and Cooper/T. Smith Mooring, along with NOBRA Captain Verne Streckfus, assisted with the recovery of a man overboard on the Mississippi River during dangerous high water conditions. When a crew member from the cargo vessel M/V *Beauforce* fell into the water, those present expertly coordinated rescue efforts to aid the man. The captain and crew of the tug *Port Hudson* arrived on the scene to pull the man from the water and Cooper/T. Smith Mooring crews assisted with his safe recovery and transport to the Cooper/T. Smith St. Rose Mooring Barge, where emergency medical services were waiting to treat the man's injuries.

The vigilance and prompt response from these mariners allowed the crew member to be pulled to safety and prevented this unfortunate occurrence from becoming much worse. The professionalism, dedication to duty, and exceptional awareness demonstrated during this rescue is in the highest traditions of our maritime industry. Congratulations on a job well done.

Port Hudson Crew

Captain James Wellman, Jr. | Rodney Schaubhut, Engineer | Brett Molaison, Deckhand | Triston Short, Deckhand | Jacob Clapp, Deckhand | Rowley, Redmann, Deckhand

Cooper/T. Smith Mooring

Mike Salone | David White, Sr. | Matt Gifford
Shane Lacoste | Randy Willheit | Joseph Olivio
Robert Stauss | Lorne Ballard •



Pictured (top, l-r): Brett Molaison, Deckhand; Captain James Wellman; U.S. Coast Guard Captain Kristi Luttrell; NOBRA Pilot Verne Streckfus

Pictured (bottom, l-r): Anthony Almerico, General Manager, CTS Mooring; Randy Willheit, Boat Operator; Joe Perez, Operations Manager; Mike Salone, Boat Operator; David White, Lineman





Watch

Dan Wilkins CSA President (retired)

Part of the Cooper Group for 46 years, Dan has served as President of CSA in Mobile, Alabama, for the past 20 years. He retired from the position in October 2018, though he remains with the company in a consulting capacity to assist with the transition. •



Watch

Mary Ann McMillion Logistics Manager

Mary Ann McMillion began her career with Cooper Consolidated in 1998 as a secretary. Her responsibilities have grown over the past 20 years, now serving as Logistics Manager, overseeing the dispatch team, which includes Mile 164, Nucor, Darrow, and Mile 207. •



Watch

Ed Laurendine Senior Vice President (retired)

Ed Laurendine, retired Senior Vice President, reflects on his 41 years in the bulk stevedoring business and how the industry has grown and changed in that time. •

Submit Your Recommendations

Do you know an employee who should be featured in a future We Are Cooper/T. Smith profile? Send your recommendations to Thomas Smith, Director, Corporate Communications: thomas.smith@coopertsmith.com. •

> Crescent Towing

Crescent Towing Bench Dedication



In September, Captain William H. Crawford, Jr., presented Crescent Towing's New Orleans office with a special bench. A Crescent Towing captain from 1976 to 1982 and a Crescent River Pilot from 1982 to 2018, Captain Crawford is also a woodworking hobbyist. He built and finished the bench by hand, with its intended end use to be a place for crew members to sit and wait for their vessel to arrive. Captain Crawford presented the bench to Andrew Cooper, Senior Vice President, Crescent Towing, and Angus Cooper, President, Cooper/T. Smith. •



Pictured (top, l-r): Andrew Cooper, Captain Crawford, Angus Cooper stand with the bench at the Crescent Towing NOLA office.

SCI Mountain Challenge

The 2019 Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) Mountain Challenge was held September 26 – 29 in Maine. Representing Cooper Consolidated were Erik Cooper, Anthony Almerico (CTS Mooring), and Charlie Gottbrath, who were awarded Third Place - Varsity in Course Completion and Philanthropy. The team raised \$17,248 for SCI and the event itself raised more than \$350,000. Also racing in his fourth consecutive year was Wendell Landry, representing Cooper Marine and Timberlands.

Taking place on land and water, the SCI Mountain Challenge parallels many of the hardships mariners face daily: the elements, isolation (teams of three work self-sufficiently on the mountain and water race courses) and physically demanding work (participants ascend approximately 3,000 feet each day). In addition to the outdoor elements, competitors participate in the "Philanthropy Challenge" to raise funds and awareness for SCI and its mariner support services. Founded in 1834, SCI is the largest, most comprehensive mariners' agency in North America. •



> Industry Overview

Spotlight on the Tugboat, Towboat and Barge Industry



In this new educational video, American Waterways Operators (AWO) spotlights the contributions of the American tugboat, towboat and barge industry to our nation's economy and security. This video aired on PBS affiliate stations across the country this summer.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of AWO as the trade association representing the American tugboat, towboat and barge industry – an industry that safely and efficiently transports the commodities that drive our nation's economy, supports over 300,000 jobs across the country, and plays a key role in helping secure our nation's waterways. •

Cooper Consolidated Safety Summit



From May 15 to July 31, Cooper Consolidated held its bi-annual Safety Summit at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Kenner, Louisiana. Supervisors and managers from throughout the company, as well as members of AEU and Galloway Law Firm, were in attendance. The goal of the summit is to provide a greater understanding of the supervisor's role in leadership, safety, and the continued success of Cooper Consolidated and its employees. This interactive, engaging environment enabled thoughtful discussions, responses and feedback that will help the company mitigate safety concerns and maintain its safety goals. Among the topics covered at the summit: Improving Employee Engagement; Hazard Recognition and Solutions; Incident Investigation; marine cargo and shipyard breakout sessions; and many more. Cooper Consolidated's next Safety Summit will be held in the summer of 2020. •



> Community

Africatown Bridge Challenge

The annual Africatown Bridge Challenge 5K Race and Fun Run was held on July 27. Representing Cooper/T. Smith was our own Nick Burke, CPA and member of the corporate accounting group. He was joined in the race by his wife Kate and daughter Molly.

Organized by the Africatown Community Development Corporation, the event is held each summer to benefit Africatown's Community Garden and Marketplace. The 5K course took participants over the Africatown Bridge, roundtrip, while the one-mile fun run saw participants race to the foot of the Africatown Bridge and back to the Africatown Welcome Center.

Africatown is a historic community located three miles north of downtown Mobile, Alabama. It was formed by a group of 32 West Africans, who in 1860 were included in the last known illegal shipment of slaves to the United States. Upon founding and creating their own community, they retained their West African customs and language into the 1950s. •



Pictured (l-r): Molly, Kate, and Nick Burke after the race.

Kenya Nixon Named WIMOs “Member of the Month”

Women in Maritime Operations (WIMOs) recognized Cooper Consolidated’s Kenya Nixon as its August “Member of the Month”! Kenya worked as an EMT for eight years and spent 13 years as a Safety Manager or Director in construction, heavy civil, and utilities before joining the maritime industry in 2018.

Her passion for safety is forefront in everything she does, from training others in first aid to implementing Cooper Consolidated’s goal of “Do No Harm”. Kenya’s role is to coordinate all loss and accident investigations within the company’s stevedoring division. She believes “education should never stop” and is currently preparing for the CSP exam through the Board of Certified Safety Professionals and is exploring Master’s degrees in occupational safety.



WIMOs was founded in 2017 to bring together women working in operations roles within the maritime industry. In addition to networking opportunities, WIMOs also provides women opportunities for additional training and volunteer work. •

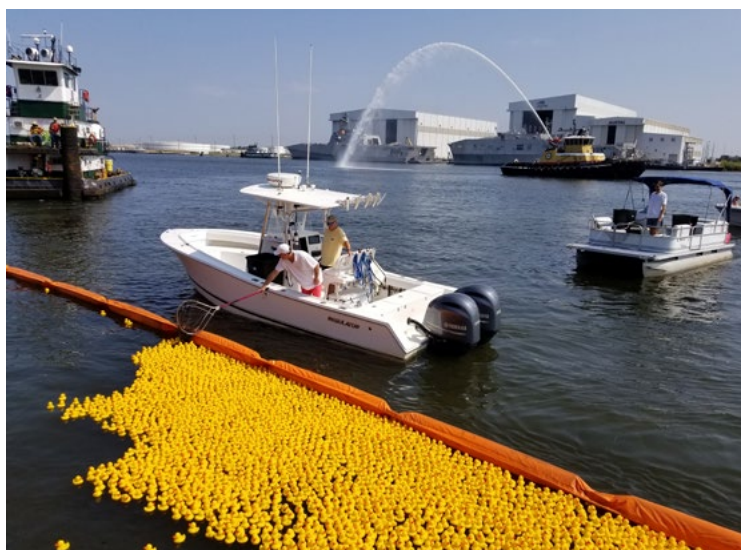
> Community

2019 Rubber Ducky Regatta



Cooper/T. Smith was once again a proud sponsor of the Ronald McDonald House’s Rubber Ducky Regatta held on October 5 at Cooper Riverside Park. The event culminated with the release of 10,000 rubber duckies into the Mobile River. These “adopted” duckies raced to the finish line and the fastest ducky’s adopter won a Carnival Cruise for two! All marine logistics for the event were coordinated by Strickler Adams, Sales Manager, Cooper Marine and Timberlands.

All proceeds benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Mobile, which houses families with seriously ill and injured children being treated at area hospitals. Adopting a rubber ducky not only gives participants a chance to win prizes, but they provide funds for a safe haven to all the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House while their child is receiving treatment. •

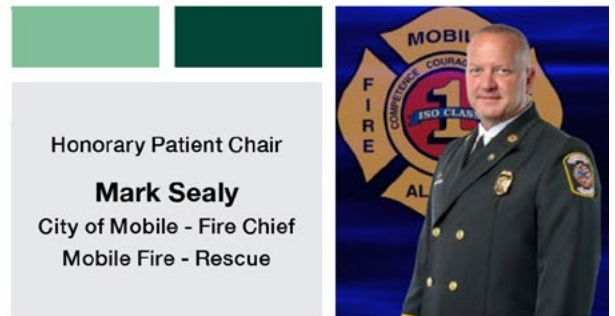
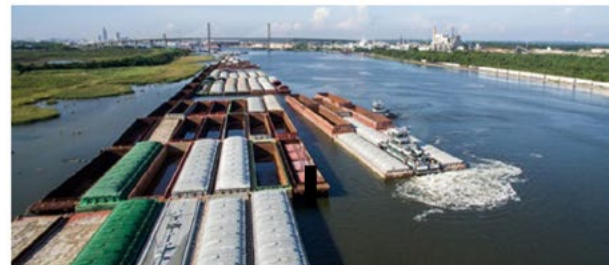


Make Plans for the 2020 Mobile Kidney Walk



2020 MOBILE KIDNEY WALK

Saturday, March 21
UMS-Wright Cooper Stadium
mobilekidneywalk.org



ANGUS R. COOPER II

2020 Mobile Kidney Walk
Honorary Chair!



Angus R. Cooper II, Chairman & CEO of Cooper/T. Smith Corporation, continues to support the Alabama Kidney Foundation through his leadership as the 2020 Kidney Walk Honorary Chair! Angus, along with his beloved daughter, Lisa, were instrumental in establishing the AKF's South Alabama Regional Office where he continues governance as a Legacy Advisor to the AKF State Board of Directors.

Please join Angus and Patient Chair, Mobile Fire Chief Mark Sealy, as dedicated partners in promoting the Foundation's mission to improve prevention awareness and individual quality of life for Alabamians affected by kidney disease.

Your support will directly impact local kidney patients!

*Please remember the Kidney Walk when budgeting your giving plan.

Honorary Patient Chair

Mark Sealy
City of Mobile - Fire Chief
Mobile Fire - Rescue

Milestones

5 Years

JB Brown, Jr.
Joey Vandee
Adrian Coates
Gregory Whittington
Lorne Ballard
Stephen Malbrough
Doug Blanda
Roy Swearing
David Clasen
Daniel Iorio
Danny Routt
Bobby Fabre

10 Years

Mark Herrin, Sr.
Kyle Thorn
Jose Ojeda

15 Years

Mike Howe, Jr.
Daniel Looney, Jr.

20 Years
Billy Boyington
Ray Roberts
James Donald
Vern Helton
Chris Werther

25 Years

Eric Johnson
Patrick Cazaubon
Kevin McDermott
Cory Mitchell

30 Years

Ricky Shumock
Michael Browne

40 Years

Albert Crespo
Lee Smith

Rodney Wright, C/PA's M&R Manager, retired on October 4 after 42 years on the waterfront. He began his career with the Cooper Group in 1977 and decided to finally lay his tools down this month. Dave Morgan, President/CEO of C/PA, says, "Rodney is more than an employee, he is family."



Pictured (l-r): Rodney Wright with Dave Morgan