



THE GOAT

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Bo Ramsay Named LAGCOE Looney

During the 2011 Louisiana Gulf Coast Exposition in October, our very own Bo Ramsay was named LAGCOE Looney. This honor is bequeathed upon an individual who has pledged most of his/her life to the oil exploration industry.

Mr. Ramsay was quoted as saying “It’s an honor to be named among the others who have received this.”

Ramsay started out in the field as a well logger and roughneck in Arkansas and Montana in the early 1950’s. Before that, he served in the military. He was led in that direction because he was “dead broke” in his early 20’s. Mr. Ramsay said he learned a lot about business from his early years sitting in on negotiations and business deals.

“Ask for the moon when you’re dealing with someone,” Ramsay suggested. “You never know, you might get half of it.”



Bo Ramsay and Lawrence Svendsen, Chairman of the 2010-11 LAGCOE Executive Committee

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THE M/V DWIGHT S. RAMSAY RECEIVES TWO AWARDS!

The M/V Dwight S. Ramsay received the award of the *Ship of the Year* from Professional Mariner. The vessel was also named *The Boat of the Year* from the Work Boat Convention as one of the 10 distinctive designs for 2011. The M/V Dwight S. Ramsay, currently working in Mexico, is one of the most environmentally sound vessels and has the best ability to fight platform fires in the

industry.

During the design phase, Aries Marine asked Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc. to increase the below-deck cargo capacity by 20 percent. The vessel is referred to as a "Green Design" PSV class. The M/V Dwight S. Ramsay is also said to use less fuel consumption during DP because of the diesel/electric integrated power system.

The efficiency is credited to the power of the propeller. The M/V Dwight S. Ramsay is considered to be the new standard for Offshore Supply vessels.



ARIES MARINE WISHES "JR." CHARPENTIER FAREWELL

When Elfer or "Jr." ,as he is known to family, friends and co-workers began employment with Aries Marine in 1985, he was a Captain aboard the M/V Ram VI.

"Jr." is looking forward to hunting, fishing and taking care of his property.

Elfer Charpentier has been a Captain aboard the Ram II. He has been employed with Aries Marine for over 25 years and is retiring.

"Jr." has been in the marine industry his entire life and started out

working with his father, who was a shrimper. He would troll with him after school as a child. Following

that he began as an OS making \$28.00 per day.

"Jr." is married with three boys, resides in Hathaway and is looking forward to hunting, fishing and taking care of his property. He also stated that working for Aries

was a good job, in which he worked with good people and was treated fairly.



Aries Marine would like to thank Jr. for 25 years of service and wishes him good luck in his future endeavors.

ARIES MARINE IS WORKING IN MEXICO

Supply vessels M/V Betty Pfankuch and M/V Dwight S. Ramsay have been working in Mexico since June. Both supply vessels are manned with an Aries Captain and Chief Engineer while the rest of the crew is from Mexico. The boats have been performing well and the "Betty" actually DP'ed during Hurricane Nate.

An interesting tidbit is that the M/V Betty Pfankuch is working on the largest semi-submersible rig named the West Pegasus. The "Dwight" will be in Mexico for the next four years while working with PeMex.



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NEW ARRIVALS!

- Nickey Arcemnot, Jr. had a son named Gunnar
- Justin Baham had a daughter named Bayleigh
- Alex Bourgeois had a son named Bryan
- Carlos Bassa had a son named Logan Michael
- Rickey Trahan had a daughter name Amelia
- Robert Meier had a daughter named Marlee-Jo Wydom.

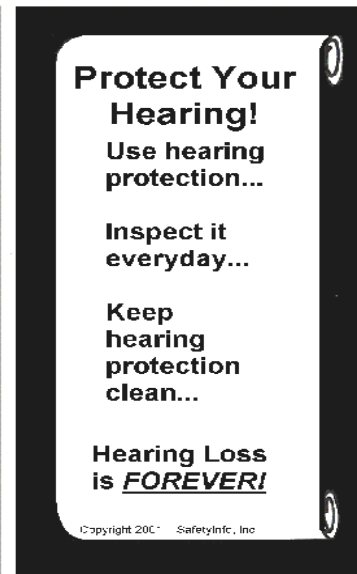
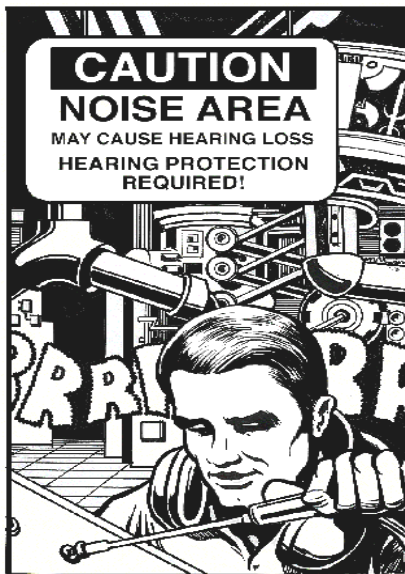


PAYROLL INFORMATION

Payroll period ends every other Wednesday. Your pay is for the prior two weeks worked. **DO NOT EXPECT YOUR CHECK OR DIRECT DEPOSIT TO BE THERE UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONDAY AFTER PAYROLL ENDS.** Please note Aries Marine CANNOT stop payments and reissue payroll checks until seven days after issued.

In addition, your deductions on your pay stub, including group health, dental and 401-K are from the prior two week period of actual work. Aries does not deduct in advance for premiums for group health, dental nor 401-K. If you have any questions, contact your supervisor: Lift 337-232-0335 or Supply 337-856-9015.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Payroll Calendar Example						
				1 Payroll Period Begins	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Payroll Period Ends	15 Payroll is Processed	16 Payroll Check/Direct Deposits are released	17
18	19 You Receive Your Pay	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



SUPPLY BOAT EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTED: *Tyler Shermer*

Tyler Shermer is a Captain aboard the M/V Kyle Williams and has been with Aries Marine for 22 years. He is the oldest of five boys and two of his brothers work in the marine industry with one brother working for Aries as well.

Tyler is originally from Atlanta, GA but currently resides in Lake Charles. His hobbies include fishing and hunting , when he can get the chance and he also enjoys college football and the Atlanta Braves Baseball. Tyler has been in a long term relationship with Rachel Guillory.

Tyler was asked the following questions:

If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be? Donald Trump.....maybe I could learn something about money management.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what two things would you have to have? Sunscreen and a solar powered radio.

What person has had the most influence on your life? My Mother. She raised five boys and gave us all a good role model to follow.

If you were not in this industry, what job would you like to have? Working for NOAA , National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations, or the National Weather Service.



LIFTBOAT EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTED: *Thomas Hanks*

Thomas has been working for Aries Marine for over 28 years. He is an AB-cook and is aboard the Ram XVII. When asked where is he from he stated “from one end of a street in New Iberia and now I live on the other end of the same street.”

He is married to Carolyn and has one son, Thomas Jr., and enjoys gardening and listening to the “golden oldies” in his spare time. Thomas is a lifelong Saints fan, even through the bad times.

Thomas was asked the following questions:

If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be? My mother-in-law.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what two things would you have to have? Communications to know what is going on in the world but if I had communications, then I wouldn't be stranded.

What person has had the most influence on your life? My wife.

If you were not in this industry, what job would you like to have? Juvenile delinquent rehabilitation.



SPOTLIGHT ON IN HOUSE EMPLOYEE: *Brenda Martin*

Brenda Martin was born in Bunkie. She grew up in Franklin and has two children, Kayla and Devin. She has been with Aries Marine since December 6 of 2000.

Brenda was asked the following questions:

If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be?
My Mom, I really miss her.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what two things would you have to have? Food and water.

What person has had the most influence on your life? My family, they have been a big influence because I try to live and learn from others (mistakes or accomplishments..

If you were not in this industry, what job would you like to have?
I have always loved working in the medical field, if I were not here that's what I'd like to return to doing.



A VIEW FROM THE BILGE: *by Mike Parker*

Teaching an Old Dog new Tricks.

In the past few years, there have been an unbelievable number of changes for us all in working in the off-shore industry. The biggest struggles I've faced have been in adapting to the ever changing safety regulations and the ever increasing amount of documentation and related paperwork that goes along. I'll be the first to admit that as a creature of habit, I have found it difficult to adapt to a lot of these changes.

They have not yet become normal enough to me to become a natural way of life while working. I now find myself thinking of the environment I have worked in all my life as the start of a "Once upon a time" fairy tale. Once upon a time, the only focus on the boat was to

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Yes, there were a lot of times we pushed the envelope in order to take care of the customer. There was something almost magical about doing something that tested the limits of your abilities. Now they have gone and changed the test.

While the element of danger still remains, the companies we are contracted to have also had to adapt to the safer work habits which have made it better for all of us. They no longer just preach it, they practice it too. There was also a "once upon a time" that your day to day work was something you would do because your knowledge and ability dictated your course of action. Alas, that was then and this is now. The changes in the way I am supposed to do things have already

happened and somehow I have to find a way to catch up with them.

I have to learn that there is no safe duty and everything I do will have a JSA with the dangers I never knew existed. I will have to learn that everything I do will have a dotted "I" and crossed "T" to go along with it. I will have to learn that the numerous safety inspections we go through are actually done for my benefit instead of the witch hunt I have often viewed it as. The proof is in the statistics that changes are good. Sooner or later it has to sink in for all of us. What seems like overkill now will feel normal in time. So the one question remains. Can you teach this old dog a new trick? There is only one way I can answer that. "WOOF."

Good Sailing to All



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT: *Court Ramsay*

Dear Personnel,

As I stated earlier in the Christmas letter the terms of Integrity, Teamwork, Quality, and Safety were developed by a working safety group and I liked that so much that I want to include those in future descriptions of our company and business.

Let's look at the definitions just to be accurate with what we are all about. From Webster's Encyclopedia Unabridged Dictionary, copyright 1994, I offer the following:

Integrity-n. 1. Soundness of and adherence to moral principle and character; uprightness; honesty.2. The state of being whole, entire, or undiminished. 3. A sound unimpaired, or perfect condition.

Teamwork-n.1. Cooperative or coordinated effort on the part of a group of persons acting together as a team or in the interests of a common cause.

2. Work done with a team.

Quality-n. 3. Character with respect to

excellence, fineness, etc or grade of excellence.4. High grade; superior excellence. (only relevant definitions included).

Safety-n.1. The state of being safe; freedom from the occurrence of risk of injury, danger, or loss.2. The quality of averting or not causing injury, danger, or loss. 5. The action of keeping safe.

(only relevant definitions included).

So when you leave out the unrelated definitions, for example in the case of Quality and Safety, superior bloodlines, a firearm mechanism or a football term, one ends up with a simple clean description of an entity bound by *honesty, committed to excellence, working together for a single purpose in a conscientious and safe manner.*

Let's continue to deliver the best service in the market and hold



true to the qualities described above.

Safe Sailing,

Court



HUMOR AND OBSERVATIONS....Words of Wisdom

It may be strange, but the local cemetery just raised its burial rates and blamed it on the cost of living.

We are born naked, wet, and hungry. Then things get worse.

It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.

You can't have everything, where would you put it?

The latest survey shows that 3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the world's population.

The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day.

Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat drinking beer all day.

Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.

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Shin: A device for finding furniture in the dark.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

It was recently discovered that research causes cancer in rats.

When you go into court you are putting yourself in the hands of 12 people that weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

EMPLOYEES WHO UPGRADED THEIR LICENSES:

- **Josh Long** went from an OS to an AB.
- **Marcus Walker** went from an OS to an AB-special.
- **Ken Holt** went from an assistant Engineer to Chief Engineer.
- **Jeff Justice** went from an OS to an AB-special.
- **Raymond Mills, Jr.** went from a 200 ton Mate to a 200 ton Master.
- **Ronald Davis** went from an AB to a 100 ton Master/200 ton Mate.
- **Berwick Casimere** went from an AB-special to a 100 ton Master.
- **Richard Long** went from an OS to an AB-special.
- **Domingo Camacho** went from a Mate to a Master.
- **Brandon LeBlanc** went from an OS to an AB special.

Employee who upgraded their licenses (continued):

- **Robert Turner** went from an OS to an AB.
- **Kelly Ware** went from an AB-OSV to a Mate.
- **Justin Baham** went from an AB to a QMED.
- **Kelly Bourque** went from a Master of 100 tons to a Master of 200 tons.
- **Ricky Knight** went from an OS to an AB.
- **Ross Winner** went from an OS to an AB.
- **Richard Mahoney** went from an AB to a Mate.
- **Tranden Hawkins** went from a Master of 100 tons to a Master of 200 tons.



ANNIVERSARIES: (30 Years)



Richard Johnson receiving his award from Court Ramsay and Bo Ramsay during a Safety Meeting

ANNIVERSARIES:



Butch Bazer receiving his 30 year anniversary award from Bo Ramsay and Court Ramsay.



Virginia Johnson- 25 years



Mike Parker-15 years



Ricky Trahan-10 years



Prentiss "Ricky" Carrol- 10 years

ANNIVERSARIES:



Kelly Bourque - 10 years



Randy Hamilton - 10 years



Michael Smith - 10 years



Keith Piper, Jr. - 5 years



Devan Cole - 5 years



Michael Upshaw - 5 years



Roy Smith - 5 years



Jason Ward - 5 years



Robert Jones - 5 years

ANNIVERSARIES:



Rickey Knight- 5 years



Raymond Mills-5 years



William Weaver- 5 years



Troy Bentley- 5 years



Wayne Miller-5 years



Elwin Hurst- 5 years



Alex Bourgeois-5 years



Robert Turner- 5 years

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Aries Marine Corporation ~ Lafayette, Louisiana

Aries Marine Corporation, a privately held Louisiana Corporation, was formed in early 1981 by Dwight S. Ramsay and Betty Pfankuch to own and operate in the Gulf of Mexico self-elevating workboats and supply vessels.

The self-elevating work boats, also called Liftboats or jack-ups, provide mobile yet stable work platforms, crane capabilities and living accommodations for work crews performing services to offshore oil and gas production platforms. The Liftboats range in leg length from 105' to 200', and are capable of operating in maximum water depths of 160'.

Primarily associated with drilling operations, the supply boats provide Aries with a diverse business mix within the marine industry. Our OSV's, as they are commonly called, are the delivery trucks of the offshore sector. Our OSV vessels range in length from 166' to 292', many of which are dynamic positioning.

Currently, there are 30 vessels in the fleet.

Because of our diverse fleet, Aries has worked for all of the major producers as well as most of the independents. We have established a top reputation due to all Aries operations being conducted by experienced, safety minded personnel. Aries Marine takes pride in the cleanliness of its vessels, the efficiency of its operations and our excellent safety record.

Aries Marine is headquartered in Lafayette, Louisiana and maintains a sales and warehouse facility in nearby Youngsville, Louisiana. Aries Marine employs over 350 people.

REMINDERS!

- Do you have information or an up-grade to share? Call Claire @337-232-0335 or 337-856-9015
- When you renew your MMC/ License, please send a copy to the Operations office or stop by and we will gladly make a copy for you!

IN MEMORY:

This issue is dedicated to the memory of :

- *Donna Billiot, wife of Charles*
- *Betty Sue Loew, mother of Dave*
- *Barbara Benton, mother of Trinity*

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