Captain of Calusa Coast Gets Top Hat for 2017

The first vessel of the 2017 season was the tug Calusa Coast and its specialized tank barge Delaware which arrived carrying liquid asphalt from Detroit to the Yellowline Asphalt Products terminal.

The Hamilton Port Authority marks the start of each shipping season with the ceremonial presentation of a top hat to the Captain of the first vessel. On March 21, Calusa Coast Captain Gary Kafcsak was welcomed to Hamilton by Yellowline’s Operations Manager, Suresh Daljeet, and Hamilton Port’s Harbour Master, Vicki Gruber. Ms. Gruber presented Captain Kafcsak with the traditional top hat, which he signed and dated, a Port tradition.

Close to 400,000MT of liquid bulk products transit the Port of Hamilton each year, including commodities such as liquid asphalt, gasoline, and even rum. At the Port, these commodities may be stored, blended and transloaded to other modes of transportation for local distribution.

Yellowline’s terminal on Pier 22 is a leading-edge liquid bulk storage and transload terminal specializing in neat and polymer-modified asphalt cement. Drivers across Ontario have a connection with Yellowline’s asphalt cement products, which have been used in the QEW, 403, 407, 401 and other roadways in the province. Yellowline’s facility was designed in 2012 with the environment in mind, including dust control and recycling systems, and a unique safety feature to avoid possible overflows. Yellowline is among the Port’s tenant members of the Green Marine program, which means it meets and reports on environmental standards that go beyond the regulatory requirements.
New Port Developments

Work is well underway on two new additions to Hamilton’s Port landscape. A new grain export terminal operated by G3 Canada Ltd. is nearing completion at its highly visible location along Eastport Drive. This $50 million terminal will add valuable choice and capacity for export-oriented Ontario grain producers. Construction is also on-track at the new flour mill under construction by Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd. at Pier 10. This $45 million facility is the first new flour mill to be constructed in Ontario in 75 years. It will fill an important gap in the local agri-food supply chain, allowing food processors to create products from wheat that was both grown and milled in Ontario.

Sharing Our Harbour

We’re working with community partners to help recreational boaters stay safe on the water. Together with the RHYC, we hosted two informational sessions in February and March focused on how boaters and commercial vessels can safely share the harbour. Close to 200 people attended these two events. Thanks to everyone who came out. We’ll see you on the water!

Multimodal Transportation Strategy for the Great Lakes -St. Lawrence Region

HPA is proud to support the work of the Council for the Great Lakes Region and CPCs Transcom in studying the transportation network serving one of North America’s most populous, and most congested regions. Looking at infrastructure, regulatory challenges, and the potential influence of technology, this study will help pinpoint actions to keep people and goods flowing, and prosperity in the region growing. For more information: www.councilgreatlakesregion.org.
Hitting the Ice for a Good Cause

Congratulations to our intrepid lineup of HPA hockey stars, teammates from Algoma Central Corp., and hockey great Guy Carbonneau, who hit the ice in support of the St. Catharines Hotel Dieu Shaver Celebrity Ice Cup. A BIG thank you to all of the team’s supporters, who helped raise $12,245, including: Bermingham Foundation Solutions, Tremco, Bestco Construction, Wallace International, The Barclay Construction Group, Pinchin Ltd., Budget Environmental, G3 Canada Ltd., Soil-Mat Engineers, King Paving, Toronto Tank Lines, FWS Group, Richardson International, G.S. Wark.

Have you heard of the Ham-Bur loop?

The HamBur Loop is a 50km cycling route through Hamilton and Burlington. This route is perfect for the recreational cyclist looking for a looped tour that features stunning lookouts, waterfront cycling, and unique restaurants. HPA’s Port Partner, the Hamilton Halton Brant Regional Tourism Association is working to promote this route to local cyclists and visitors. Hamilton highlights include Bayfront Park and the Arts & Science brewery at the Port of Hamilton. For more information: www.theheartofontario.com.

Randle Reef Update

Work on the Randle Reef sediment remediation project has resumed for the season. For more information about the project, including progress photos, visit www.randlereef.ca.
Events

It’s going to be a fun summer in our Port City! For details and registration for all events, please visit www.hamiltonport.ca.

Annual General Meeting – May 4
Hamilton Port Authority will present its financial statements, a review of 2016 results, and a roadmap for the years ahead. Please join us! This meeting is open to our Port Partners and the public: Thursday, May 4 @ 4:00pm at Arts & Science Brewery, 207 Burlington St. E. Please RSVP via our website.

Doors Open Hamilton – May 6-7
We are participating in Doors Open Hamilton this year, May 6-7 at our new maintenance and boat storage facility at 210 Hillyard. We hope you can pop in for a behind-the-scenes look at port operations, including a unique view of Hamilton’s working waterfront and the construction activity at Randle Reef.

Golf Tournament – June 9
Join us for a day of fun on the links at King’s Forest Golf Club! HPA’s 14th annual fundraising golf tournament is a great way to catch up with friends and contacts, while raising funds for two terrific local charities: Mission to Seafarers Southern Ontario, and City School by Mohawk.

Marine Industry Job Fair – June 27
Have you ever considered a career in the marine industry? To learn more about the highly rewarding and well-paying jobs in this sector, plan to attend the Job Fair on June 27 at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

Tall Ships – July 1
The Tall Ships are in port again this summer! HPA is proud to be a partner in providing marine security and logistics to this spectacular summer event celebrating Canada’s 150. Make plans to be at the waterfront this July 1 to participate in events at Pier 8 and Bayfront Park. HPA will be there with family activities and educational demos to celebrate Canada Day and our magnificent port city.