

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

2nd Quarter 2019 Update

TO: All BOLD OCEAN PAC MEMBERS
ALL SLNC EMPLOYEES

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Hello from Washington DC. It's been a busy three months for the Bold Ocean PAC.

1. **Major Legislation.** This is the time of the year when Congress and the federal agencies draft and debate the most important annual legislative bills for the year. Among the bills most relevant to BOPAC and the operations of SLNC are the:

- National Defense Authorization Act,
- US Coast Guard Reauthorization Act, and the various
- Budget bills funding programs at the Maritime Administration, US Agency for International Development, and the Export Import Bank of the United States.

2. **Member of Congress Meetings.** We have been very active in each of these bills through communications in writing and direct meetings with the Members of Congress and their staff. The meetings and events we attended have been with the following Congressmen over the last quarter:

- Cong. Bradley Byrne (R-AL)
- Cong. Don Norcross (D-NJ)
- Cong. Joe Courtney (D-CONN)
- Cong. John Garamendi (D-CA)
- Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
- Cong. Katie Hill (D-CA)
- Cong. Chris Pappas (R-NH)
- Cong. Anthony Brown (D-MD)
- Cong. Elijah Cummings (D-MD)
- Cong. Dutch Ruppersburger (D-MD)

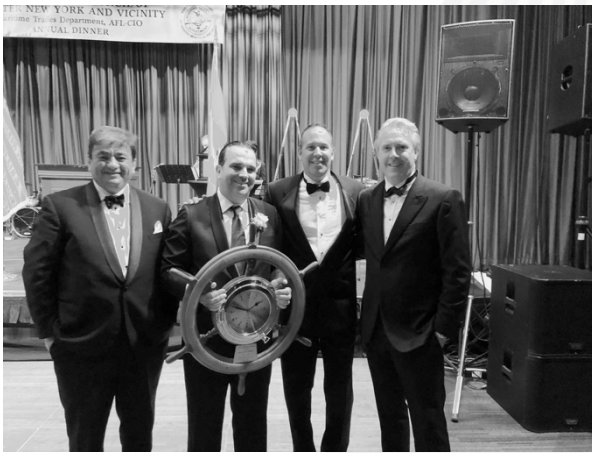
3. **Specific Legislation to Promote.** BOPAC has been very proactive promoting the expansion of the U.S.-Flag fleet and has been a leading maritime carrier voice on the following issues:

- **Creation of a Tanker Security Program** to eliminate the U.S. Navy's reliance on foreign flag tankers for delivery of strategically important jet fuel and other petroleum products, for refueling underway programs, and to ensure adequate number of U.S. Flag tankers for any sustained military sealift emergency. This has now been adopted by the House of

Representatives in the proposed FY20 NDAA issued 12 July 2019. We now need to ensure that the Senate adopts the Tanker Security Program in its final bill.

- **Support for the Energizing American Shipbuilding Act**, introduced in the Senate and House this week, establishing for the first time the requirement that a percentage of commercial exports of both LNG and petroleum products from the US be carried on U.S.-Flag ships. A copy of our official letter supporting this new bill is attached.
- **Led the development of a food aid USAID working group on maritime transportation** with the intent to persuade USAID to be more transparent and efficient in how they schedule, contract for, and utilize U.S.-Flag carriers for the delivery of food aid commodities.
- **Support for a program in the USCG reauthorization bill** that authorizes a federal investigation to examine how federal agencies have complied with and enforced the federal cargo preference requirements. This is intended to reveal the broad use of foreign flag ships and create pressure on federal agencies to comply more strictly with cargo preference laws, resulting in more cargo for U.S.-Flag carriers.

4. **Awards and Events.** BOPAC and SLNC have also attended the following events and promoted our services and capabilities:



- **Defense Logistics Agency Annual Conference** – National Harbor, MD
- **NJ/NY Maritime Labor Annual Dinner** – New York, NY – where SLNC President Russ Paret was presented with an award for the outstanding leadership and success of SLNC. A picture of Russ with the award is included in this update.
- **Propeller Club Annual Dinner** – Arlington, VA – honoring Cong. Cedric Richmond (D-LA) for outstanding leadership on maritime issues in the Congress.
- **Captain Phillips Trust Annual Dinner**– Washington DC – where SLNC was presented with an award for outstanding service and support to the US mariner community.

- **Washington Nationals Baseball Games** – Washington DC – we have attended with our partners in the maritime labor organizations several baseball games including most recently with Cong. Cedric Richmond as our special guest.

5. **BOPAC Members-Only Portal.** In the next week, Christina Akay will be sending all BOPAC members their login information for the Members-Only Portal on the Bold Ocean website.

6. **Upcoming BOPAC Events** BOPAC members have the opportunity to attend Washington Nationals Baseball games this fall. If you're interested in attending, email Jeff Williams at Jeffrey.williams@boldocean.com for more details.

- Aug. 27, 2019 with Congressman Anthony Brown
- Sept. 24, 2019 with Congressman John Garamendi
- Sept. 25, 2019 with Congressman Colin Allred

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