



Press Release

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Congressman Steve Scalise honored as Maritime Person of the Year by the Propeller Club Port of New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS – The Propeller Club of the U.S. Port of New Orleans honored Congressman Steve Scalise, as their 60th recipient of the 2018 Maritime Person of the Year Award. The 85th Annual Maritime Person of the Year Gala was held Tuesday, October 30, 2018, at the New Orleans Marriott Convention Center, on Convention Center Blvd and was emceed by Michael Nation, Propeller Club First Vice President.

The evening started with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner and award presentation. Congressman Scalise was recognized for his contributions to the maritime industry of Greater New Orleans. Lieutenant Governor, Billy Nungesser and Former Congressman, Robert Livingston, provided remarks prior to introducing Mr. Scalise. The award was then presented by Gala Chairman Sean Duffy, Executive Director of the Big River Coalition.

Mr. Scalise expressed heartfelt thanks to the Propeller Club for the honor and to his wife Jennifer and colleagues for bearing witness to this deeply appreciated award.

Mr. Scalise emphasized the importance of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, sustaining the inland Waterways Trust Fund, and protecting the Jones Act. He is working to ensure our harbors and waterways are dredged appropriately so that Louisiana can continue to meet the nation's maritime demands. More than 50,000 jobs are a direct result of the maritime industry.

Also in attendance were State Senator, Norby Chabert, State Senator, Sharon Hewitt, Representative Chris Leopold, Representative Mark Wright, Judge Will Crain, Former Senator A.G. Crowe, Councilwoman, Jacquelyn Clarkson, US Army Corps of Engineers Colonel Michael Clancy, Captain Will E. Watson, U.S. Coast Guard Deputy Commander for New Orleans, Port of New Orleans Commissioner Charles Ponstein, and their Chief of Staff, Michelle Ganon.

Read full biography [HERE](#).

The Propeller Club celebrates their 90 year existence aggressively promoting the maritime industry through many of its programs and partnering with similar organizations. Their goal is to educate legislators and the public as to the importance and necessity of all waterborne commerce.

Today, the International Propeller Club of the United States is an international business network dedicated to the promotion of the maritime industry, commerce and global trade. There are more than 80 Ports in maritime locations around the world, including almost 30 in foreign cities.