

# C & B News Blog

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## PAYING ATTENTION PAYING OFF

### Darryl Holmes

Safety and Compliance Manager

On June 15<sup>th</sup> M/V Paul T helped to avoid what could easily have turned into a dangerous and harmful, if not fatal, situation. Piloted by Al Cunico, crewed with Jason Hastings and Thomas Raines, the vessel noticed a 22' pontoon boat drifting downriver. Initially it was thought the occupants of the boat were drifting of their own volition, but they saw the gentleman at the helm had been trying to start the engine with no success. Aware the pontoon would very soon be under the rake of the fleet, the crew reacted immediately and fired up their engines. Coming alongside, they confirmed the pontoon would not start, at which point one of the occupants tossed a line to the Paul T. Unfortunately, the line broke and the pontoon did become wedged in the rake. A leaving line was immediately tossed to the occupants and the Paul T quickly and safely pulled the craft out of harm's way. The following day, the occupants returned with food, drink and thanks in appreciation for what the crew had done for them. Thanks Al, Jason, and Thomas for a job well done.

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## Darryl's Lazy Bench

*Three Sheets to the Wind*

### Darryl Holmes

Safety and Compliance Manager

The lines attached to hold the lower corners of sails in place are known as "sheets". If these lines are not tight enough, your ship may find itself wallowing off course with its sails fluttering in the breeze. In days of yore, when sailing on a three-masted squarerigger was commonplace, these lines were extremely vital in trimming the sails. Should only one become loose or untied, blowing about in the wind, though the vessel may lurch a bit, the skipper still maintains control. **BUT**, if all of these lines become undone, standby for heavy rolls because the vessel loses all control, cannot properly maneuver, shudders, staggers and floats aimlessly about.

If this sounds like a familiar experience, then you too have probably been "three sheets to the wind."



Three Sheet & Still Winning!!!

## All Boats & Cleaning Ops

### Ed Lapikas

General Manager

On recent visits to locations, I have seen a vast improvement in the appearance of boats and cleaning operations. It is evident that our hard work is paying off. In particular, I am impressed in the amount of effort everyone put in the painting projects. Everyone stepped up and did their part to get the job done, and the results are great. The teams' professionalism and "can do" attitude made these projects a great success. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and you guys make C&B what it is today.

### Charlie Campbell

### Ed Lapikas

General Manager

I would like to thank Charlie Campbell for his diligent work. Although Charlie was assigned to the Wayne C, he took it upon himself to also check the Papa Fred, and found that the steering system was going to fail. Had Charlie not discovered this, we could have incurred damage and financial loss. Team, this is exactly the proactive approach we all need to take in our daily work. The C&B team would like to thank Charlie for going the extra mile.

### Steersman

*James Weisner*

### Willie Terrell

Stuart/Killen

Brandon started his marine career in 2004 for Ingram as a deckhand on the Lower Mississippi. He worked on the Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, Cumberland and the Mississippi. He joined C & B in early 2010 as a deckineer on the Christine B. In early 2011, he received his apprentice mate license from Mountwest Community & Technical College, a division of Marshall University. He tested into the Steersman Program shortly afterwards. He's continuing his Steersman training at Stuart, as well as Killen, Aberdeen, Silver Grove, and our short line-haul runs. Brandon also fills in as an operator on our cleaning facilities. He would like to thank everyone that has helped him throughout his career and is happy to be a part of our growing company here at C & B.

## Allen Miller Employee of the Month

### Greg Schabell

Service Coordinator

Captain Allen Miller has issued the first prestigious Allen Miller Employee of the Month Award. This is the highest award given at C & B! The June recipient, specifically chosen by Cpt. Miller, is Jordan Parker. A picture of the ceremony and Jordan's glamorous award can be viewed in the Photo Gallery. Continue your hard work and dedication to be recognized by Cpt. Miller and be eligible for the next Allen Miller Employee of the Month Award!!

### Score Global

*Upcoming Training & Updates*

### Craig Burrus

Vice-President, Score Global

This month, Score-Global is assisting CBM in working through the Marathon audit results. To meet those standards the employees at CBM will need to prepare themselves for more training in the near future, such as HAZWOPER and "fit test." All of these training components are requirements to work for MAP as a towing vendor, and CBM is ready and willing to meet those requirements to move the company into the liquids market. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, CBM conducted its first security exercise and Darryl noted that we had an excellent response. Score-Global is currently involved in several audits for insurance companies to assess other companies' potential liability. Score-Global is also conducting dockman training classes for CGB at their Aurora Terminal facility, and there will be about 30 CGB employees to attend these classes from all over southern Indiana and southern Ohio.

### Dispatch Department

*TowWorks*

### Vicky Schottelkotte

Dispatch Manager

The Wayne C and the James H crews have been inputting their pickups and deliveries into TowWorks for 2 months. The week of July 1, I will start training the crews at Silver Grove, Tanners Creek, and Patriot. Keep an open mind and ask the crews on the James and Wayne C about the system. This training will ultimately improve communication and provide real-time updates for all our operations. The goal is to have every boat on TowWorks by the end of July. Thanks for all your help in advance.

## Safety Department

*Sizzling Summer Safety*

### Darryl Holmes

Safety and Compliance Manager

The temperatures are starting to climb, so wanted to send a few tips/reminders on working in hot weather.

1. **HYDRATE:** Water. Water. Water. Boring, I know, but it is the best thing for you during hot weather. If you find it too boring, add a slice of lemon, mix in some Squincher or, if water is just not your thing, drink Gatorade, which helps to replace lost electrolytes.
2. **NO BULL:** Leave the Red Bull-type energy drinks alone, along with carbonated sodas and caffeine.
3. **EAT RIGHT:** Big Breakfast, light lunch (fruits and veggies) causes less stress in high heat.
4. **LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER:** Is someone acting more squirrely than normal? Disoriented? Unusually tired? Slurring their words? These could be signs of heat stress.
5. **BASIC FIRST AID:** Have person lie down in shade or cooler area with feet raised above the heart. Remove their boots. If condition does not improve, call plant ERT or 911.

## Service Department

*Engine Overhauls*

### Roger Williamson

Port Engineer

When do we overhaul? The engines in our vessels and equipment are wearing out every day they are used. So how do we determine when to overhaul these engines. Several factors are involved in this decision:

1. **Normal fuel usage of engine:** the more fuel consumed by the engine per hour will shorten the life of the overhaul. Daily fuel consumption reports are recorded and reviewed periodically.
2. **Oil consumption:** as engine cylinders, piston rings, valves and valve guides wears, oil consumption will increase. Also seals, gaskets and o-rings will fatigue with time and leaks will occur. Daily oil consumption reports are recorded and reviewed periodically.
3. **Oil analysis:** oil analysis will tell us condition of wear items inside the engine, such as, cylinders, bearings, pistons, etc. Also will tell us status of lube oil. Oil analysis reports are recorded and review.

4. **Crankcase pressure:** sometimes referred to as "blow-by". As internal engine parts wear crankcase pressure will increase. Should pressure become excessive an overhaul may be necessary.
5. **Service and environment:** fleet vessels will have a longer overhaul life verses a line haul vessel. This is due to amount of fuel used on a daily basis. Environments affect overhauls due to quality of air ingested into engines.
6. **Past history:** an engine previously overheated or had fuel dilution of lube oil, could shorten overhaul life. Also previous part failures could have an effect on life of overhaul.
7. **Business:** sometimes an overhaul may be pushed back or done premature due to our business needs of a vessel or piece of equipment.

Recording fuel/oil consumption, pulling oil analysis samples and servicing the engines is very important. Crews involved with these engines contribute to the decision making progress of overhaul life. Thanks to all for what you do.

## Warehouse

*Move to Hebron*

### Jason Dew

Warehouse Coordinator

We are excited to announce the movement of the C&B Marine warehouse to our Hebron Facility. This will centrally locate our inventory to several boats that pass through regularly and allow us to distribute supplies by means of the river more easily. Along with this, our parts will be closer to the mechanics to help speed up repairs. The new space will be more organized for Supplies and tools to be readily available.

## Quote of the Month

"The progress of rivers to the ocean is not so rapid as that of man to error."

Voltaire, 18<sup>th</sup> Century AD

C & B Kings Island Picnic



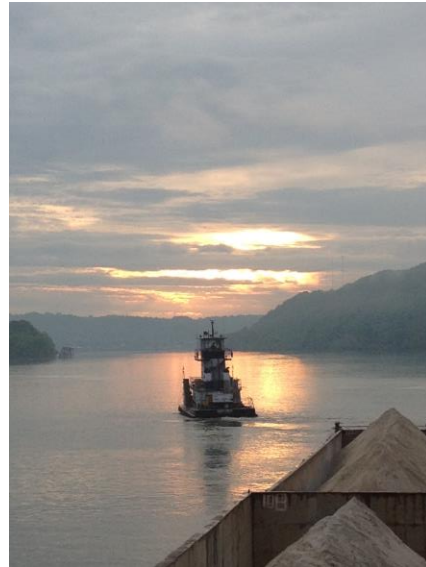
Brandon Weisner, Steersman



Stuart Plant



JL Braden/Ghent



Cincinnati



The Cpt. Allen Miller Award



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### BIRTHDAYS

1-Jul	Miller, Allen E
7-Jul	Russell, Daryl W.
8-Jul	Franz, Leonard
11-Jul	Stimetz, Glenn R.
21-Jul	Buck, Cecil W
22-Jul	Miller, Ray E
23-Jul	Combs, Troy C
24-Jul	Bickers, Tory M
26-Jul	Francis, Nathaniel
26-Jul	Stith, Jeffrey W
29-Jul	Hooks, Carlos L
29-Jul	Purdee, William R

### ANNIVERSARIES

5-Jul	2011	Meeker, Michael B
10-Jul	2012	Rhoden, Thomas W
10-Jul	2012	Staats, Charles E
11-Jul	2007	Berning, Patrick J.
16-Jul	2009	Raines, Anthony
18-Jul	2005	Phipps, Mark
30-Jul	2009	Buck, Cecil

### Questions and Answers

We are asking that if you have any questions or would like clarification on something that you send us your questions and we will address them in this section. We look forward to hearing from everyone.

Q: How many boats do we operate and in what areas?

A: We currently operate 15 boats and our main area of focus is Ohio River miles 389-626. We sold the George Harrison earlier this year. We have 2 new boats under construction.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Picnic Prizes

Please contact Vicky to arrange for pickup of prizes won at Picnic.

Email sent June 17<sup>th</sup> to all boats to reference prize and winner list.

Q: How do I get in the Newsletter?

A: Individuals and operations will be recognized in each month's Newsletter for outstanding efforts in regards to safety, maintenance, operations, etc. The department managers will note the employee or operation they would like included in the Newsletter.

Q: Can I send pictures to be published in the Newsletter?

A: Yes! Send pictures to Greg Schabell or your manager.