Message from the Partners

Happy New Year!

We hope this edition of Signals finds you well! The decade ended on a busy and productive note at our headquarters in Annapolis, MD. We welcomed all shoreside employees for our annual week of year-end meetings at the beginning of December. We always appreciate this time to come together and share the successes and challenges that we faced over the year. The week ended with our festive holiday party and we enjoyed sharing the holiday cheer with our employees, supporters, and families.

As we welcome the new decade, we are hopeful that the next many years will be as productive as the last decade for our industry, for our company and for our staff and crew. Together we are focusing on our unwavering support of the industry and we are committed to providing innovative, turnkey solutions for all of our clients. Thank you to our crew and staff, near and far, for your commitment to our clients, our company, and our industry. We are excited to see all we will accomplish together in 2020!

Warm regards,
Russ Paret, Keith Zelinsky, Chris Hughes, and Carlos Damian
Welcome to the family, SLNC Magothy!

In December 2019, Schuyler Line completed the renaming process for the SLNC Magothy. Formerly sailing as the MV Norfolk, the crew and vessel have been an important asset to our fleet. The renaming process is a lengthy process involving the crew, the United States Coast Guard and our shoreside staff. A big thank-you to everyone for their dedication to the process and a special thank you to our Legal Department, Compliance and Technical Teams.

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Spotlight on Security

Security Reporting – Suspicious Contacts

Security is a team effort, and it is our responsibility to report suspicious contacts or activities that we may become aware of during the course of our duties. Both staff and crew should be vigilant when calling or visiting the many foreign ports in support of our vessel operations and through electronic communications.

Some indicators of suspicious contacts and/or activity include:

• Questions outside of the realm of normal conversation or business transaction.
• Questions about specific contracts or government customers.
• Requests for information not related to the task at hand regarding the vessel, its cargo, or its destination.
• Callers not being forthcoming about their contact information.
• Illegal or unauthorized access being sought to classified or other sensitive information.

Should you be faced with such a scenario, attempt to gather as much information as possible (name, company, e-mail, phone number, appearance, accent, etc.) without putting yourself at risk and report any collected information to your FSO immediately.

Foreign Travel Reporting

If you are a cleared employee, it is your responsibility to notify the FSO of your impending travel abroad at least two weeks in advance or as soon as you know, if within the two-week window. You must complete a Foreign Travel Briefing prior to your departure and a debriefing upon your return.

If you have any questions or need to report an incident, please feel free to contact your IT and/or Security Team either in person, by calling 410-216-6020, or via email at the following email addresses:

• For Argent security related matters, please email fso@argentcrew.com.
• For Chesapeake Crewing security related matters, please email fso@chesacrew.com.
• For SLNC security related matters, please email fso@schuylerline.com.
• For IT related matters, please email helpdesk@boldocean.com.
Spotlight on: Schuyler Line Internship Program

During the summer of 2019, Schuyler Line Navigation Company welcomed two cadets from SUNY Maritime aboard our vessels for our inaugural internship program. SLNC has always taken an interest in developing mariners from the partners' alma mater, and we were pleased to offer an exciting and professionally rewarding program to cadets.

On the following pages, we share excerpts from both interns about their time aboard the SLNC Corsica and SLNC Goodwill. Thank you to our cadets, Nathan Gilmore and John Walser for their firsthand accounts, their exemplary conduct and committed work ethic as interns.

Intern Report: Shipyard Experience Aboard the SLNC Corsica

By Deck Cadet Nathan Gilmore 2/C

This past summer of 2019, I had the honor of being chosen as the first deck cadet for the SLNC Internship/Scholarship program. For the month of May, I flew to Singapore where I assisted in the SLNC Corsica's routine dry dock and, thereafter, I boarded the SLNC Goodwill in South Korea and finished my summer aboard this tanker traveling throughout the Far East. I am grateful for the opportunities provided to me through these two unique internship experiences as I gained valuable hands-on training and benefited from extraordinary experiences from each that I will always remember.

Day to day life as a cadet is very different than that at school. You get to see one-on-one how the vessel operates and take part in hands-on jobs to benefit the ship itself. On the Corsica, I worked under my Chief Mate. Every morning around 0700, we would meet right outside the cargo office and discuss what we would do for the day. Throughout the day, I shadowed him as he was often already engrossed in many of the projects in the shipyard. It was very interesting to be able to see every step involved. For example, at 1000 every morning, I was able to sit in on meetings with the shipyard supervisors, the SLNC Corsica officers, and Schuyler Line Drydock Superintendent Mr. Couloucoundis and Port Engineer Mr. Jones. At these meetings, I learned what was going to be done that day and heard the process of how it would happen. During drydock, one interesting project I completed was checking the ballast tank plug on the keel and made sure each was properly sealed back into place. This was interesting not only because of how they suction tested the plugs, but we were crawling underneath the SLNC Corsica's keel for some time, which was something you don't get to do very often! I am very lucky to have been able to be a part of the drydock process and learn the entire shipyard process from docking to paperwork to typical projects.

Both ships had an amazing crew. I always enjoyed going to work/watch every day and I really hope one day to be back on these vessels again. I can't thank Schuyler Line Navigation Company enough for choosing me, as it was an amazing experience.
Intern Report: Life at Sea Aboard the SLNC Goodwill

by Engine Cadet John Walser 2/C

While on the Goodwill at sea, my daily routine was more predictable than during our time in drydock. I would get down to the engine control room at 0555 to have coffee ready by 0600 for the crew. I would often then do the duty rounds for the engineers or another small assigned task before breakfast. After breakfast we would have an engine department meeting with the 1 A/E to go over the plan of the day and what had to get done. After the meeting I would go about my day doing whatever task was assigned, often helping either the 2nd or 3rd engineer with what they were doing. On some occasions I was given tasks to complete on my own, often projects for the chief engineers.

On the SLNC Goodwill I was able to learn about the role of a marine engineer at sea. This was the most applicable part of the summer as I learned what goes into the operation of a slow speed diesel plant. I was able to participate in maneuvering and maintenance evolutions that gave me a greater appreciation for things learned in the classroom. This experience will allow me to join a ship as a 3 A/E with the confidence that I will be able to do the job and perform upon getting to the ship, rather than spending a month in limbo, getting up to speed.
U.S.-Flag Shipping: A Family Tradition

by Capt. John Markuske, Master—SLNC Pax

During the fall of 2019, the United States Maritime Administration asked U.S.-flag shipping companies and their crew to submit stories and photos about the importance of U.S. flag shipping. In the coming months, we’ll be sharing the great stories and photos that our crew submitted, starting with the shipping tradition of the Markuske family.

My family has a longstanding history with the United States Merchant Marine. Dating back to 1858, the Markuske family has continuously had family members aboard U.S.-flag vessels in varying roles. My father, brothers, nephews, uncles, grandfather and great grandfather spent their careers aboard vessels and tugs, supporting the industry. We’ve served as Captains, Pilots, Chief Engineers and many of us achieved our rank by working our way up from the bottom. The common thread through all of our careers is the United States Merchant Marine (USMM). The USMM has provided well for my family, both for the sailors shipping out and the families left shoreside. Today my own children are continuing our family’s legacy with one of my sons sailing as a Captain, one son a Naval Architect and my daughter at Maine Maritime working towards her Master’s degree and Sailing Masters license.

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Today, my son and I proudly sail for Schuyler Line Navigation Company as Captains for their tanker fleet. My vessel, the SLNC Pax, serves Military Sealift Command, delivering fuel to austere ports in the Far East. Many people don’t realize the importance of the United States Merchant Marine in securing our military bases around the world. The U.S.-flag industry also plays a critical role closer to home- delivering goods and supplies coast to coast and employing thousands of Americans in jobs aboard our vessels and in our ports. Simply put, U.S. flag shipping is a critical part of all of our communities and the backbone of my family.

Photo Credit: John Markuske, Master of SLNC PAX
Government Affairs Update

The past several months have been busy for our government affairs team. The Bold Ocean Political Action Committee (BOPAC) has grown to 21 members over the past year, and we are seeing the results from our time spent on Capitol Hill supporting the U.S. flag shipping industry. The BOPAC is working hard on Capitol Hill to strengthen our industry, to make new cargo and business opportunities available to us, and develop increased visibility and good will among elected officials, agency leaders, and our industry.

There is truth to the old saying that ‘there is strength in numbers.’ We speak with a louder voice that reaches farther, is more persuasive, and results in more influence if we have 100% employee participation- please consider joining the BOPAC this year.

Important Upcoming Event

Sail-In on Capitol Hill: The maritime industry's annual Sail-In Day on Capitol Hill has been scheduled for 25 March. Similar to last year, there will be employees from all the maritime labor organizations, U.S. Flag carriers, shipbuilding groups, and other maritime stakeholders coming to Washington to meet with Members of Congress and their staff to educate them on the importance of a strong U.S. Flag industry and how their support of new programs will make the industry stronger and support the nation’s national security.

We need volunteers to join our industry colleagues to attend the meetings in the House and Senate. It is a great experience and a fun day!

If you are interested in joining us at the Sail-In on March 25 or in learning more about our government relations, please email Jeff Williams at Jeffrey.williams@boldocean.com

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2019 Highlights

Tug of War

In November 2019, Schuyler Line Navigation Company participated in the 22nd annual Eastport-Annapolis Tug of War. This annual tradition raises funds for numerous local charities and the SLNC team continued their winning streak. The company hosted a barbecue and party for friends, families, and supporters.

End of Year Meetings

In December, we hosted shoreside staff in Annapolis for our week of year-end meetings. Highlights of the week included a bowling party hosted by our friends at Delta Navigation, various trainings and company updates. We ended the week with our fun annual holiday party! Thanks to everyone for coming and making this such a productive week in Annapolis.

Senior Officer Conferences

In January, we hosted several Senior Officers from our fleet at headquarters in Annapolis. We were happy to have this time to foster a closer relationship between our crew and our shoreside staff. In addition to attending trainings and department meetings, the Senior Officers provided valuable insight into their time at sea. Thank you officers for your dedication to the company and for spending some of your shoreside time in Annapolis! We look forward to hosting the next two sessions in May and October.

SLNC Choptank

We’ve invested in improving our assets and capacity with the addition of the SLNC Choptank to our U.S. flag fleet. Keith Zelinsky, Vice President of Commercial Operations says, “We’re excited to welcome the SLNC Choptank to our fleet. With her crane and power pack, we’re able to grow with the future of the Caribbean market and expand our current Guantanamo Bay services to better serve our customers and their needs.”
2020 Events
Below is a list of events Schuyler Line will be hosting or attending throughout the year.

March 25, 2020
Maritime Industry Sail-In on Capitol Hill
Washington, DC

March 31-April 2, 2020
CMA Shipping Conference
Stamford, CT

April 6-8, 2020
Navy League’s Sea Air Space Exposition National Harbor
Washington, DC

May 5-7, 2020
Senior Officer Conference
Annapolis, MD

May 20, 2020
Blue Angels Air Show and BBQ
Annapolis, MD

Oct. 20-22, 2020
Senior Officer Conference
Annapolis, MD

Nov. 30-Dec. 4, 2020
End of Year Meetings
Annapolis, MD

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Scenes at Sea
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SLNC Choptank and Holiday Festivities in Guantanamo Bay
Scenes at Sea and Beyond

SLNC Goodwill
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SLNC Magothy

Make sure you check out our summer Signals for a feature on the SLNC Magothy voyage to Antarctica!
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