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PORT RECEIVES 2011 PACESETTER AWARD



The Port of Green Bay posted significant increases in international cargo during the 2011 navigation season, earning it the prestigious Robert J. Lewis Pacesetter Award from the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC), an agency of the U.S. Department of Transportation. SLSDC Administrator Terry Johnson presented the award on April 2, 2012 to Interim Port and Solid Waste Director Dean Haen at the Port of Green Bay Symposium.

“This is a strong economic performance by an important member of the Seaway System,” said Administrator Johnson. “The Port of Green Bay had the highest international tonnage increase of all U.S. Great Lakes ports in 2011. This award reflects the importance of the port as a vital component of the area’s regional economy.”

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~ Terry Johnson, SLSDC Administrator

During the 2011 navigation season, the Port of Green Bay moved 60,888 metric tons (mt) of international cargo through the Seaway, a 139 percent increase over the 2010 season, earning the Port its 9th Pacesetter award.

“The Port of Green Bay is very pleased to be a recipient of the prestigious Saint Lawrence Seaway Pacesetter Award for increasing our international tonnage,” said Dean Haen. “That increase is mainly attributable to the newest port terminal operated by U.S. Venture as well as to the Fox River Dock Company. The addition of the U.S. Venture terminal in the port increased our tonnage by more than 210,000 mt of petroleum products of which 46,000 mt was exported internationally, while Fox River Dock imported 14,500 mt of pig iron from Quebec.”

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An economic impact study of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway System released last October showed that for the State of Wisconsin, the System supports 8,777 jobs resulting in over \$622 million in personal income, generating annual business revenue of over \$1.405 billion and nearly \$180 million in federal, state and local taxes.

The Pacesetter Award is presented annually to U.S. Great Lakes Seaway ports that register year-on-year increases in international overseas cargo tonnage shipped through the Seaway. The other three ports receiving the award this year are the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority, the Port of Chicago and the Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor.

2012 PORT SYMPOSIUM

The Brown County Port & Solid Waste Department hosted the 2012 Port of Green Bay Symposium on Monday, April 2, 2012, at the Clarion Hotel in downtown Green Bay, the center of the Port district. The meeting provided information on timely issues concerning the Green Bay Harbor, and drew more than 80 people from the local and regional port community.

The Symposium is the annual industry gathering offering excellent educational and networking opportunity for attendees. Guest speakers included Congressman Reid Ribble; Terry Johnson, Administrator of the St. Lawrence Seaway Corp., County Executive Troy Streckenbach; Paul Hampton, Newark Knight Frank Global, Harbor Commission President Neil McKloskey and Fred Monique, Advance Economic Development.



The Port Symposium serves as a great opportunity for terminal operators, federal, state and local agencies, elected officials, harbor commissioners and others interested in the Port of Green Bay to meet and discuss current issues.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE CREATED

Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach announced the creation of a new Economic Development Taskforce designed to enhance economic development. The taskforce is designed around four development committees that will focus on core county infrastructures such as port, air, rail, and waste to meet the growing needs of jobs creators and businesses looking to expand in Brown County. These core areas are key to expanding and keeping business thriving in Northeast Wisconsin.

The committee structure will unite key business leaders with technical experts and local officials to develop plans to sustain and grow jobs in Brown County. They will look at developing a manufacturing business park in the Austin Straubel Foreign Trade zone and other key tools that will help recruit business to our area.

This marks the first time a Brown County Executive established a private-public taskforce to create a comprehensive infrastructure development plan utilizing federal/state development tools. The County Executive will also call on the legislature to act on retooling the PACE program to allow private businesses to more easily finance building redevelopment through sustainable energy savings.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HARBOR COMMISSION

May 14, 2012

Clarion Hotel @ 11:30am



HARBOR COMMISSION

June 11, 2012

Clarion Hotel @ 11:30am

CAT ISLAND PROJECT TO BEGIN

Physical construction of part of the Cat Island Chain Restoration Project will begin in June of this year. Brown County will be using the \$1.5 million grant received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative program. The county is currently preparing the bid specifications and expect to award a construction grant in May with work beginning thereafter. This project will construct approximately 3,000 ft of the wave barrier. Brown County has the necessary permit, easements and lakebed grant to begin constructing the project. As part of the Wisconsin water quality certification permit, the Cat Island Advisory Team was created. This team will oversee the Cat Island Project construction and eventual dredge material placement of 2.3 million cubic yards over the duration of the next few decades. This advisory team will be made up of representation from Brown County, DNR, USFWS, USACE, and selected stakeholder individuals.

The Port of Green Bay and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have been cooperatively working on the development of the Cat Island Chain Restoration Project since the 1990's. Brown County is preparing to enter into a Project Partnership Agreement with the Corps for full construction of the project over the next three fiscal years. The Corps has the required funding, an appropriate project schedule, reduced project cost and committed to continue to utilize the Bay Port facility. Brown County has secured \$9 million in local and state dollars for cost share requirements.

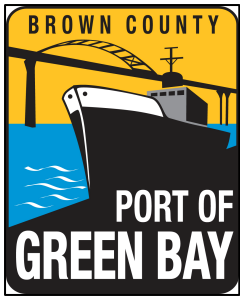
The project involves constructing a wave barrier to provide immediate protection to the islands, which have been eroding over the last three decades. The wave barrier will protect and help to restore about 1,225 acres of shallow water and wetland habitat. It will protect the area from negative effects that severe storms, shore-land development and changing lake levels can bring.

After a wave barrier is established, the Cat Island chain will be rebuilt using clean dredge material from the maintenance of the Green Bay Harbor navigation channel that allows deep drafting cargo ships to enter the port. Annually, clean dredge material will be placed over the wave barrier to create the upland island habitats. This project provides a safe and beneficial place to deposit clean dredge material. This is a great example of how dredging material can be re-purposed for the benefit of the environment and keep our port economically viable at the same time.

In addition, a complete restoration of the 272 acres of islands will provide nesting for waterfowl, shorebirds and water birds and will reestablish wetlands which are home to marsh nesting birds, amphibians, turtles, and other mammals.



The upper left of the photograph shows the Duck Creek Delta and Cat Island Chain reaching almost the navigational channel. This project will restore these features.



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2012 SHIPPING SEASON BEGINS

(Green Bay) -- The first ship of the 2012-shipping season arrived in the [Port of Green Bay](#) Saturday, March 17, 2012. The *Innovation* arrived at 1:00 a.m. at the LaFarge terminal carrying cement from Alpena, MI. The ship is owned by LaFarge North America.

The First Ship Contest, sponsored by the Port of Green Bay and hosted by the Greater Green Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau, was won by **Jill Schoenwalder** of Sobiski, WI. Schoenwalder guessed March 17, 2012 at 1:00 a.m. Schoenwalder will receive a prize package that includes two (2) round trip tickets on board the Lake Express Ferry which runs between Milwaukee, WI and Muskegon, MI. In addition, Schoenwalder will also receive a Lake Michigan Travel Guide.

The Port of Green Bay expects the arrival of more than 200 vessels during the 2012 shipping season. The *Green Bay Press-Gazette* "port of call" feature will highlight each ship's arrival and include information on the ship's size, cargo, arrival date and flag.

The public is encouraged to view the ships from the Fox River Trail, the Green Bay Metropolitan Boat Launch or from the port's web cam on its website (www.portofgreenbay.com). Port security requirements do not allow public access on any port property. For more information on the Port of Green Bay and expected ship arrivals, visit the port's website.

Overall dimensions	
Length	460'
Beam	70'
Depth	37'
Capacity	14,000 (tons)

