



ARIES MARINE CORPORATION—  
ESTABLISHED IN 1981

# THE GOAT

THE GOAT—  
VOLUME 4.2

WINTER 2012

MERRY CHRISTMAS

## D.S. “Bo” Ramsay named Civic Cup Winner for 2012

Each year an individual is awarded the Civic Cup for demonstrating humanitarian or civic deeds that surpass the work they do for a living. This year, our own Bo Ramsay was the recipient of the Civic Cup Winner for 2012.

In addition to his involvement with Aries Marine, he is also involved with the Episcopal School of Acadiana, the Boys and Girls Club, Boys Scouts and the Acadiana Symphony. Bo served in the Army's 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific Theater during the occupation of Japan. He began his career path in the oil field in 1962 and then eventually started Aries Marine in 1981 in Lafayette. His love of Lafayette came from the people, culture and food, but also because it was a place where he could be productive.

Bo didn't expect to be given such an honor, which goes to show how humble he truly is. "I thought it was an extreme honor to be included with the past recipients," Ramsay said. "I'm sure there are a lot of other people more qualified to receive the same award." His wife can testify to that: "Everything he does, he does from the heart," said his wife, Jerry Ramsay. "He is the most generous and kind and humble man. When he came home and told me about being nominated he kept saying, 'There are other people who deserve this more than me.'"



### Inside this issue:

HUET Training: What to expect	2
Great News regarding benefits	2
Positive operations from the M/V RAM XVI	2
David Loew	4
Wayne Murphy	4
Susan Petry	5

### IN EVERY ISSUE:

- Letter from the President
- Highlight Liftboat Employee
- Highlight Supply Boat Employee
- Highlight in-house Employee
- View from the Bilge
- Upgrades
- New arrivals
- Anniversaries



## HUET TRAINING: WHAT TO EXPECT

If you fly in a helicopter, you need HUET training. HUET, which stands for Helicopter Underwater Escape Training, is good for four years.

All employees should call the Operations Office to register. You should wear work attire and old shoes and bring with you a change of clothes and a towel.



Bruce Fox in dunker



## GREAT NEWS REGARDING BENEFITS

### Dental:

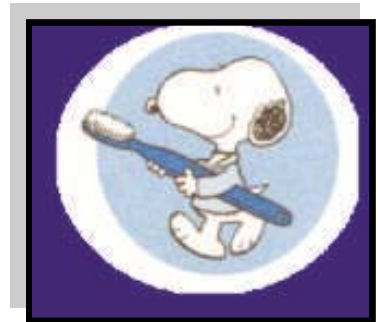
Aries Marine Corporation's Management is pleased to provide its employees with Met Life Dental Insurance, effective 1/1/2013. Your employee benefits will be double the coverage for the same price. In other words, currently you have a \$1,000 annual maximum for your dental benefits. Effective 1/1/2013 you will now have a

*Look for your new I.D. cards  
the week between Christmas  
and New Year's.*

\$2,000 annual maximum for your dental benefits! Please be looking for your new I.D. cards the week between Christmas and New Year's.

### Diabetics Program:

Aries Marine will also provide a new program just for diabetics



beginning January 1, 2013. More information will be forthcoming between Christmas and New Year's.

## COMPLIMENTARY OPERATIONS FROM THE M/V RAM XVI

Recently the M/V RAM XVI was working for ERT. Butch Bazer received an email from an ERT company man commending their work on the job.

The email also stated that the crew, consisting of Eves Plaisance, Kelly Ware, Jason Arabie, Phil Mickens, Troy Doucet, Rickey Trahan,

Thurmon Charles, Ronald Davis, Sheldon Melder and Otis Jones were a big part of their daily success and were a pleasure to work with during the job.

Aries Marine would like to commend the crew for their outstanding work on the job.



## CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NEW ARRIVALS!

- Berwick Casimere, Jr. had a daughter on 7/2/2012 and named her Braylae.
- Miguel Lopez-Oliva had a daughter on 11/7/2012 and named her Eden Anaya.
- Alfred Jones, Jr. had a daughter on 12/11/12 and named her Zoe Renee.

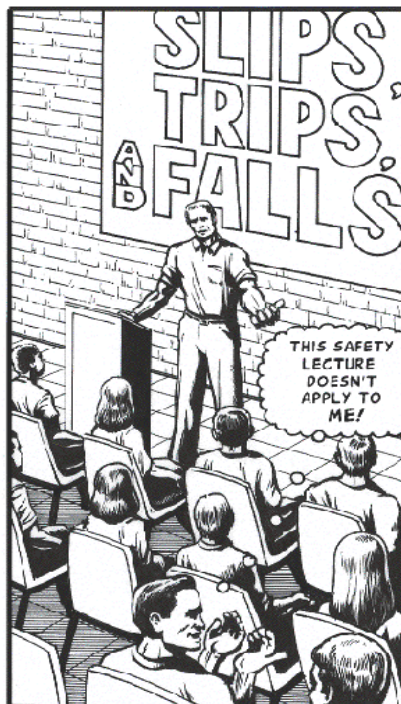


## PAYROLL INFORMATION

Payroll period ends every other Wednesday. Your pay is for the prior two weeks worked. **DO NOT EXPECT YOUR CHECK OR DIRECT DEPOSIT TO BE THERE UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MONDAY, AFTER PAYROLL ENDS.** Please note Aries Marine **CANNOT** stop payments and reissue payroll checks until seven days after issued.

In addition, your deductions on your pay stub, including group health, dental and 401-K are from the prior two week period of actual work. Aries does not deduct in advance for premiums for group health, dental, nor 401-K. If you have any questions, contact your supervisor: Lift 337-232-0335 or Supply 337-856-9015.

Payroll Calendar Example											
				1	2	3					
				Payroll Period Begins							
	5	6	7	8	9	10					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17					
			Payroll Period Ends	Payroll Is Processed	Payroll Checks/Direct Deposits are released						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24					
	You Receive Your Pay										
25	26	27	28	29	30						



Copyright SafetyInfo, Inc.



## SUPPLY BOAT EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTED: *David Loew*

David Loew is currently a Captain aboard the *M/V Dwight Ramsay*. He has been employed with Aries Marine for over 17 years. He is married to Sharmitri and has three sons; Justin, Jesse and Shannon. He also has four grandchildren; Baylon, Bayleigh, Kaylee and Shaylee.

David was born in Georgia and lived in Mississippi for 25 years, Louisiana for 15 years and has lived in Grapeland, Texas for the past 12 years. His hobbies

include reading/studying, home improvement, fishing and camping.

*David was asked the following questions:*

***If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be?*** My wife.

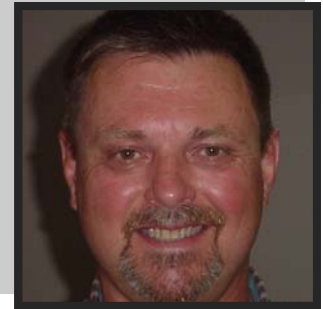
***If you were stranded on a desert island, what two things would you have to have (other than food and water)?*** Fishing gear and an EPIRB (to activate when I get tired of fishing).

***What person has had the most influence on your life?***

Jesus Christ

***If you were not in this industry, what job would you like to have?***

Operating a Christian Teen Center.



## LIFTBOAT EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTED: *Wayne Murphy*

Wayne is employed as a Captain aboard the *M/V Ram X*. He has been working for Aries Marine for over the past 12 years. Wayne has been married to Leah for six years.

Wayne was born and raised in Ft. Myers, Florida and currently resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

In his spare time, Wayne enjoys golfing, playing music, snow skiing, sailing and traveling.

*Wayne was asked the following questions:*

***If you could have dinner with***

***anyone in the world, who would it be?*** Fidel Castro. He must have some incredible stories, and at his age now, he would probably tell them.

***If you were stranded on a desert island, what two things would you have to have (other than food and water)?*** A good knife, and a serious supply of coffee beans. (Of course a Sat-Phone would be a close third.)

***What person has had the most influence on your life?*** My Father. An archetypical Commercial Fisherman, Mariner extraordinaire, and still the smartest man I know.

***If you were not in this industry, what job would you like to have?*** Have you ever seen those guys that spray paint topless women at festivals? Just kidding; I'm fascinated by the law, and I think that being a GOOD attorney would be challenging work.



## SPOTLIGHT ON IN HOUSE EMPLOYEE: *Susan Petry*

Susan Petry was born and raised in Abbeville and still resides there. She was married for 37 years to Henry and is now widowed. She has two daughters, Amy and Ashley and one son, Adam. She has five grandchildren; Hailey, Collin, Camryn, Jacie and Whitney. Susan has been with Aries Marine since November 30, 2005.

Susan's hobbies include cross stitching, reading and she wants to learn archery in her next life! She also enjoys keeping her five grandchildren, and of course attending their games and activities.

Susan says she was lucky to land this job seven years ago and hopes to live on a beach somewhere one day. She

says, "it's five o'clock somewhere, even at 10:00 in the morning!"

Susan was asked the following questions:

***If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be?*** Hardest question! No one person in the world, but I do enjoy boiled seafood, BBQ and fried fish as often as I can!

***If you were stranded on a desert island, what two things would you have to have (other than food and water)?*** Fire and a tarp.

***What person has had the most influence on your life?*** My Mom.

***If you were not in this industry, what job would you like to have?***

To be a school secretary.



## A VIEW FROM THE BILGE: *by Greg Stiles*

### The Holidays

Well, another election has come and gone and plain and simple, we lost. I hope the U.S. can weather another four years of this economic and moral stupidity. That's all the complaining I'll do.

This year for Thanksgiving, I believe we were all thankful for an uneventful storm season so far this year, and as far as I can tell, business in the oil field is picking up little by little

*Slow growth is better than no growth.*

(slow growth is better than no growth).

Christmas is right around the corner and a lot of us are crew changing Christmas day or the day after so make the best of your time with your families, and while you are opening your presents, going to parties, or thinking how much your wife saved on black Friday sales, take some time to remember that Christmas is a celebration of God's supreme gift to us; his son Jesus.

Be safe this holiday season and have a Merry Christmas.

Good Sailing to All,

Greg Stiles



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT: *Court Ramsay*

Dear Aries Personnel,

As I sit down this December day to pen this letter to you all, a number of things come to mind. While at first thought, they may seem unrelated, but in actuality they point to one thing, a damn fine company with an excellent reputation. A formalized safety program, clean well maintained equipment, environmental stewardship, excellent service for each one of our very important customers, and quick resolutions to operational challenges are the hallmarks of Aries Marine Corporation.

Safety meetings are necessary and as much a part of culture as our vessel colors and uniforms. I thoroughly enjoyed sharing some time with each of you during this past year's safety meetings. To sit in our classroom (which really is pretty well appointed) and to hear personal stories about your families, as well as to have frank conversations about our different initiatives is a real rewarding experience for me. It's easy for me to get lost in my day of considering day rates, utilization, costs, legal and the other corporate "what not" and to forget where the rubber meets the road in our case, where the waterline is on the hull!

As for as utilization and market share, I feel we did well this year. We have had to divest of some equipment this year, but honestly we were well over due for that. There is only so much a company can do to keep a vessel in service. After a while, it just doesn't make sense to keep repairing obsolete boats. Even though we have a slightly smaller fleet, we have made ourselves more profitable and we have positioned ourselves within the market as a relevant player. In other words, we continue to offer to our customers equipment and technology they demand. Standards do rise and we have to be able to meet and exceed that.

Lastly, I'd like to share a comment expressed by our customers. As you know, there are many choices of offshore boat companies out there to do business with. So, I like to know why Aries is picked instead of a competitor; it helps me focus on what our customers appreciate, and what brings return business. I think you should know, too. Our customers repeatedly comment that we are lightning fast when it comes to solving problems for them. When they call Aries, they immediately get someone on the



phone that can react to their needs. That, in turn, translates to responsive crews that can initiate a cure, without drama, and without delay. I feel this sets us above all others and it is this core commitment to service that wins business over and over.

Thanks for doing your part. It is noticed and appreciated.

Merry Christmas.

Safe sailing,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Court Ramsay". The signature is fluid and cursive.



## Electrical Safety— Safety Quiz

1. Employees who work on or repair electrical equipment
  - A. Are volunteers
  - B. Are trained and authorized
  - C. Cannot work on other equipment
  - D. None of the above
2. Electrical Shock can cause
  - A. Hearing Loss
  - B. Death
  - C. Blindness
  - D. Chemical sensitivity
3. If you see bare or exposed wires you should
  - A. Wrap them in tape
  - B. Warn others and report it to a Supervisor
  - C. Cut the wires to prevent a fire
  - D. Both A and C
4. Before using electrical tools
  - A. Check the rating on the label
  - B. Check for broken parts
  - C. Check that the handle is black
  - D. All of the above
5. Voltage at or above which value below is considered hazardous
  - A. 10 Volts
  - B. 30 Volts
  - C. 110 Volts
  - D. 240 Volts
6. Rubber soled shoes protect you from electrical shock
 

True

False

ariesmarine.com

(1.) B; 2.) B; 3.) B; 4.) B; 5.) B; 6.) F

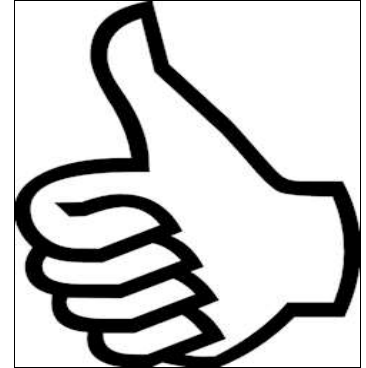
## EMPLOYEES WHO UPGRADED THEIR LICENSES:

- **John Guidry, Jr.** went from 3000 ITC to a 6000 ITC.
- **James Michael Gallagher** achieved DPO.
- **Kevin Coffman** went from an OS to an AB-Special.
- **Sheldon Melder** from OS to AB
- **Steve Jones** achieved DPO.
- **Paul Powell** went from an AB to an AB-Special.
- **Edward Bowling** achieved DPO.
- **Richard Long** from AB to Mate
- **Dwayne Lavergne** achieved DPO.
- **Jeremy Choplin** went from an OS to an AB-Limited.
- **William Hirsh** went from an AB to a Mate.
- **Elwin Hurst** from AB to Cook
- **Travis Cheer** went from 3000 ITC to 6000 ITC.
- **Scott Trunzo** went from an AB to a 200 Master/AB-Unlimited.
- **Kenneth Kauk** went from a 4000 Engineer to an Unlimited Engineer.
- **Charles Hudson** achieved DPO.



## Employee who upgraded their licenses (continued):

- **Don Laborde** achieved DPO.
  - **Elizabeth Dawson** went from an AB-Limited to an AB-Unlimited.
  - **Quentin Hebert** went from a 200 Mate to a 200 Master.
  - **Kevin Cormier** went from a cook to an OS/Cook.
  - **Philip Ryan, IV** went from a 100 ton Master to a 1600 Master..
  - **Timothy Lee** went from an AB to an AB unlimited.
  - **Nickey Arcemont, Jr.** went from an AB to a Chief Engineer.
- \*Is your name missing from this recognition? call Claire and let her know!\**



## ANNIVERSARIES: 25 Years



Jeannine Holden



Keith Piper, Sr.



## ANNIVERSARIES: 20 years



Joseph Guilbeau – 20 years





## ANNIVERSARIES: 15 Years



Ronnie Mitchell—15 years



William Darnell-15 years



John Bolling-15 years



Nickey Arcemont, Sr.-15 years

## ANNIVERSARIES: 10 years



Paul Guillory-10 years



Quentin Hebert-10 years



Chad Broussard-10 years



Nickey Arcemont, Jr.-10 years

## ANNIVERSARIES: 5 Years



Paul Butler, Jr.-5 years



Jason Rogers, Sr. -5 years

## ANNIVERSARIES: 5 Years Continued



Roger Beasley-5 years



Richard Norris, Jr. – 5 years



Bruce Burtress-5 years



David Hunt, Jr. – 5 years



William Hull, Jr.-5 years



Kenneth Kauk-5years



## ANNIVERSARIES: 5 Years



David Lytle-5 years



Scott Trunzo-5 years

## Pictures



The M/V Betty Pfankuch and the setting sun.



## Pictures



Wikoff being brave while Peter removes a splinter.



The M/V Kylie Williams at Stena Forth.



Either chalk it up to Friday the 13th bad luck ,or just what can happen during a typical summer thunderstorm, as this tornado was spotted at Port Fourchon Friday causing moderate damage. A guard shack also overturned during the storm causing injuries to the guard who was occupying it at the time.

**ARIES MARINE CORPORATION**

**ARIES MARINE CORPORATION  
P.O. DRAWER 51789  
LAFAYETTE, LA 70505  
70505**

**LIFTBOAT  
Phone: 337-232-0335  
SUPPLY  
Phone: 337-856-9015  
Fax: 337-856-7380**

**E-mail  
email@ariesmarine.com**

**ESTABLISHED  
IN 1981!**

**ariesmarine.com**

**Aries Marine Corporation ~ Lafayette, Louisiana**

Aries Marine Corporation, a privately held Louisiana Corporation, was formed in early 1981 by Dwight S. Ramsay and Betty Pfankuch to own and operate in the Gulf of Mexico self-elevating workboats and supply vessels.

The self-elevating work boats, also called Liftboats or jack-ups, provide mobile yet stable work platforms, crane capabilities and living accommodations for work crews performing services to offshore oil and gas production platforms. The Liftboats range in leg length from 130' to 200', and are capable of operating in maximum water depths of 160'.

Primarily associated with drilling operations, the supply boats provide Aries with a diverse business mix within the marine industry. Our OSV's, as they are commonly called, are the delivery trucks of the offshore sector. Our OSV vessels range in length from 220' to 292', all of which are dynamic positioning.

Currently, there are 24 vessels in the fleet.

Because of our diverse fleet, Aries has worked for all of the major producers as well as most of the independents. We have established a top reputation due to all Aries operations being conducted by experienced, safety minded personnel. Aries Marine takes pride in the cleanliness of its vessels, the efficiency of its operations and our excellent safety record.

Aries Marine is headquartered in Lafayette, Louisiana and maintains a sales and warehouse facility in nearby Youngsville, Louisiana. Aries Marine employs over 300 people.

**REMINDERS!**

- Do you have any information, a photo or an upgrade to share? Call Claire @337-232-0335 or 337-856-9015 or you can email her- [claire@ariesmarine.com](mailto:claire@ariesmarine.com)
- When you renew your MMC/License, please send a copy to the Operations office or stop by and we will gladly make a copy for you!

Editor: Claire Littlefield Bingham

Photography Design: Lynn Guidry