



ARIES MARINE CORPORATION—  
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# THE GOAT

THE GOAT—  
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*MERRY  
CHRISTMAS*

## THE M/V DSR IS BACK FROM MEXICO!

For the last four years, the M/V Dwight S. Ramsay was under contract for Pemex in Mexico. During those four years, the boat was manned by our Captains; Dave Loew and Bill Darnell, and our Engineers; Nickey Arcemont, Sr. and Tim Casey. The rest of the crew were individuals from Mexico.

Pemex, which is a state owned national oil company of Mexico, was very satisfied with the vessel and the job went well.

The job was completed this year and the vessel returned stateside for it's scheduled five year dry dock. Following the dry dock, the vessel worked for Stat Oil for 90 days and is currently in the spot market.



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## CHRISTENING OF THE *M/V RAM XVIII*

On April 30, 2015, the *M/V RAM XVIII* was christened at the Port of New Iberia. Abigail Ramsay, the daughter of Court and Kylie Ramsay, had the honor of christening the vessel and is now an honorary crew member.

Abigail's entire 5th grade class attended and was treated to a tour and lunch.

Crew members, along with their families and other visitors, attended the christening as well.



(L) Abigail Ramsay christening the *M/V Ram XVIII*, (R) Episcopal School of Acadiana's 5th grade listening to Court Ramsay .

## CHRISTENING OF THE *M/V RAM COUNTRY*

On April 21, 2015, the *M/V RAM COUNTRY* was christened in Lake Charles, LA. Bernice Pfankuch Dillon was the sponsor and christened the vessel.

Bernice is the sister of the late Betty Pfankuch Ramsay. Bernice is pictured on the right with a plaque com-

memorating the christening of the vessel.

The *M/V RAM COUNTRY* has found a home and has been under contract with EXXON MOBIL since June of 2015.



## DESIGNING ELECTRONIC DAILY LOGS: Mike Upshaw

On the Supply boat division, there are daily logs that track fuel consumption, fuel transfers, taking on fuel and lube and also show any additional individuals other than Aries's personnel. These daily logs are used to invoice customers.

*Before we were waiting on logs or they would get lost and have to track them down through Fed-Ex.*

Captain Mike Upshaw, aboard the *M/*

*V Ram Nation*, took the initiative and designed a mirror image of the original paper copy in electronic form.

Previously, at the end of each month, a boat would send in their daily logs and then they would be calculated/checked and sent to our customers for billing. Now, the daily logs are sent

via-email every day. With this new method, mistakes are caught more easily, daily logs are not lost through Fed-Ex nor or we waiting on them to come in and we are able to bill the customer come the first of the month.

Mike designed this and then sent his electronic daily log to the *M/V's Ram Nation, Ram Country, Abigail Claire, Kylie Williams, Betty P. and the DSR.* Aries would like to give Mike Upshaw the recognition he deserves.

## CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NEW ARRIVALS!

- **Jeff Ross** had a son, Logan Ross, on 3/17/2015.
- **Sean Sandell** had a daughter, Elizabeth Grace, on 5/15/2015.
- **Joshua Earegood** had a son, Oscar Knight, on 8/7/2015.
- **Alfred Jones, Jr.** had a son, Joshua Evan, on 8/17/2015.
- **Gavin Foreman** had a son, Graham Luke, on 10/1/2015.
- **Carlos Bassa** had a daughter, Lillian Mercedes, on 11/19/2015.



## 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. Also, paystubs are online.

In addition, 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: Liftboat 337-232-0335 or Supply Boat 337-856-9015.

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	You Receive Your Pay					
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## SUPPLY BOAT EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTED: Phil Munsch

Phil Munsch is currently a Captain aboard the *M/V Betty Pfankuch*. He has been employed with Aries Marine for over five years.

He is married to Tabitha and has four children; Joshua, Brian, Dakota and Julie and one grandchild; Audrii.

Phil was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA and moved to Livingston, TX about four and half years ago. In his spare time, he enjoys teaching his children and grandkids life skills, fishing, boating, hunting, camping and auto restoration.

Phil started out baiting hooks and cleaning heads, aka a squid, on sport fishing boats in high school and was making \$25 a day. He worked his way up to Captain.,

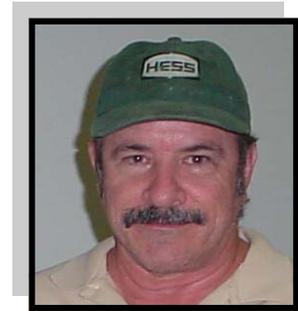
*Phil was asked the following questions:*

***If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be?*** My Mother, I never really got a chance to say goodbye .

***If you were stranded on a desert island, what two things would you have to have (other than food and water)?*** . My wife and my camper (it has everything in it I could possibly need).

***What person has had the most influence in your life?*** My Father. All my good work habits and most of my skills I learned from him.

***If you were not in this industry, what job would you like to have?*** Airline pilot, I love to travel.



## LIFTBOAT EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTED: Paul Powell

Paul is employed as an AB aboard the *M/V Ram VI*. He has worked for Aries Marine for over 11 years.

Paul is from Arnaudville, LA and resides there, too. He has three children; Brittany, Jeremy and Terenza.

Paul enjoys weight lifting and both watching and playing football and basketball , especially with his nephews. He stated one interesting fact about himself is that he laughs a lot.

*Paul was asked the following questions:*

***If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be?*** Colin Powell, the General.

***If you were stranded on a desert island, what two things would you have to have (other than food and water)?*** A cell-phone and a girlfriend .

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

***If you were not in this industry,***

***what job would you like to have?*** A truck driver.



## SPOTLIGHT ON IN HOUSE EMPLOYEE: Jude Bodin

Jude was born in the Abbeville area and resides in Delcambre. He is married to Geneva and has one daughter, Christie and a son, Jesse, who passed away and has four grandsons. He has been employed with Aries Marine for nearly 33 years. When Jude originally started, he was hired as a Captain aboard the *M/V Ram IV*. He is now the Port Captain for the Lift Boat Division.

Jude originally began in the industry as a deckhand on inland tugboats making \$32 a day. Jude's hobbies include fishing, hunting

and cooking.

Jude was asked the following questions:

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

Dinner with anyone is okay with me.

***If you were stranded on a desert island, what two things would you have (other than food and water)?*** A fishing pole and a boat.

***What person has had the most influence in your life?*** Everyone has had an influence on me at

certain times, as people come and go in my life.

***If you were not in this industry, what job would you like to have?*** I would be a carpenter or a chef.



## A VIEW FROM THE BILGE: by Mike Parker

### Be a Tree

Everybody in the fleet should be aware that Aries, along with the entire maritime industry, is going through a transitional period. The owners and management team has had to make some tough decisions concerning the operations within the fleet. While they are unpopular with many, they are necessary and everyone from top to bottom has been affected.

On the boats, many crew members have found themselves taken away from the comfort zone of the vessel they have had a long standing relationship with and moved into a place they find unfamiliar at best. Some of us have had to step up to areas of responsibility we haven't faced before and others of us have taken roles of a more sub-

*The training of those coming on can be a struggle.*

nature than we were previously accustomed. Adjustments are never easy. No matter your role, you are important to the vessel's operation and safety.

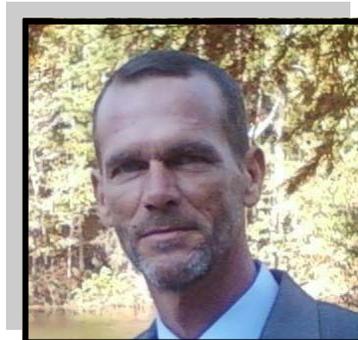
On the flip side, those of you who are taking on new crew members have challenges of your own to face. The training of those coming on can be a struggle. No longer knowing what you can expect from the new arrivals in their work ethics, attitude or acceptance into their new environment can produce a test of patience you haven't had to face in quite a while. It's similar to the marriage syndrome. Everything is great until you realize you now reside in the same house and have to make sacrifices and adjustments you really didn't see coming. Sometimes it works out,

Sometimes it doesn't.

In our case, it will work out. We will accept the challenges, the sacrifices we have to make and the transition process as a whole. It is up to each one of us to do this without reaching a breaking point and more importantly, to avoid being the reason someone else reaches their breaking point. We are all trees. We can bend without breaking. Believe it and make it happen.

Good Sailing to All,

Mike Parker



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT: *Court Ramsay*

Dear Aries Personnel,

Challenging times bring out the best in US! Over the last twelve months through Customer's Meetings, Vessel Visits, Home Meetings, Internal Audits, Employee Evaluations, Awareness Through Observations, STOP WORK AUTHORITIES, Close Calls and Root Cause Analyses, I've witnessed an increased dedication to "A JOB WELL DONE!" We are keeping vessels employed and out TRIR is 0.0. A boss cannot ask much more. Thank you.

In his 1903 "Square Deal" speech on Labor Day, Theodore Roosevelt said, "Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." Specifically, in that particular line he is speaking about the nobleness of the employed providing for their families. However, throughout the entire speech he comments on the selfless dignity that accompanies those that work to benefit our country, and I think a little bit of that is blended into the quote above, too. Nothing could be truer in our business. All of us at Aries put "it" out there every day to make safe and affordable energy available for our fel-

low countrymen. You've heard it before, but it's worth repeating—the companies that OMSA represents are "America's Lifeline to Offshore Energy." Aries Marine with your attention to details and safety is directly connected to our Country's strength and sovereignty and that's something to be mighty proud of!

Remember, what we do is serious business. Fact is—over the last couple of years, our customers have reminded us that it's a business that is Federally regulated. Offshore operation is no longer a case of "Best Practices" suggested by industry associations, it is now mandatory procedures and policies that carry stiff Federal penalties if not followed. Our customers depend on us to do our jobs according to SEMS II. If we cannot commit to this and show records of our commitment, then our customers have no use for us. With that in mind, let our four core values, QUALITY, SAFETY, INTEGRITY and TEAMWORK guide you in pursuit of a noble occupation. And, let



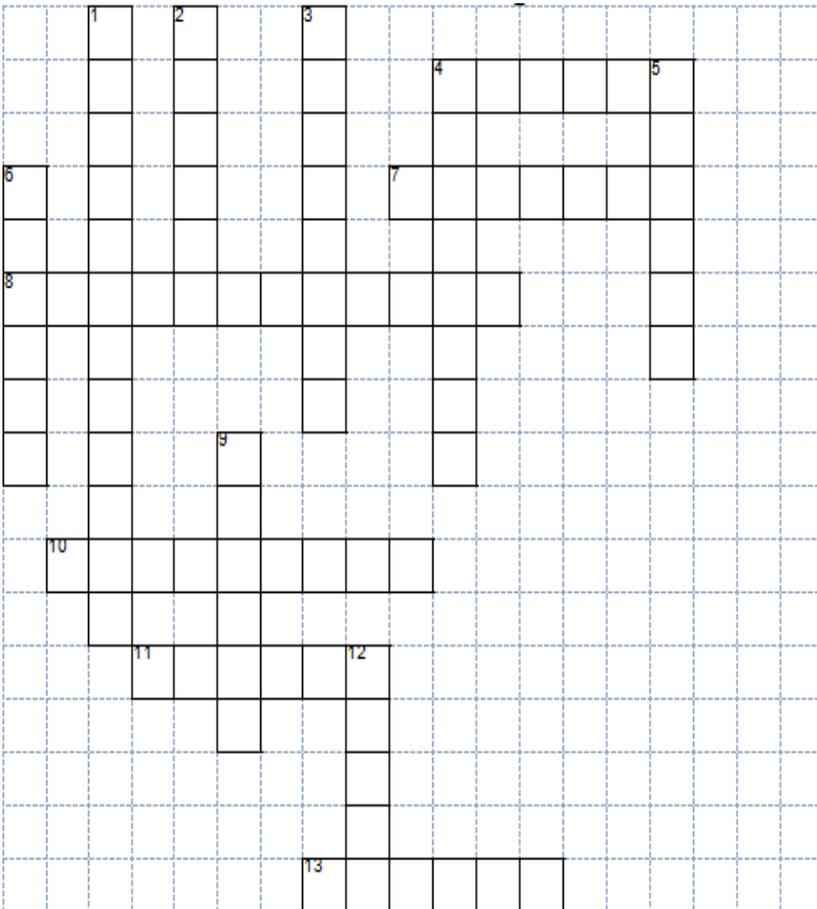
Fortem Navem be the symbol of security for our crews and the continued promise to our valued customers.

Safe sailing,

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



# SAFE DRIVING



*\*Answers on page 12\**

## ACROSS

- 4. Use your \_\_\_\_ at least 5 seconds before changing lanes
- 7. Check behind your vehicle before \_\_\_\_
- 8. Avoid \_\_\_\_ such as using a cell phone or talking with passengers while driving
- 10. Increase your \_\_\_\_ distance as you increase speed
- 11. A yellow light does not mean go \_\_\_\_
- 13. Expect the other driver to do something \_\_\_\_

## DOWN

- 1. Never change lanes in an \_\_\_\_
- 2. Adjust your \_\_\_\_ before driving
- 3. Tire must be properly \_\_\_\_
- 4. Term for looking ahead and using mirrors to constantly check traffic
- 5. Turn on your \_\_\_\_ even during the day
- 6. During bad weather you should \_\_\_\_ speed
- 9. If you feel this, stop and take a break.
- 12. Use the \_\_\_\_ lane except when passing

## EMPLOYEES WHO UPGRADED THEIR LICENSES:

- **Matthew Kelley** went from an OS to an AB-special.
- **Ben Nolan** went from an AB-unlimited to a DDE.
- **Robert Phillips** went from an AB to a Chief Engineer/DDE 4000.
- **David Martin** went from an AB to a 1600 Mate.
- **Alexander Sterling** went from a 2nd Mate to a 1600 Master.
- **Robert Kuchar** went from an AB-special to an AB-unlimited.
- **Michael Hughes** went from an AB-limited to an AB-unlimited.
- **Michael Holt** went from a QMED to a DDE 1,000.
- **Andre Viator** went from an AB-special to a 200 ton Mate.

## Employees who upgraded their licenses (continued):

- **Joshua Stafford** went from an QMED to a DDE 4,000.
- **Michael Upshaw** went from a DP Limited to a DP Unlimited.
- **Brian Murray** obtained his DP Unlimited license.
- **Jason Ward** went from a 200 ton Mate to a 200 ton Captain.
- **Wes Lepter** went from an OS to an AB.
- **Keith Schneller** went from an AB to a DDE 4,000.
- **William Hull** went from a 200 ton Mate to a 200 ton Captain.

*\*Is your name missing from this recognition? call Claire and let her know!\**



## ANNIVERSARIES: 30 Years



Lynn Guidry -30 years



Eves Plaisance -30 years

## ANNIVERSARIES: 20Years



David Loew -20 years



Matt Piper -20 years

## ANNIVERSARIES: 15 years



Lou Trahan -15 years



Vita Miguez -15 years



Don LaBorde -15 years



Wikoff McMillan -15 years



Jason Shermer -15 years



John Guidry -15 years

## ANNIVERSARIES: 10 years



Jake Long -10 years



Brian Seaney -10 years



Willie White -10 years



Doniel Bearb -10 years



Wayne Murphy -10 years



Kurt Lee -10 years

## ANNIVERSARIES: 10 Years



Charlie Heidelberg -10 years



Kelly Ware -10 years



Susan Petry -10 years



## ANNIVERSARIES: 5 Years

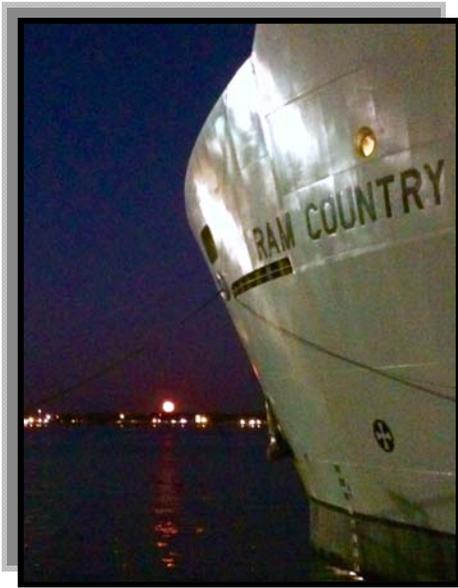


Terry Strahan -5 years



Scot Baldwin -5 years





M/V Ram Country at night (PC: Peter Romero)



M/V Challenger headed out. (Photo credit: Chase Neal)



Don Laborde, Court Ramsay and Dave Loew aboard the M/V Dwight S. Ramsay.



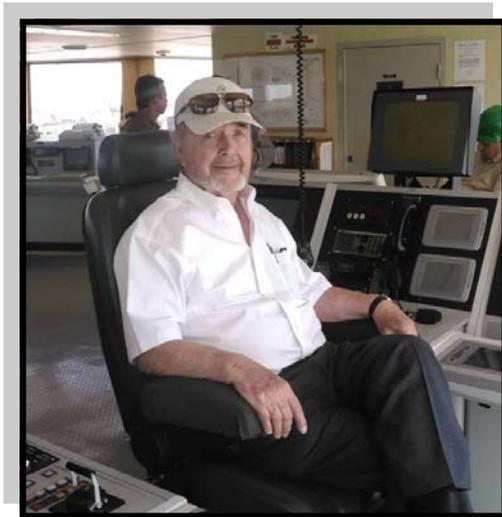
Lynn Guidry received an award of appreciation for working with our insurance carrier for 20 years. She is pictured with Tom Byrd, president and owner of Group Resources, Inc.



## Pictures



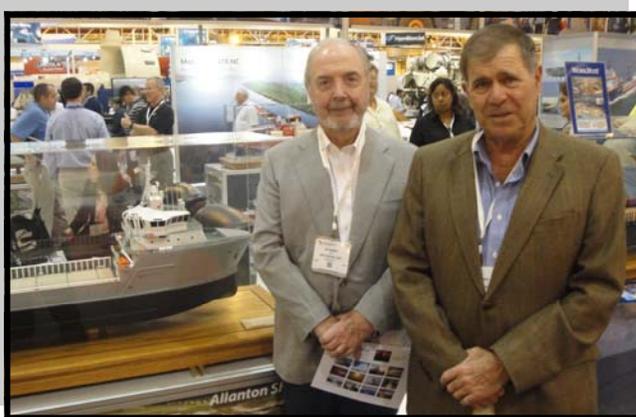
Employees, families and the students from ESA enjoying lunch during the christening of the *M/V RAM XVIII*



Bo Ramsay at the helm of the *M/V Nation*.



The *M/V Ram Country* flying it's battle flag!  
PC: Chase Neal.



Bo Ramsay and Brian D'Isernia, President/owner of Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc., at the NOLA Workboat Show.



The *M/V Betty P.*

## Pictures



*M/V Ram Nation*



Jude Bodin and Paul Bourque explaining how a crane operates to the ESA fifth grade during the Christening of the *M/V Ram XVIII*.



*M/V Ram Country* (PC : Chase Neal)



Photo of the *M/V Ram Nation* from a drill ship.



*M/V Ram Charger* ( PC: Chase Neal)

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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 Claire-claire@ariesmarine.com

When you renew your MMC/License or TWIC, please send a copy to the Operations office or stop by and we will gladly make a copy for you!

This issue is dedicated to the memory of Angel Heidelberg, wife of Charlie Heidelberg.



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