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*MERRY CHRISTMAS*

## ARIES IS BUILDING TWO NEW LIFTBOATS!

Aries Marine Corporation is in the process of building two new Liftboat vessels. The two new vessels will be 215' "S" class and the first one will begin construction in February of 2014. Typically, it takes nine months for a vessel to be completed.

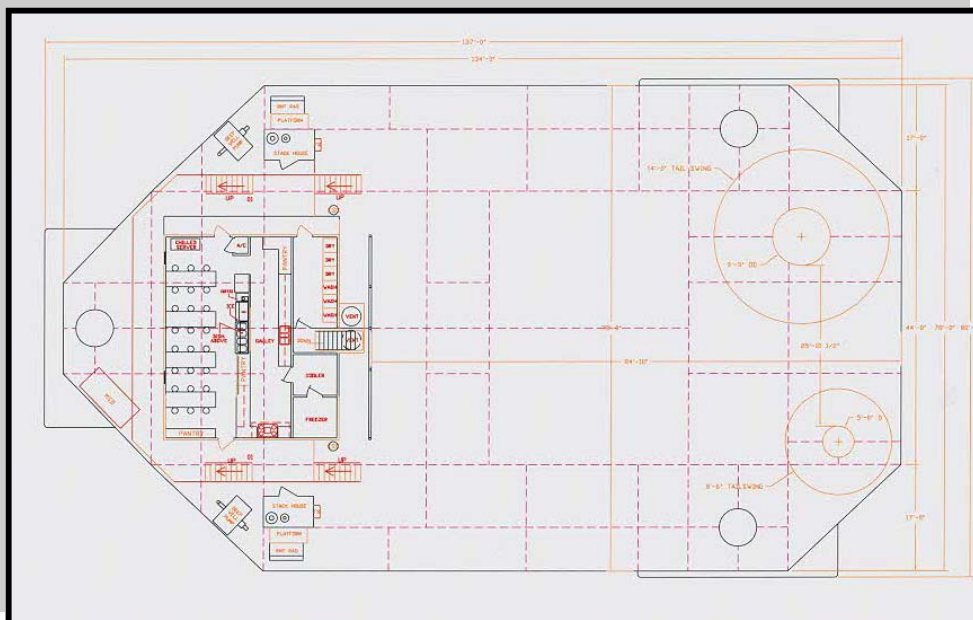
Current Ram Liftboats have three stories and can accommodate 28-30 individuals. The new vessels will be four stories and will be able to accommodate 43 people. The deck will be substantially larger and will have two Caterpillar C32 engines for propulsion, the hull length will be 120', the hull beam will be 78' and the depth of the hull will be 10'. There will be one Ram 175 ton crane and an auxiliary Ram mach CR 50 ton crane.

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Blueprints of the new Liftboat vessels



## AMVER SYSTEM ON TWO SUPPLY VESSELS

Amver, or Automated Mutual-assistance Vessel Rescue system, is a worldwide safety network that assist search and rescue coordinators in responding to emergencies at sea.

The *M/V DWIGHT S. RAMSAY* and the *M/V BETTY PFANKUCH*

are two vessels participating in Amver.

During 2012, 496 lives were saved and 7,501 vessels achieved at least 128 days “on plot” which contributed to the saved lives.

The United States Coast Guard director of Amver Maritime Relations, Benjamin M. Strong, congratulated

Aries Marine for its invaluable support of the Amver System in 2012.

He thanked the voluntary commitment of our officers and crew to the safety of life at sea and awarded certificates and pennants for the two supply vessels.

## PARTICIPATION IN COAST GUARD SHIP RIDER PROGRAM

In July and September, the *M/V BETTY PFANKUCH* took part in a ship ride request from the USCG.

The four individuals, who are Apprentice Marine Inspectors, rode aboard the *M/V* for several days.

During those days, the ship riders were able to learn firsthand exactly what an OSV does. The



*The four individuals rode aboard the M/V Betty Pfankuch for several days.*

daily actions, including DP and Engineer operations, how to pump dry bulk and fuel and even equipment like a TOTO were explained and shown to the four inspectors.

The purpose

is to teach and explain so that one day these four Apprentice Marine Inspectors will be qualified to inspect vessels.

Captains Phil Munsch and Norris Anderson and Engineers “Timber” Bearb and John Guidry were recognized and greatly appreciated by the Ship Riders. They noted their professionalism, knowledge and insight.

## APPRECIATION FOR THREE SUPPLY VESSELS

Three Supply vessels: the *M/V ABIGAIL CLAIRE*, the *M/V ELSA LEIGH* and the *M/V RAM CHALLENGER* were recently recognized for a job well done. Stanley Aucoin, Jr. of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, briefed Peter Romero on the excellent job all three vessels and their crews who participated in the de-mobe of four of their platform rigs accomplished. Stanley stated that the crews “did an excellent job while maintaining a safe environment. We completed all de-mobes with zero EH&S incidents.”

The three vessels are as follows:

*M/V ABIGAIL CLAIRE* moved three rigs, *M/V ELSA LEIGH* moved two rigs and lastly, the *M/V RAM CHALLENGER* moved one rig.

Aries Marine would like to acknowledge the crews as well and commend them on their tremendous performance. Work like this is what customers recognize and appreciate about our company.



## CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NEW ARRIVALS!

- **Troy Doucet** had a son, born on 7/22/2013 and named him Anthony Troy Doucet.
- **Robert Meier, Jr.** had a daughter, born on 9/29/2013 and named her Myrie Rae.
- **Cameron Plaisance** had a daughter, born on 9/3/2013 and named her Ella Marie.



## 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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## SUPPLY BOAT EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTED: Tim Casey

Tim Casey is currently an Engineer aboard the M/V Dwight Ramsay. He has been employed with Aries Marine for over 15 years.

He is married to Ruth and has a three year old daughter, Ellyn Claire, that they adopted at birth. Tim stated that most of his time is devoted to entertaining and being entertained by Ruth and Ellyn. He visits his family in Michigan once a year in the summer, goes camping a couple of times a year, officiates high school lacrosse games, plays the occasional round of golf and enjoys Ragin' Cajun football and the Louisiana Ice Gator hockey games in his free time.

Tim was born and grew up near Detroit, MI. He was hired by Argosy Offshore and moved to Lafayette in 1984. He met his wife while she was working as a temporary secretary in

Intracoastal City and married in 1991. Tim also worked in Alaska on fishing boats from 1992 to 1997.

*Tim was asked the following questions:*

***If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be?*** Bo Ramsay, my treat, in appreciation for all that Aries Marine has provided for me over the past 15 years.

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

***What person has had the most influence on your life?*** My father. "I would not be down here chasing after workboats had it not been for my Dad. I remember boat watching with Dad from very early on and he was instrumental

in my decision to attend the Great Lakes Maritime Academy after graduating from high school. I came very close to joining the Navy before I found work down here."

***If you were not in this industry, what job would you like to have?*** If I could figure out how I could read books and listen to music for a living, I would.



## LIFTBOAT EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTED: Eves Plaisance, III

Eves is employed as a Captain aboard the M/V Ram XIV. He has been working for Aries Marine for over the past 28 years.

Eves is from Cut Off, LA and still resides there, or as he refers to it "down the bayou." He is married to Angie and has two children; a son named Tony and a daughter named Keara.

Eves enjoys rock-n-roll concerts, bar hopping, billiards and dancing with his wife during his time off. He has also stated that everything he does, he does for his wife and kids.

*Eves was asked the following questions:*

***If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be?*** No one. I'm very blessed because I get to have dinner with my family at least once a week and it's really enjoyable

***If you were stranded on a desert island, what two things would you have to have (other than food and water)?*** A truckload of cold beer and a music box. "They shall come", I should be rescued by the end of the day.

***What person has had the most influence on your life?*** My father, he was a hard man to work with but I learned a lot about boats and the water. I wish I would have gotten off my butt and learned more. My bad.

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



## SPOTLIGHT ON IN HOUSE EMPLOYEE: Cody Leblanc

Cody was born in Forked Island, LA and currently lives in Indian Bayou. He is married to Trish and has two children, Lauren(15) and Cody, Jr.(14). He has been employed with Aries Marine for four months as an Assistant Marine Superintendent.

Cody's hobbies include hunting, fishing, boating, rodeo and cooking for benefits and weddings.

Prior to his employment with Aries, Cody worked in the shipyard business for 10-11 years in Morgan City and was part of the new construction shipyard crew on the M/

V Ram XVI and M/V Ram XVII.

Cody was asked the following questions:

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

My paternal grandmother, Verna, who passed when I was young.

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

**What person has had the most influence on your life?** My father, he is a good role model and I re-

spect everything about him.

**If you were not in this industry, what job would you like to have?**  
A large animal veterinarian .



## A VIEW FROM THE BILGE: by Mike Parker

### Naughty or Nice

With the end of another year coming to a close, it's only normal to look back and evaluate the things that have happened. As with everything, there will always be the good and the bad. Just like Santa, each year I make the naughty and nice list. So from a guy in greasy coveralls, this is my list.

*These are the things that not only show stability, but also a sigh of relief at the end of every year.*

1.) The Allison was retired. This boat was once the pride of the fleet and has been through just about everything a supply boat could face including a close call that could have had it sitting on the ocean bottom. This gets on my Naughty List for those of us with a history with the boat and having to say goodbye to an old friend.

2.) There are a couple of new additions on the way for the Aries family fleet. Just like having a new child, there is a lot of anxious anticipation

on their arrivals and also just like a new child, you know it will require a lot of attention, pampering and will inevitably cause a lot of sleepless nights. In spite of that, it is a very welcome addition to the family. All I want to know now is what we will call it. Yes, this gets on the Nice List in a big way.

3.) We have seen a couple of changes in industry acronyms. JSA was lengthened to JSEA. Naughty. MSDS is being changed to a shorter SDS. Nice. The SDS has more categories. Naughty. The SDS came with some really cool stickers. Nice.

As much as I look at some good and bad in the changes, it's the things that didn't change that made the top of my Nice List. These are the things that not only show stability, but also a sigh of relief at the end of every year.

1.) Our leadership in the home office has not changed. The core is still in place with only minor additions to enhance the structure.

2.) The benefits we as employees have been afforded are still in place. While others have cut and cut the things that benefit employees, our company has taken care of us by leaving things in place.

3.) Finally and most important, the colors of our Supply Boats and Liftboats have remained the same. This year and almost every year, we have watched the colors of boats change as they were bought out or swallowed up by other companies. We are still proudly wearing our Supply Boat gray and Liftboats proudly boasting beige and green. These have remained changeless for years and this unchanging factor will top the NICE LIST every time. I wish all a great finish to 2013 and have every reason to look forward to the years ahead.

Good Sailing to All,

Mike Parker



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT: *Court Ramsay*

Dear Aries Personnel,

With the end of the year upon us, I want to exclaim to you what a positive one it has been! Vessel crews continue to improve and raise their standards of operation and efficiency to higher and higher levels. Safety meetings are well attended, participation in our behavior based program (Awareness Through Observation) is quite strong, JSA participation has really taken hold and has become the new normal, crews and their vessels have performed outstandingly and our customers approve!

In this day and age within our industry, our customers are continually obligated to more and more stringent safety processes and procedures. Operators are being held accountable for mishaps by BOEM/BSEE. And, so they should. Another Macondo accident, we can all

do without! With these increasingly tighter safety objectives comes the reliance from the operators on contractor safety performance. Our customers don't need nor will they tolerate the headaches of managing a contractor with weak safety performance. Of course, they expect the job done right and at the cheapest day rate but no longer do they call if accidents continually plague the contractor's operations.

I'm glad for this because the expectations are clear, and Aries Marine understands them, abides by them and makes those standards part of our culture. If we can't do the job safely, then we won't do the job at all. Crews that operate under this code form an elite group of our industry. Proudly wear your uni-



form; you represent the top. To operate as such, embodies the mission and vision of the Ramsay family.

Safe sailing,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Court Ramsay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



## VEHICLE SAFETY QUIZ

1. Before getting in to a vehicle you should

- A. Wipe off your shoes
- B. Do a walk-around inspection
- C. Check the vehicle is clean
- D. Ensure the trunk is closed

2. Before placing vehicle in gear you should

- A. Adjust mirrors
- B. Ensure windshield is clean
- C. Fasten your seatbelt
- D. All of the above

3. Defensive Driving is

- A. An attitude about driving
- B. Not required at all times
- C. A way to drive faster
- D. required by law

4. Defensive drivers

- A. Drive very slowly
- B. Stop at Yield signs
- C. Stay alert for hazards
- D. Don't allow passengers in the vehicle

5. Defensive Drivers

- A. Stop every 50 miles
- B. Do not weave in and out of traffic
- C. Recline in the seat
- D. Don't use the car radio

6. Defensive Drivers

- A. Drive fast
- B. Look in the mirror half the time
- C. Move quickly through intersections
- D. Allow adequate following distance

7. Each week you should

- A. Get your car washed
- B. Check under the hood
- C. Check license plate
- D. Change the oil

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ANSWERS: 1-B; 2-D; 3-A; 4-C; 5-B; 6-B; 7-B

## EMPLOYEES WHO UPGRADED THEIR LICENSES:

- **Jonathan Drew** went from an OS to an AB-special.
- **William Menard** went from an OS to an AB-special.
- **Terry Simpson** went from an OS to an AB-special.
- **Josh Stafford** went from an OS to a QMED.
- **Ron Cunningham** went from an AB to a 200 ton Mate.
- **Darryl Miles** obtained an OS capacity MMC.
- **George Duhon** obtained an OS capacity MMC.
- **Robert Turner** went from an AB-unlimited to a 200 ton Mate.
- **Michael Dear** went from an OS to an AB-Special.

## Employee who upgraded their licenses (continued):

- Kevin Cormier went from an OS to an AB-special.
- Deryl Monroe went from an OS to an AB-special.



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



## ANNIVERSARIES: 25 years

Peter Romero -25 years



## ANNIVERSARIES: 15 Years



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Paul Starkey -15 years



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Charles Billiot-15 years



Virgil Nunez -15 years

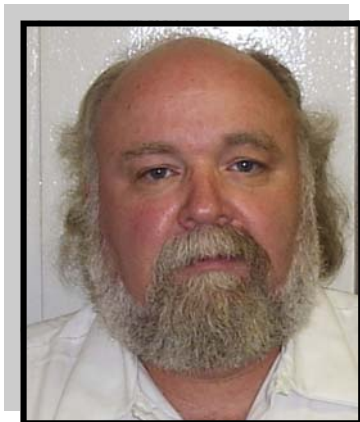
## ANNIVERSARIES: 10 years



Greg Stiles-10 years



Donald Koehler-10 years



Terry Taylor-10 years



# ANNIVERSARIES: 5 Years



Lloyd Chachere -5 years



James Lyons-5 years



Trinity Benton-5 years



Steven Jones-5 years



Chad Ferguson-5 years



Brad Anderson-5 years

# ANNIVERSARIES: 5 Years



Dwayne Lavergne-5 years



Bruce Jansen-5 years

# FLASHBACK PHOTOS



Bo Ramsay and Bruce Ransonet



Bo Ramsay and Jude Bonin

Bo Ramsay and Dave Loew



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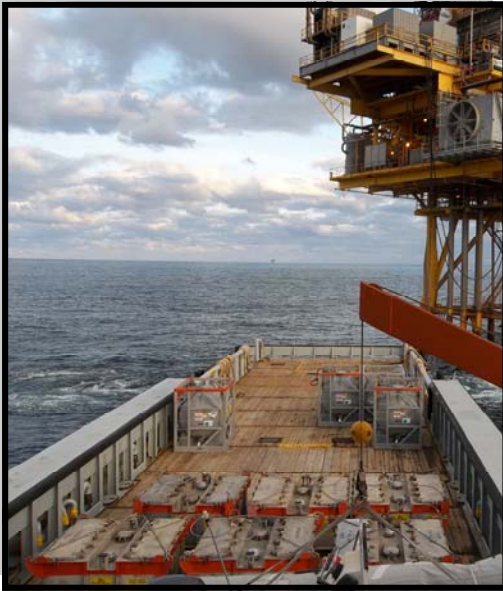


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(L to R) Tommy Brown, Nickey Arcemont, Sr., Court Ramsay, Bill Darnell, Carlos Aburto of Mex Mar

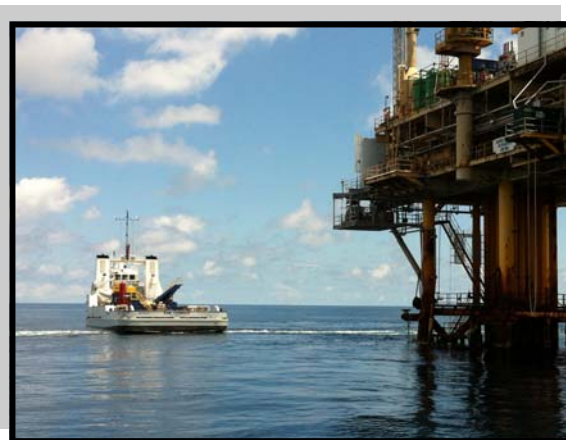


Photo courtesy of : Chase Neal

## Pictures



On top O' of the world! William Weaver on top of the leg aboard the *Ram X*.



Ram Charger, photo courtesy of Chase Neal



*M/V Kylie Williams*, *M/V Betty P.* and the *M/V Abigail Claire* at dock.  
Photo courtesy of Rob Smith

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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!**

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