



May 22 is Maritime Day

Each year on May 22 our country celebrates National Maritime Day. The United States has always been and will always be a great maritime nation. From our origins as 13 British colonies, through every period of peace and conflict since, the Merchant Marine has been a pillar in this country's foundation of prosperity and security. The power the world's largest economy and strengthen our ties with trading partners around the world, all while supporting our military forces by shipping troops and supplies wherever they need to go.

In 1933, Congress set aside May 22 as National Maritime Day, a special day of recognition for the U.S. Merchant Marine. On that date in 1819, SS Savannah steamed out of Savannah, Ga., bound for England, becoming the first steam-powered ship to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

Since 1775, our nation has benefited from the professionalism and expertise of our U.S. merchant mariners. Whenever – wherever – when duty calls, they deliver, keeping our Navy on station, forward deployed and ready to face any aggressor.

Our Navy is proud of our civilian mariners, and on May 22 each year, we honor our shipmates who have “crossed the bar” for the last time. In ceremonies held all over the world, we offer our prayers, our respect and our honor to the memory of our departed shipmates, acknowledging the great debt we owe them.

In this month of remembrance, as we honor all who have fallen in service to our nation, please remember the men and women of our U.S. Merchant Marine. National Maritime Day is a day to pay special tribute to the merchant marine and to the benefits that the maritime industry provides this country and to all who live here.

<http://nationalmaritimeday.org/>

The Propeller Club Port of Jacksonville will be honoring the American Merchant Marine on 23 May at Fionn MacCools, 2 Independent Dr #176, Jacksonville, FL 32202

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