

Contact: Caleb King

The International Propeller Club of the
United States – Port of Paducah

Phone: (314) 563-1068

4.caleb.king@gmail.com

P.O. Box 243

Paducah, KY 42002

www.propellerclubofpaducah.org



PRESS RELEASE

Propeller Club of Paducah Announces 2019 Maritime Day Ceremony

Honoring the Maritime Person of the Year, memorializing those who have lost their lives in service to the industry, and presenting two scholarships to local youth.

The International Propeller Club of the United States – Port of Paducah, marks May 18, 2019 for this year's Maritime Day Ceremony and Merchant Mariner Memorial.

Chartered on May 6, 1946, this organization supports and promotes the maritime industry and its allied industries across all ports and waterways of the United States. Locally, the Paducah Club serves the four-rivers region and has 155 members representing 82 associated businesses.

This year, the Club will recognize Kentucky's Governor Matt Bevin as Maritime Person of the Year. Governor Bevin is serving as Chairman of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority and was instrumental in the reopening of the papermill in Wickliffe, Kentucky. Not only will this be an opportunity to recognize Governor Bevin for his contributions in the maritime arena, but his accepting this award allows our Club to reinforce the importance of the maritime industry and the myriad of organizations that support it, as well as highlight the important posture of Western Kentucky being the hub of the Western Rivers.

During the ceremony, the Club will also present two \$1,500 scholarships. Selected this year are Ms. Lindy King (Marshall County High School) and Mr. Benjamin Bowlin (Massac County High School).

The final segment of the ceremony will be the Merchant Mariner Memorial. The Club will remember recently passed Mr. Ray Eckstein and those that lost their life, while in service to the marine industry. A memorial wreath will be placed upon the Ohio river by local U. S. Coast Guard personnel, followed by the playing of Taps.

Paducah Tilghman's Navy JROTC will perform as the ceremony's Color Guard Detail.

The Maritime Day proceedings will begin at 9:00 A.M. (Central) with a breakfast social and ceremony beginning at 10:00. The ceremony will be held at the Seamen's Church Institute – Center for Maritime Education, 129 South Water Street, Paducah, Kentucky.