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Celebration Christens New Vane Brothers Tug, Barge

On a crystalline afternoon, Charles Burton Hughes and Alexander Duff Hughes swung champagne bottles over the bows of a new tugboat and barge, christening them *Patapsco* and *Double Skin 55*, the newest members in Vane Line Bunkering's fleet.

A crowd of 2,000 joined the Hugheses for what Vane Brothers President Duff Hughes — father of the young bottle-wielders — called a “coming out party” for the vessels, one of which will carry oil up and down the East Coast.

The celebration began with blessings of the new vessels and their crews by Rev. Harry Lee Hoffman.

In addition to christening the new vessels, the company was celebrating its new campus in Fairfield at the foot of Frankfurst Street. Guests were shuttled to the party by tugboat and yacht from the Inner Harbor.

The *Patapsco* is the first of four new Vane Class tugboats to be built by Thoma-Sea Boat Builders in Houma, La. Guests

toured the boat from wheelhouse to engine room, meeting the crew and getting a taste of tugboat life.

The *Double Skin 55* will be able to carry 53,000 barrels of oil in her 362-by-62-foot hull. The barge is double hulled as mandated by the Oil Pollution Act and the first of six new barges for Vane Brothers. It was constructed by Jeffboat, LLC in Jeffersonville, Ind.

The Vane Brothers Company has served the Port of Baltimore for more than a century. In his remarks during the christening, Duff Hughes spoke about the days when the schooner captains visited his grandfather's chandlery on Pratt Street and “told stories around the old stove.”

Today, Vane Brothers remains a thriving member of the Port of Baltimore community, providing bunkering, oil transportation services and marine safety equipment from Philadelphia to Norfolk. 🌐

~ Kathy Bergren Smith



*Vane Link Bunkering added two new members to its fleet recently when the tugboat *Patapsco* and the barge *Double Skin 55* were christened at the company's new Fairfield campus. A crowd of 2,000 joined the celebration, with guests shuttled to and from the Inner Harbor by tugboat and yachts.*



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Governor, MPA Make Headway On Road To Bay Restoration



COURTESY OF THE MPA

Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich highlights his administration's commitment to Chesapeake Bay restoration at a ceremony marking the reconstruction of the Fort McHenry tidal wetland. The Maryland Port Administration is funding the \$553,000 project, restoring seven acres of wetland originally created during the construction of the Fort McHenry tunnel. Pictured with Gov. Ehrlich, left to right: Laura Joss, Superintendent of Fort McHenry National Park; Secretary Lewis R. Riley of the Md. Dept. of Agriculture; Secretary Robert L. Flanagan of the Md. Dept. of Transportation; Assistant Secretary Stephen Pattison of the Md. Dept. of the Environment; Secretary C. Ronald Franks of the Md. Dept. of Natural Resources; Assistant Secretary Stuart Wilkins of the Md. Dept. of the Environment; and Maryland Lt. Governor Michael S. Steele.

CERTIFICATIONS

ACL Fleet Receives Security Certification

Seven Swedish-flagged vessels on Atlantic Container Line's roll-on, roll-off fleet have received their International Ship Security Certificate from the Swedish Maritime Association.

Atlantic Cartier, Atlantic Companion, Atlantic Compass, Atlantic Concert, Atlantic Conveyor, Grande Brasile and Grande Argentina were recognized for providing an approved Ship Security Plan and for appointing a company security officer and ship security

officer for each vessel prior to the July 1, 2004 deadline.

ACL also received its ISO 14001 Environmental Management System Certification for all its vessels.

Headquartered in Iselin, N.J., with offices throughout Europe and North America, ACL lists the Port of Baltimore among its weekly service calls. ACL, a company of the Grimaldi Group of Naples, Italy, offers container and RO/RO services between North America, West Africa and the Mediterranean. 🌐