



# #WHEEL WASH

SETTOON TOWING

3RD QUARTER 2013

## Settoon Towing Keeps Adding To Fleet

By: Frank McCormack

Settoon Towing christened a new 2,000 hp. towboat on June 2 at its operational headquarters in Houma, La. The mv. Cindy T. Settoon, a 76- by 35- by 10.5-foot towboat, joins Settoon's bulk division and will transport crude oil and other liquid products along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and the Upper and Lower Mississippi River systems.

The mv. Cindy T. Settoon was named in honor of Cindy Townsend, wife of Settoon Towing's operations manager Scott Townsend.

Prior to joining Settoon Towing in 2005, Scott Townsend's career in the oil and shipping industries took his family from Oklahoma and Texas to all corners of Louisiana. Cindy guessed that, in their more than 30 years of marriage, they had moved some 18 times. By the time Scott joined Settoon in 2005, both he and Cindy knew it was time to stay put, Cindy said.



Cindy Townsend breaks bottle to christen the M/V Cindy T. Settoon

"I said, 'You've moved me to every corner of Louisiana. I think it's time to settle,'" Cindy recalled saying back in 2005. "Each move was a good one, though."

Both Scott and Cindy Townsend expressed thanks for the past eight years in one place with Settoon Towing.

In speaking to the crowd gathered to celebrate the christening, Scott



The Cindy T. Settoon is the 54th vessel in Settoon's inland towboat fleet.

Townsend emphasized how special it is to have the opportunity to name a vessel.

"If you're not in the towing business, getting a boat named after you probably isn't a big deal," Townsend said. "But to us, who live it every day, it is an absolute honor."

Townsend expressed many thanks to Settoon Towing President Russ Settoon for giving him the opportunity to join the company and for allowing him to name the towboat.

"But today is Cindy's day," Townsend said, looking at his wife. With both clearly emotional, Townsend added, "I knew I shouldn't have looked at her."

"She could tell you, we've moved many times. She's followed me around in my work and career," Townsend said. "Everywhere we go, she's been there with me. Sometimes, I'd leave her [at a new house], go to work, then come home and the house we moved into was a home."

Townsend also thanked Todd Maise, director of operations at Settoon, for being a mentor to him in

the field of operations management.

Mike Ellis, executive vice president at Settoon Towing, in turn thanked Townsend for his longtime professional excellence and commitment to the company.

"[Since 2005], we have had the pleasure of working with one fine gentleman, a hardworking, dedicated and loyal employee of Settoon Towing," Ellis said. "It's employees like Scott Townsend that make Settoon Towing what it is."

The mv. Cindy T. Settoon is the 54th vessel in Settoon's inland towboat fleet. It is the fourth of class and the sister ship to the Ryan L. Settoon, Scott A.



Cummins K25-M Diesel

## (Cont.) Settoon Towing Keeps Adding To Fleet



Capt. Chad Miller

Settoon and the Rachel S. Settoon.

Raymond & Associates (formerly LaForce Shipyard) in Bayou la Batre, Ala., built the Cindy T. Settoon. Twin Cummins K38-M marine engines from Cummins Mid-South give the Cindy T. Settoon its 2,000 hp.. Sewart Supply outfitted the boat with Twin Disc MG540DC marine gears with a 7.00:1 ratio. Propellers are by Hung Shen, from HS Propulsion, and Hydra Force provided the ship's steering system.

The Cindy T. Settoon also comes equipped with a Twin Disc Power Commander EC300 dual lever electronic marine propulsion control system, with port and starboard control heads in both the pilothouse and engineroom. The boat's electronics system is by D&G Communications. Ship's power is provided by two 99 kw. Cummins 6BTS8.3-

DM marine diesel generators. Besides describing the Cindy T's capabilities and mission, Ellis also recognized the ship's crew and offered a special thanks.

"We pay a lot of money for these vessels, but a vessel is only as good as its crew and the people onshore helping to operate it. Thank you for your dedicated service," Ellis said.

Crew members at the time of the christening included Capt. Chad Miller, relief Capt. Dan Barthelemy, tankerman Markel McArthur, and deckhands Devon Bourdreaux and Johnathan Allen.

Capt. Miller said the visibility from the wheelhouse and layout of the engineroom were his favorite features of the Cindy T. Settoon.

"The simple design of the engineroom," Miller said. "It's a good setup. You can take a man down there and in 30 minutes he'll know how to run the engineroom. Some of the other boats, it would take two or three days to get a guy accustomed to it."

### Growing Fleet

Besides the christening of the mv. Cindy T. Settoon Towing also announced July 9 the purchase of six inland pushboats and one chartered vessel from Enterprise Marine's gathering division. In addition, Settoon Towing

also recently acquired two towboats from other operators. Settoon Towing also purchased nine inland tank barges from Enterprise that range in capacity from 7,500 barrels to 11,000 barrels.

Ellis reported that Settoon Towing retained 90 to 95 percent of the affected Enterprise Marine employees. The recent purchases, along with four additional towboats under construction and eight 30,000-barrel barges on the way, highlight the rapid growth Settoon Towing has experienced over the past few years.

"We transport liquid cargo from Brownsville, Texas, to Panama City, Fla., on the Intracoastal Canal, and we also transit the Mississippi, Illinois and Ohio River systems," Ellis said.



Scott and Cindy Townsend in front of the M/V Cindy T. Settoon



M/V Jennifer B. Settoon

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## Settoon Buys, Renames Eight More Boats



Estay



Rousseau



Rodrigue



Indovina



Vaughn



Vorick

Settoon Towing recently purchased eight inland pushboats—six from Enterprise Marine Services' gathering division and one each from Drake Towing and Chem Carriers. The Pierre Part, La.-based liquids transporter also purchased nine inland tank barges from Enterprise Marine that range in capacity from 7,500 barrels to 11,000 barrels. The recent purchases, along with four additional towboats under construction and eight 30,000-barrel barges on the way, highlight the rapid growth Settoon Towing has experienced over the past few years. Settoon Towing renamed all of the boats after valued employees, adding the last name Settoon to each, although none are related. "They're like family," said Russ Settoon, president. The company renamed the mv. Great White 1, Rodney E. ("Settoon" removed here and elsewhere for brevity) after Rodney Estay, who started with Settoon Towing 16 years ago in maintenance, and currently does vessel scheduling and dispatch. The Great White 2 is now Mandy R., named for Mandy Rousseau, a 15-year employee, who is the company's Accounting Manager. Separately, she recalled that there were no more than 10 employees and very little equipment when she started, as compared to an entire fleet of boats and barges and over 450 employees at present. The Great White 3 is named Greg R. in honor of Greg Rodrigue, who is in his first year as corporate controller with responsibility for day-to-day management of the accounting department. The names of the other three vessels from Enterprise—the mvs. Victoria, Boo and Camie—were changed, respectively, to Tana I., Travis V. and Tim V. Tana Indovina, a 13-year veteran of Settoon Towing, currently assists the director of operations and the operations manager in managing the company's fleet. The other namesakes, Travis Vaughn and Tim Vorick, both work with customers in the company's business development department. Vaughn has been with Settoon Towing a little over three years, while Vorick has been with the company five years. Settoon Towing renamed the mv. Miss Chloe, which it bought from Drake Towing, Stephanie A., after Stephanie Aucoin, who joined the company 17 years ago and is now payroll administrator. The Chem Carriers boat, mv. Capt. J.W. Banta, is now the Angela M., named for the wife of Gene Moore, new Executive Director of Operations at Settoon Towing's corporate office in Belle River, La. He joined the company in April. To the person, the namesakes marveled at the growth of Settoon Towing and praised the close-knit relationships they have developed. "I love the way we have grown and still maintain a family atmosphere," said Estay, who has a son and daughter working at the company. All were deeply grateful to be a vessel namesake, too. "Ecstatic, blessed and most of all thankful and appreciative" is how Indovina put it. "After working with Mr. Settoon over the past 13 years and knowing the namesakes of his vessels are very close family members of his, proves that he truly treats us all just like family."

# SETTOON TOWING WELCOMES

## GETTING TO KNOW...



In the 3rd quarter "Getting to Know" section, we thought we'd feature someone who's hard work & dedication has truly paid off by recently being named Captain of the M/V Jennifer B. Settoon; Mr. Michael "Mike" Rocco.

Mike (more commonly known as "Rocco") has a combined total of 5 years of service with Settoon Towing. Originally hired in July of 2007 as a Tankerman, Rocco has been a prime example of how starting on deck, working hard and being dedicated can pay off. He was named Captain of the M/V Jennifer B. Settoon at the beginning of August.

Mike was born and raised in Clovis California. At the age of 17, he decided to join the Marine Corp, which moved him around quite a bit. He ended up working for Exxon Joliet in Illinois. It was there where he met a lovely young lady, (Denise) who was there vacationing; it didn't take him long to figure out she would soon become his wife. About 18 months after they met, they were married.

Not long after they were married, they had baby #1, Mia. Several years later, they welcomed baby #2, Kayla. Mike & his family currently reside in Paradis, Louisiana.

When Mike isn't working, he enjoys spending time with his family & he especially enjoys picking on his wife.

## Q&A WITH Michael Rocco

**Date of Birth:** 3/17/1977

**How long have you been in the marine industry:** About 12 years

**What's the favorite part of the job:** Never knowing what's next

**If there was one food you had to eat every day, what would it be:** Duh....Pasta, Pasta and more Pasta

**Dream Car:** Don't think I've ever really had one, but I guess I'd like to have one of those old studebakers to fix up into a drag car.

**What did you want to be when you grew up:** A Game Warden

**Something people don't know about you:** I'm a hopeless romantic. I even sang to my wife on our wedding day.

**Michael's favorite thing to do as a child:** Read

**Michael's favorite saying or Motto:** It's impossible to see what lies ahead when you're stuck dwelling on the past. What's done is done and you can't change it. All that matters is how you let it affect your future choices.

### 3rd Qtr. new hires 2013

Name	Position
Baldwin, Thomas D	Wheelman Master
Blanchard, Mitchell T	Deckhand
Blanchard, Steve M	Deckhand
Blue, Charles L	Deckhand
Boyle, Paul P	Deckhand
Detiveaux, Andrew J	Deckhand
Dillon, Brandon T	Tankerman
Hutchinson, Theodore S	Deckhand
Lacoste, Noah A	Wheelman Master
Laughlin, Nicholas J	Deckhand
Laughlin, Timothy J	Relief Captain
Lebouef Sr, Tyler P	Tankerman
Neal, Joseph E	Office - Boat Maintenance
Nicholson II, Mark J	Deckhand
Price, Brandon S	Deckhand
Sharp, Aaron J	Tankerman
Usey, Harley K	Deckhand
Warren, Robert L	Tankerman
Williams III, Louis A	Tankerman
Blaine, Mitten W	Office
Breaux, Martha	Office
Byrne, Colby I	Deckhand
Comardelle, Gary M	Deckhand
Daigle II, Henry P	Apprentice Mate
Dykes, David A	Deckhand
Falcon, Cain J	Deckhand
Hennessey, Sean D	Tankerman
O'Quinn, Dallas M	Office - Safety Dept
Pucheu, Jacque	Office - General Counsel
Simpson, Justin S	Tankerman
Trosclair, Dennis A	Deckhand
Walker, Lawrence A	Deckhand
Crutchfield, Greg H	Deckhand
Hobgood, Kody M	Tankerman
Hykel, Shawn A	Tankerman Trainee
Parish, John G	Deckhand
Pitre, Kenneth P	Relief Captain

# COMPANY BIRTHDAYS

## OCTOBER

David Roland - 1st  
Chad Hartman - 2nd  
Stephen Landry - 2nd  
Christopher Billiot - 3rd  
John Bye - 3rd  
Vernon Green - 3rd  
James Michel - 3rd  
Anthony Verret - 3rd  
Calvin Dean - 4th  
James Hataway - 4th  
Issac Lewis - 4th  
Jacque Pucheu - 4th  
Robert Autry - 6th  
Michael Applegate - 9th  
Robert Carr - 11th  
Marterrius Tucker - 11th  
Colby Byrne - 12th  
Timothy Melancon - 13th  
Jeremy Slaven - 13th  
Jhon Thibodeaux - 13th  
Donald Myers - 14th  
Markal McAuthor - 15th  
Don Brakefield - 17th  
Barry Barnes - 18th  
Donald Perera - 18th  
Kody Hodgood - 19th  
Julian Blanchard - 22nd  
Daniel Miller - 22nd  
Bradley Caffey - 23rd  
Lauren Touchet - 23rd  
Brant Yelverton - 23rd  
Devin Boudreaux - 24th  
Kyle Francis - 28th  
Colby Gisclair - 29th

## NOVEMBER

Allen Barrios - 1st  
Gregory Howell - 1st  
Travis Suttoon - 2nd  
Byron Deville - 3rd  
Brandon Bell - 4th  
Lorenzo Cornelius - 4th  
Shevy LeBlanc - 5th  
Jason Anderson - 6th  
Joshua Cage - 6th  
Shaun Estay - 6th  
Calvin Addison Jr. - 8th  
Shawn Hykel - 8th  
Brian Stacey - 8th  
Jay Joseph - 9th  
Carl Bradshaw - 10th  
Dennis Trosclair - 10th  
Henry Daigle II - 11th  
Javis Jefferson - 11th  
Domingo Flores Jr - 12th  
Michael St Ann - 12th  
Brad Barthelemy - 13th  
George Mickey - 13th  
Benjamin Redmond - 13th  
Ethan Smith - 13th  
Timothy St. Pierre - 14th  
Stanley Billiot - 15th  
Jon Ard - 16th  
Brandon Price - 16th

Danielle Quinn - 16th  
Jodi Theriot - 17th  
Eldridge Brown - 19th  
Edward Dufrene Jr. - 20th  
Burt Plaisance - 21st  
Ronnie Landry - 22nd  
Garland Barthelemy - 23rd  
Jody Georgia - 27th  
Troy Lacoste - 27th  
Jeffrey Phillips - 27th  
Theodore Hutchinson - 28th  
Kirt Marcel - 28th  
Karl Breaux - 29th  
Kerry Francis - 29th  
Nathan Lacoste - 29th  
Danny Bourg - 30th  
Russ Settoon - 30th

## DECEMBER

Roger Cox - 2nd  
Christopher Stanley - 2nd  
Lynn Parfait - 3rd  
Gregory Neal - 4th  
Nicholas Borwn - 5th  
Zachary Gerald - 5th  
Paul Boyle - 7th  
Jerell Lewis - 7th  
Cain Falcon - 8th  
John Boudreaux - 9th  
Shannon Loupe - 9th  
David Dykes - 10th  
Daryl Steadman - 10th  
Jeffrey Ingram - 11th  
Wayne Mayo - 12th  
Jason Naquin - 13th  
James Douglas - 14th  
Michael Touns - 14th  
Rachel Bonvillain - 15th  
Andre' Detiveaux - 16th  
Donald Brignac - 17th  
Jarneskee Arceaneaux - 18th  
Devon Darnell - 18th  
Phillip Thompson - 19th  
Luther Patterson Jr. - 19th  
James Reddicks - 19th  
James Foret - 20th  
Desire' Lirette - 20th  
Alan Spikes - 20th  
Troy Sparks - 23rd  
Cornelius Cooks - 25th  
Mark Nicholson II - 25th  
Titus Dardar - 26th  
Norman Naccio - 28th  
Christopher Potter - 28th  
Allen Frioux - 30th  
Lester Guidry - 30th  
Clifford Johns - 31st  
Joshua Reed - 31st

## JANUARY

Henry Fuchs - 1st  
Brad Duplantis - 2nd  
Vernon Whittington - 2nd  
Michael Langley - 3rd  
Nicholas Kohnke - 4th  
Timothy Naquin - 4th

Jacob Anderson - 5th  
Millard Clark Jr. - 6th  
Christopher Wright - 6th  
Francious Marceaux - 8th  
Eric Stigler - 9th  
Dennis Ferreira - 10th  
General Encalade Sr. - 11th  
Aaron Terrebonne - 11th  
Joshua Brunet - 12th  
Ricky Griggs - 12th  
Eric Theriot - 12th  
Joe Denniston - 13th  
Michael Kennelly - 13th  
Robert Rucker III - 13th  
Corey Ayo - 14th  
David Foret - 14th  
Damian Rogers - 14th  
Kenneth Pitre - 15th  
Bobby Chouest Jr. - 16th  
Carl LeBlanc - 16th  
Karly Boudreaux - 17th  
Brandon Sigler - 17th  
Major Grubbs Sr. - 18th  
Russell Hornsby - 18th  
Daniel Ackman - 19th  
James Bishop - 19th  
Robert Warren - 19th  
Louis Williams III - 19th  
Korey Gottman - 21st  
Lee Rhodes - 21st  
Cody Strickland - 21st  
Keith Boudreaux - 21st  
Travis Aucoin - 24th  
Jordan Willis - 24th  
Eric Blackwell - 26th  
Alexander Bassett - 27th  
Davis Shaw - 27th  
Emmitt Close - 28th  
Berndale Golliday - 28th  
Brandon Jones - 28th  
Christian Blanchard - 29th  
Patrick Fuller - 29th  
Nicholas Laughlin - 29th  
Joshua Conner - 31st  
Todd Maise Sr. - 31st

## FEBRUARY

Mark Wright - 1st  
Jeremey Brunet - 2nd  
Lloyd Daigle Sr. - 2nd  
Bobby Roberts - 2nd  
Lloyd Daigle Jr. - 3rd  
Aaron Sharp - 3rd  
John Barnes - 5th  
Ted Ewing Jr. - 6th  
Randy Echols - 7th  
Michael Clark - 8th  
William Graves - 8th  
Dustin Samanie - 8th  
David Hankins - 9th  
Robert Atwell - 10th  
Timothy Vedros - 12th  
Charles Blue - 13th  
Michael Bradley - 13th  
James Scott - 13th

Jeffery Wallk - 13th  
Matthew Weidenbenner - 13th  
James Grubbs - 14th  
Joshua Toy - 14th  
Patrick Bechtel - 15th  
Ryan Donnes - 15th  
Charles Beverly - 16th  
Jeffrey Coleman - 16th  
Blaine Mitten - 16th  
Larry Pitre - 16th  
Kevin Wendling - 17th  
Clemente Brooks - 18th  
Kim Cox - 18th  
James Reinhardt - 18th  
Kelie Burnett - 19th  
Jason Moss - 19th  
Thomas Farrar - 20th  
Joseph McDonald - 21st  
Daniel Frith - 22nd  
Michael Shackelford - 22nd  
Michael Shows - 22nd  
Richard Kennedy - 23rd  
Curtis Moore - 23rd  
Michael Varley - 23rd  
Christopher Sonnier - 26th  
Louis Robin - 27th  
John Paul - 28th  
Jimmy Sellers - 28th  
Steve Blanchard - 29th

## MARCH

Nathan Bourque - 1st  
Brett Shannon - 1st  
Robin Brunet Jr. - 2nd  
Joseph Flowers - 2nd  
Joshua Carlisle - 4th  
Drue Davison - 4th  
Michael Ellis - 4th  
Greg Crutchfield - 6th  
Joey Pruitt - 7th  
Willie Martin Jr. - 11th  
Ted Heardor - 12th  
Phillip Touchet - 12th  
Harley Usey - 12th  
Dustin Akins - 13th  
Michael Rocco - 17th  
Jason Hull - 20th  
Clarence Ristine - 20th  
Ricky Bingham - 21st  
Troy Martin - 22nd  
Brett Orgeron - 22nd  
Gregory Rodriguez - 24th  
Richard Burt - 26th  
Joshua Dion - 26th  
Jarrod Long - 27th  
Hank Flippo - 28th  
Brian Flowers - 28th  
Wesley Rodrigue - 28th  
Gregory Williams Jr. - 28th  
Louis Aucoin - 30th  
Joseph Tastet Sr. - 31st

# COMPANY ANNIVERSARIES

## OCTOBER

Tana Indovina - 13 years  
Patrick Gros - 12 years  
Patrick Bechtel - 11 years  
Korey Gottman - 9 years  
Kenneth Townsend - 8 years  
Karly Boudreaux - 7 years  
Timothy Vedros - 7 years  
Robert Autry - 6 years  
Jimmy Sellers - 6 years  
Domingo Flores Jr. - 3 years  
Major Grubbs Sr. - 3 years  
Sean Hunter - 3 years  
Corey Ayo - 2 years  
Nicholas Brown - 2 years  
Jarrod Long - 2 years  
Markal McAuthor - 2 years  
Alexander Bassett - 1 year  
Drue Davison - 1 year  
Barrett Deano - 1 year  
Patrick Fuller - 1 year  
Lester Guidry - 1 year  
Chance Huihui - 1 year  
Chad Ingles - 1 year  
Blake Pepper - 1 year  
Jeffrey Philllips - 1 year  
Phillip Pitre - 1 year  
Lee Rhodes - 1 year  
Mark Savoie - 1 year  
Chuck Suire - 1 year  
Tucker Marterrius - 1 year  
Fredrick Williams - 1 year

## NOVEMBER

Norman Naccio - 14 years  
John Boudreaux - 13 years  
Dane Chiasson - 13 years  
Lloyd Daigle Jr. - 13 years  
Timmy Guidry - 13 years  
Terry Guilory - 13 years  
Stephen Landry - 13 years  
Shannon Loupe - 13 years  
James Piper - 13 years  
Larry Pitre - 13 years  
Jerry Ristine - 13 years  
Louis Robin - 13 years  
Joshua Toy - 13 years  
Andre' Detiveaux - 13 years  
James Foret - 10 years  
Adrian Thibodeaux - 9 years  
Clark Alleman - 6 years  
Darryl Brien - 5 years  
Marion Files - 5 years  
Kyle Zeringue - 5 years  
Charles Beverly - 3 years  
Zachary Gerald - 3 years  
Kristopher Hebert - 3 years  
Michael Rocco - 3 years  
Mark Wright - 3 years  
Allen Frioux - 2 years  
Jay Joseph - 2 years

Lynn Parfait - 2 years  
Michael Varley. - 2 years  
Karl Breaux - 1 year  
Robin Brunet Jr. - 1 year  
Jeremy Dean - 1 year  
Hank Flippo - 1 year  
David Hankins - 1 year  
Jason Moss - 1 year  
Brian Nolan Jr. - 1 year  
Michael Shows - 1 year  
Lynn Upton - 1 year

## DECEMBER

James Verdin Jr. - 10 years  
Jason Anderson - 9 years  
Darby Spigner - 8 years  
Michelle Vaughn - 7 years  
Shaun Blanchard - 6 years  
George Davis - 5 years  
Steven Martin - 5 years  
Travis Vaughn - 4 years  
Michael Bradley - 3 years  
Todd Maise Sr. - 3 years  
Kirt Marcel - 3 years  
Christopher Smart - 3 years  
Dustin Akins - 2 years  
Allen Barrios - 2 years  
Brandon Bell - 2 years  
Clovis Billiot - 2 years  
Stanley Billiot - 2 years  
Carl Bradshaw - 2 years  
Bobby Chouest Jr. - 2 years  
Devon Darnell - 2 years  
James Grubbs - 2 years  
Aubrey Lombas - 2 years  
Christopher Rodrigue - 2 years  
Eric Theriot - 2 years  
Michael Toups - 2 years  
Brant Yelverton - 2 years  
Freddie Banks Jr. - 1 year  
Alexander Ashley - 1 year  
Nicholas Ashley - 1 year  
Ricky Bingham - 1 year  
Clemente Brooks - 1 year  
Jimmy Fulcher - 1 year  
Lacie Landry - 1 year  
Nicolas Pfenning - 1 year  
Wesley Rodrigue - 1 year

## JANUARY

Chad Miller - 12 years  
Glenn Touchet - 12 years  
Jhon Thibodeaux - 9 years  
David Foret - 7 years  
Kelvin Kittrell - 7 years  
Michael Ellis - 6 years  
Daniel Irwin Jr. - 6 years  
Gregory Rodriguez - 5 years  
Mitchell Aucoin - 4 years  
Dean Johnson - 4 years  
Francious Marceaux - 4 years  
Elliot Pellegrin - 4 years

Timothy Vorick - 4 years  
Alfred Bartholomew - 2 years  
Ethan Smith - 2 years  
Chad Adams - 1 year  
Lance Avila - 1 year  
Nicholas Burge - 1 year  
Brian Lirette - 1 year  
Donald Maise - 1 year  
Adam Pena - 1 year  
Joey Pruitt - 1 year  
Kevin Wendling - 1 year

## FEBRUARY

Byron Deville - 7 years  
Anthony Finch - 7 years  
Kurt Foret Sr. - 6 years  
Vernon Green - 6 years  
Andrew Metzger - 6 years  
Louis Aucoin - 4 years  
Calvin Dean - 4 years  
Thomas Farrar - 4 years  
William Graves - 4 years  
Barry Barnes - 3 years  
John Barnes - 3 years  
Clifford Johns - 2 years  
Lisa Robinson - 2 years  
Jacob Anderson - 1 year  
Michael Applegate - 1 year  
Ted Ewing Jr. - 1 year  
John Falgout - 1 year  
Ferrell Francis - 1 year  
Daniel Frith - 1 year  
Juan Lajeno - 1 year  
Joshua Reed - 1 year  
Bobby Roberts - 1 year  
Michael Varley - 1 year  
Luis Vasquez - 1 year  
George Walker - 1 year

## MARCH

Andrew Metzger - 12 years  
Louis Aucoin - 10 years  
Calvin Dean - 9 years  
Thomas Farrar - 7 years  
William Graves - 5 years  
William Graves - 4 years  
Barry Barnes - 3 years  
John Barnes - 3 years  
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John Barnes - 3 years  
John Barnes - 3 years  
Lisa Robinson - 2 years  
Jacob Anderson - 1 year

# SETTOON FAMILY

**Welcome  
Sawyer Riley Skluzacek**



**Son of McKenzie and  
Ryan Skluzacek**

(Scott Townsend's daughter  
& son-in-law)

Day of Birth: August 22, 2013

Time of Birth: 07:20 AM

Weight: 8 lbs, 4 oz

Length: 20.25 in

Place of Birth: St. Tammany Parish  
Hospital

**Welcome  
Madelyn June Scott**

**Daughter of James Scott**

Day of Birth: August 31st, 2013

Time of Birth: 07:20 AM

Weight: 7 lbs

Length: 19 in



## **Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season**

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.  
*Most Rev. Maurice Schexnayder (1895-1981)  
Second Bishop of Lafayette*

## **In Loving Memory of Estelle Portier Indovina**

(Mother of Tana Indovina)

Born September 9th, 1950

At Rest July 3rd, 2013



**Quote of the Month:  
For success, attitude is  
equally as important as  
ability.  
Harry F. Banks**

# Settoon Towing Breaks Ground



If you are looking for a company with vision, welcome to Settoon Towing. Once again Russ continues to look for opportunities that will enhance the business and its employees. Just recently he lead a construction team out to a strategically purchased site and witnessed firsthand the ground breaking ritual for a new Operations Facility that will be located off Bayou Black Road in Amelia Louisiana. The property consists of eleven acres and a boat slip not far off of the ICW. The new facility will include shore based personnel offices, crew change area, training facility, supply and grocery warehouse. The development is anticipated to be completed before early 2016.

This acquisition proves the commitment that Settoon Towing has for the marine transportation industry and mission to delivery first class marine transportation throughout the waterways of the United States.

Updates will be provided throughout the process.

## Movin' On Up

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and recognize those of you who have started with our organization on deck and have since then been promoted to the wheelhouse. We are proud of each and every one of you on how far you've come. We thank you for your continued service and dedication to Settoon Towing, and look forward to many more years of your service.

### Wheelhouse employees who started as deckhands / tankerman

Employee	Current Position
Loupe, Shannon J	Dudley Captain
Chiasson, Dane A	Rachel S Wheelman Master
Ristine, Jerry K	Claude R Wheelman Master
Pitre, Larry P	Jane Mae Wheelman Mate
Clark, Michael D	Kenneth Captain
Bechtel, Patrick K	J. Perera Captain
Ronquillo, Joshua D	Rev. Clarence Relief Captain
Martin, Troy M	Alisa Captain
Boudreaux, Brad A	Wheelman Master
Thibodeaux, Jhon P	Cathy Relief Captain
Boudreaux, Keith M	Emily Captain
Thibodeaux, Wayne F	Emily Wheelman Master
Brunet, Joshua L	Lee Ann Relief Captain
Spigner, Darby W	Cathy Wheelman Master
Stigler, Brandon T	Jessica Wheelman Mate
Locascio, Derek P	Jessica Relief Captain
Irwin Jr, Daniel	Philomene Wheelman Mate
Foret Sr, Kurt J	Archie Relief Captain
Green, Vernon L	J. Perera Wheelman Mate
Metzger, Andrew J	Lillian Wheelman Mate
Fuchs, Henry E	Nobie Wheelman Master
Clark Jr, Millard L	Hunter Wheelman Master
Rodriguez, Gregory J	Dee Anna Relief Captain
Anderson, Brett L	Lillian Wheelman Mate
Pellegrin, Elliott J	Megan Wheelman Mate
Aucoin, Mitchell J	Lil Mike Wheelman Master
Farrar, Thomas G	Alverta Wheelman Mate
Bodenheimer, Richard	Hunter Relief Captain
Leblanc, Keith J	Nobie Wheelman Mate
Bye, John J	Mandy Wheelman Mate
Brignac, Donald C	Rev. Clarence Wheelman Mate
Foret, Raymond P	Dudley Relief Captain
Orgeron, Brett	Megan Wheelman Mate
Pakebusch, Marty J	Marie Wheelman Mate
Flores Jr, Domingo	Rev. Clarence Wheelman Mate
Rocco, Michael N	Jennifer B Captain
Maise Jr, Todd J	Angela M Wheelman Master
Brown, Nicholas E	Scott A Wheelman Master
Lajeno, Juan A	Lexi M Wheelman Master



# Safety

**By: Danielle Quinn**

## Welcome Aboard

The safety department has expanded yet again. We would like to welcome our newest employee, Dallas O'Quinn to the department. Dallas is our new training director/safety coordinator. He has 10 years of safety and environmental training under his belt. Dallas will be in charge of crew change morning meetings as well as new hire orientation. He is also a CPR/AED/Bloodborne pathogens certified instructor and will be conducting those classes as well. Please join us in welcoming aboard Dallas to the Settoon family.

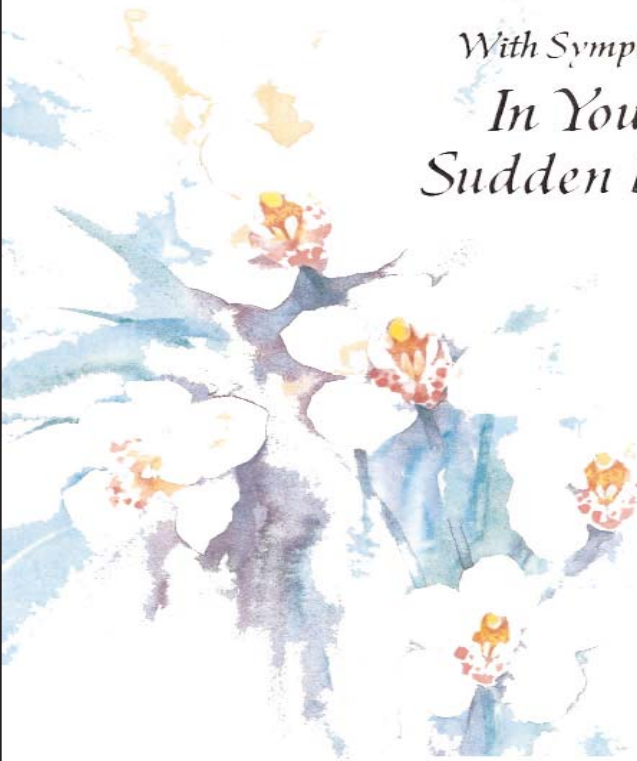
## Credentials

In an effort to keep our employee records up to date, we have been checking all credentials in crew change meetings to be sure they are not expired. These credentials include driver's licenses, TWIC cards and any other merchant mariner documents. It is very important that you do not let your licenses expire, the coast guard is very strict when checking credentials when they board a vessel. If your credentials have not been checked during crew change, please be sure to scan and email a copy to Karly.

## Shell Dockings

We have appointed tankermen Jimmy Verdin and Danny Bourg to oversee the Shell dockings and transfers. They are also conducting pre-transfer inspections on barges prior to them arriving at Shell Gibson. We are hoping this precautionary measure helps to prevent any further incidents from occurring. We ask that all employees please do their best to assist these guys by doing your part in maintaining the barge equipment at a high level. And as always, please try your best to follow all correct transfer procedures.

# From Our Newest Former Employee



*With Sympathy  
In Your  
Sudden Loss*

Dear Russ & LSU  
Nation

*Please accept  
deepest sympathy  
at this time  
and know that every  
thought is with you.*

Ricky Griggs & the  
Rebel family

Ole Miss      LSU  
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Give me a call  
anytime if I can help.

662-255-2638

# The Wheel Wash



1073 HWY 70  
P.O. Box 279  
Pierre Part, LA 70339

## Executive Message

Last quarter, we want to throw special emphasis on incidents, near misses, best practices and highlight people who have DARED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Almost all of us as Managers and Employees have to make decisions daily and in many cases these are accepted norms. Someone, somewhere has done the same thing before so it is not a difficult decision to follow the industry footsteps.

Over the next three months, we wish to focus on the OUT OF THE BOX thinkers or those who refused to bow down and created or followed their own path.

It could be as simple as a Captain taking over from a Pilot who was incapable, inexperienced, rash, complacent or a junior crew who refused to follow incorrect advise of the senior guy that has been doing it right for many years. These choice makers are sometimes lucky and get away unscathed but many times they land in hot soup and the real story, which surfaces much later, is usually pushed under the rug. In some cases it might be the opposite end of the spectrum, where the senior guy who has been complacent for several years is unwilling to listen to a good idea from an egger upcoming star of the fleet looking out for the future. I believe we can all lean on each other to get it right, and remain at the top of this industry.

Another example, I noticed Tankerman jumping from one tank top to the tank top on two breasted up barges vs. taking the ladder that was only twenty five feet away from where he was risking his own safety as well as the boat's safety record. Short cuts end up in a catching us all sooner or later if you continue to use bad practices. I can assure you Management wants you to slow down and use the ladder and not risk the seconds saved to avoid the right steps.

I'm sure many of you have examples you can share with your crews or coworkers of what you have seen that could have potential or extreme consequences.

Conversely, there are times when a person should have DARED to react, get involved, or make decisions, but was afraid or slow to act and created or witnessed an incident or accident.

All of us have come across such people and I would like to dedicate the next three months to these people who stood up or did not and chose to follow the right path.

Thanks for being a part of the A-Team – Operational Excellence!

Gene Moore  
Executive Director of Operations