



Turn Services Christens the Man o' War

On a beautiful fall day, Turn Services held a rededication ceremony for the M/V Man o' War, the latest addition to its fleet, at Woldenberg Park on the New Orleans Riverfront. The October 9th ceremony was held to coincide with the International WorkBoat Show. A reception was held afterwards at Hotel Mazarin to celebrate both events. The vessel increased the number of towboats that the company operates to 19.

The Vessel

The Man o' War which was originally named the Lewis A. Enlow was built by Grafton Boat Works and was completed in 1974. It went to work for American Commercial Barge Line. In 2009, the 80 x 30 foot vessel was repowered with Cummins KTA 38 II diesels giving her 2,000 hp with Twin Disc reduction gears with a 7:1 ratio. As part of its strategic plan to focus on rebuilds to increase its fleet size, Turn purchased the vessel from ACL in early 2013 and put the vessel on drydock in June at AEP Shipyard in Belle Chase to perform underwater repairs, blasting and painting of the hull. The interior of the vessel was completely restored and updated by a multitude of vendors including Eagle Control Systems, FASV Serve and SeaTrac. The extensive overhaul resulted in a state of the art vessel which has been described as the "flagship of the fleet". Dion Lepine stated: "As Captain of the vessel, the boat is performing well. When you are on a vessel for 14 day, you appreciate comfortable living quarters at the end of the day. The electronics in the wheelhouse are the most up to date electronics available in the industry. It runs very quietly and is an efficient performer."

The Name

While Turn is known for naming its towboats after Triple Crown winners, the growth of the fleet to 19 has well exhausted the possible list as there are only 11 Triple Crown winners. The vessel was named after the legendary thoroughbred, Man o' War who came to fame after World War I. He made his debut in 1919 and when he retired 16 months later, he joined Babe Ruth as one of the first stars of the Roaring Twenties bringing droves of fans back to the track.

As explained by Mario Muñoz, Man o' War did not race in the Kentucky Derby because his owner did not believe that a soft-boned 3 year old should have to run 1 ¼ miles in early May. He did win the Preakness and the Belmont that year. This iconic horse went to the post 21 times and won 20 races. The only race he lost occurred when he "was almost left at the post" due to a faulty start. When he retired, he held five American records at different records and had earned more than any thoroughbred. After his retirement from racing Man o' War continued to astound his fans when he was sent to stud and produced over 386 registered foals of which 64 were stake winners.

The Ceremony

With the fireboat in the background and a jazz trio playing in the background, Turn Services opened up the vessel for tours before the ceremony. Led on board by members of the crew, guests had the opportunity to view the stunning renovation. At 4:28 pm, the Call to the Post was sounded alerting the crowd that the ceremony was to begin. Mike Marshall, Senior Vice President of Turn Services provided Open Remarks and welcomed the crowd



to the event. Deacon Richard Henderson of the St. James Catholic Church in Gulfport, Mississippi delivered the invocation. Following the invocation, Captain Frank Paskewich, USCG Retired, presented the United States Colors to Captain Rosco Lucas. Vice President of Vessel Operations, Brad Chauvin, presented the Vessel's Bible and the Company Colors to Captain Lucas. Chauvin also thanked the key vendors on the project.

Mario Muñoz, President of Turn Services, addressed the crowd and provided the history of the Man O' War and explained the reason the name was chosen for the vessel. Muñoz announced that the company was dedicated to the christening of the Man O' War to the members of the Logistic Department since the growth of the company would not have been possible without the dedication and work ethic of these valued team members. Muñoz thanked the members of the team, Donna Bourg, Mike Breslin, Tommy Boustead, Yareal Picquet and Gena Wilson, individually and shared each individual's background and history with Turn Services with the crowd. Following his address, Father Byron Miller, C. SS. R, Director, National Shrine of Blessed Francis Seelos, blessed the M/V Man O' War.

Gena Wilson and Donna Bourg shared the honor of breaking the bottles of champagne as the designated sponsors of the Man O' War. When asked what the moment meant to her, Donna Bourg stated: "It was a huge honor that the Logistics Team was honored. I have been in the industry for more than 30 years and appreciate the significance of the vessel being dedicated to our department. It means a lot to all of us that our hard work and dedication is appreciated by our company and all of those in the industry. While I loved smashing the bottle, it was the kind words and congratulations at the party that made the night special. It is definitely a moment I will always remember."