

# 2016 NAMEPA Marine Environment Protection Award Winners

**MARITIME EDUCATION Maritime Academy Charter School**

*accepting the award will be Art Sulzer*

The Maritime Academy Charter School opened its doors in 2003 with 128 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. The school is now entering its 13<sup>th</sup> year and has graduated five classes, added a second campus, and expanded to a full K-12 school. In addition to maritime studies, the academy offers career tracks in marine science and transportation logistics. For more information, go to [www.maritimecharter.org](http://www.maritimecharter.org)



**GOVERNMENT AGENCY National Ocean Council**

*accepting the award will be Captain Linda Y. Bunn*

The National Ocean Council has translated the *National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, Our Coasts, and the Great Lakes* into on-the-ground actions to benefit the American People. The *National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan* describes specific actions federal agencies will take to address key ocean challenges, give states and communities greater input in federal decisions, streamline federal operations, save taxpayer dollars, and promote economic growth. For more information, go to [www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/oceans/about](http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/oceans/about)



**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FOR SHIPPING Wells Fargo**

*accepting the award will be Michael Webber*

In April of 2016, Wells Fargo Securities published a compendium report entitled *Shipping's Corporate Governance War: Introducing The Wells Fargo Shipping Scorecard*. This report states that "there is no longer a place in the public Shipping markets for companies that do not prioritize corporate governance and capital stewardship." As concerns for related-party fees and transactions continue to rise in the shipping sector, the scorecard can be used as a tool to evaluate individual companies on their corporate governance practices.



**INNOVATION On Board Oil Containment System (OBOCS)**

*accepting the award will be Julie Kuchta*

OBOCS offers the marine and oil & gas industries the capability to control an oil spill at the onset by having a boom on the vessel ready for immediate deployment. OBOCS' streamlined processes allow for immediate action and make the difference between a contained spill and a costly massive cleanup. The innovative, compact design uses a vessel's existing assets such as air blowers and hydraulic power packs, thus eliminating the need for external equipment. For more information, go to [www.obocs.com](http://www.obocs.com)



**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT Nicky Pappadakis**

Born into a traditional shipping family with its roots on the Aegean island of Kasos, Nicky Pappadakis began his career with the family firm of A. G. Pappadakis & Co. in 1961 and rose to head the company's chartering and operations. He has also held the distinguished positions of Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association Chairman, Union of Greek Shipowners Board Member, US Propeller Club International President, and INTERCARGO Chairman to name a few. Nicky is a Life Member of NAMEPA and has an ongoing concern and commitment for the sea, seafarers, and the environment.



**INDIVIDUAL Jack Buono**

After graduating from the US Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point in 1978, Jack Buono joined the marine department of Exxon Co. as a deck officer. Over the years, Jack rose through the ranks of Exxon/ExxonMobil, holding positions of increasing responsibility. In late 2011, Jack was appointed President & CEO of SeaRiver Maritime- a position he held until his retirement earlier this year. Jack made the Lloyd's List Top 100 in 2012, 2013, 2014, & 2015.



**MARITIME INDUSTRY Harley Marine Services**

*accepting the award will be Deborah Franco*

Harley Franco's vision for Harley Marine upon its inception in 1987 was for it to become the safest and most environmentally responsible marine transportation company in the country. Harley Marine strives to exceed customer's expectations, maintain a good standard of living for their employees, and improve the communities in which they live and operate. As a result of their strategic focus on safety, environmental protection, and customer service, Harley Marine continues to be one of the fastest growing marine transportation businesses and leading providers of marine transportation services. For more information, go to [www.harleymarine.com](http://www.harleymarine.com)



**ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT Chemical Aquatic Fate and Effects (CAFE) Database**

*accepting the award will be Scott Lundgren*

The CAFE database was developed by NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration to answer the need for making effective spill response decisions based on *realistic* toxicity concentration data. The CAFE software program estimates the fate and effects of thousands of chemicals, dispersants, oils and dispersed oils on fresh water and marine resources. It serves as a tool to help responders in their assessment of environmental impacts from chemical or oil spills into an aquatic environment. For more information, go to [response.restoration.noaa.gov/oil-and-chemical-spills/chemical-spills/response-tools/cafe.html](http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/oil-and-chemical-spills/chemical-spills/response-tools/cafe.html)



**NON-PROFIT/NGO Ocean Conservancy**

*accepting the award will be Dr. Sandra Whitehouse*

Ocean Conservancy's vision is a healthy ocean that sustains life on our planet. They envision a world where all work together to keep the ocean and coastal communities healthy and prosperous. Creating science-based solutions, Ocean Conservancy is committed to supporting efforts that benefit the people who depend on the ocean for food, jobs, and recreation. Founded in 1972, they have been working for more than four decades to ensure the health of the ocean's valuable natural resources. For more information, go to [www.oceanconservancy.org](http://www.oceanconservancy.org)



**POSTHUMOUS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley**

*accepting the award will be Michael Miller*

Helen Delich Bentley (November 28, 1923 – August 6, 2016) was an American politician who served in the US House of Representatives for Maryland from 1985 to 1995. Before entering politics, she was a leading maritime journalist and served as Chair of the Federal Maritime Commission from 1969 to 1975. Bentley was passionate about preserving and promoting the Port of Baltimore, the US maritime industry, and American manufacturing. In 2004, Bentley was inducted into the International Maritime Hall of Fame. And, in 2006, due to her fierce advocacy, the Port of Baltimore was named in her honor.



**SEAFARERS FOUNDATION North American Maritime Ministry Association (NAMMA)**

*accepting the award will be Reverend Marsh Drege*

NAMMA exists to provide a network for encouragement, training, and coordination of ministries that serve port communities in North America.

It is an ecumenical, Christian association of individuals and organizations involved in maritime ministry. NAMMA's mission is to provide a framework to support and assist port chaplains and others in their ministry to the spiritual, moral, human rights, and physical concerns of mariners and all others in the maritime community. For more information, go to [www.namma.org](http://www.namma.org)



**PORTS Port of Québec**

*accepting the award will be Mario Girard*

The Port of Québec is a natural deep-water harbor strategically located on the St. Lawrence-Great Lakes Trade Corridor and a central hub for Canadian foreign trade. The Port is a continental gateway that has trade relations with over 60 countries and a cargo value that exceeds 20 billion dollars per year. The shortest route between Europe and the Great Lakes, it is considered a gateway to the world and is a vital link to North America's industrial and agricultural heartland. The port is fully committed to sustainable development, environmental protection, and community outreach. For more information, go to [www.portquebec.ca/en](http://www.portquebec.ca/en)

