



M/T Golden State
(Hull 501)
Christening Ceremony
January 10, 2009



GENERAL DYNAMICS
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Music
Grand Pacific Band

Soloist
Ms. Sherry Zacharoff
Administrative Assistant, General Dynamics NASSCO

Remarks
Mr. Frederick J. Harris
President, General Dynamics NASSCO

Mr. Ronald L. O'Kelley
President & CEO, U.S. Shipping Partners LP

Sponsor
Mrs. Sandra Ridgway

Flower Girl
Miss Autumn Bassham
Daughter of Electrical General Supervisor II Chuck Downes
General Dynamics NASSCO

Master of Ceremonies
Mr. Karl D. Johnson
Director of Communications, General Dynamics NASSCO

Mrs. Sandra Ridgway is the wife of John Ridgway, the chief executive officer of BP Shipping. They have been married for 26 years and have two daughters, Katherine and Phillippa.

Having sailed with her husband on a Very Large Crude Carrier, Mrs. Ridgway is acutely aware of the rigors and rewards of life aboard ship and counts this time as a great personal experience. She also gained a full appreciation of how hard seafarers work to ensure a safe and efficient passage. While her husband was at sea, Sandra made sure that her children were in a stable and comfortable home environment, as all mariners' wives seem to do.

As her husband's shoreside career progressed and assignments sent him globe-hopping, Mrs. Ridgway and her children took advantage of enriching travel opportunities all over the world, with extended postings in Singapore and the United States. Along the way, Mrs. Ridgway has greatly enjoyed meeting kind-hearted people associated with the shipping industry.



***Mrs. Sandra Ridgway
Sponsor***



***Ronald L. O'Kelley
President & CEO
U.S. Shipping Partners LP***

Mr. Ronald L. O'Kelley was elected president and chief executive officer of U.S. Shipping Partners LP on August 8, 2008. O'Kelley had previously served as an outside director of the company and head of the audit committee.

In his career, Mr. O'Kelley served as chairman and CEO of Atlantic Coast Venture Investments Inc., from 2002 to 2008; executive vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer of State Street Corporation from 1995 to 2002; chief financial officer at Douglas Aircraft Company from 1991 to 1995; and chief financial officer at Rolls Royce Inc., from 1983 to 1991. He also served in senior financial positions at Citicorp from 1975 to 1983, and at Texas Instruments

Incorporated from 1969 to 1975. He currently serves as a director of Selective Insurance Group, Inc., an advisor to the Donald Jones Center for Entrepreneurship at the Tepper School of Business, and a member of the National Association of Corporate Directors.

Mr. O'Kelley's place of birth is Aberdeen, North Carolina. He graduated from Duke University in 1967, with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He earned a master's degree in business administration from Carnegie Mellon University in 1969.

Mr. Frederick J. Harris became president of General Dynamics NASSCO and a vice president of General Dynamics Corporation on January 1, 2006. Prior to that, Mr. Harris was the senior vice president of programs at General Dynamics Electric Boat, where he was responsible for the execution of all submarine design, construction and repair programs.

Mr. Harris began his shipbuilding career in 1973 as a senior engineer for Electric Boat's Trident ballistic missile submarine program. For his accomplishments later as program manager of the Virginia-class submarine design phase, Mr. Harris received the Maine Maritime Academy Outstanding Alumni Award for the Year 2000 and, in 2002, received the annual William M. Kennedy Award from the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. In 2003, he was included on the Maine Maritime Academy's Wall of Honor for his accomplishments in the marine field.

Mr. Harris was born in Framingham, Massachusetts. A 1963 graduate of Hopkinton High School, he graduated from the Maine Maritime Academy in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in marine engineering. He sailed for several years as a U.S. Merchant Marine, notably aboard the U.S. registered SS *Transglobe*, the most decorated American merchant ship of the Vietnam War. He holds a Coast Guard Chief Engineer's License of Unlimited Horsepower. In 1972, he received a master's degree in business administration from Babson College, graduating with distinction.



***Mr. Frederick J. Harris
President
General Dynamics NASSCO***

State Class Product Carriers

Built by General Dynamics NASSCO for U.S. Shipping Partners LP, the double-hulled ships are capable of carrying a variety of petroleum and chemical products. The ships of the class will bear the nickname for several maritime states.



M/T Golden State

Designed by: Daewoo Ship Engineering Center

Length: 183.0 meters (600.4 feet)

Beam: 32.2 meters (105.6 feet)

Draft: 11.8 meters (38.7 feet)

Propulsion: Single screw, slow-speed diesel engine

Speed: 14.8 knots

Cargo capacity: 331,000 barrels

Complement: 30 crewmembers



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