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Fifty-three Foss Vessels Win 2010 Jones F. Devlin Safety Awards

Foss winners boast two to thirteen years without a lost-time injury

SEATTLE, June 8, 2011—A top national maritime organization is again recognizing Foss Maritime Company's commitment to safety, citing 53 tugs and barges for outstanding safety records, an increase of 11 vessels over 2009.

The Chamber of Shipping of America (CSA) presented the Foss vessels with 2010 Jones F. Devlin Awards at the Annual Safety Awards Luncheon held this year in New Orleans, Louisiana. The coveted awards are given to self-propelled merchant vessels that have operated for two full years or more without a crewmember losing a full turn at watch because of an occupational injury.

Altogether, the Foss ships achieved the equivalent of 221 years without a lost-time injury.

"Safety is a core value at Foss," said Gary Faber, Foss president and COO. "It is a core value for our employees, for our customers and for all associated with the maritime community. We are proud of our recognition by the Chamber of Shipping of America for our outstanding efforts."

Frank Williamson, vice president of safety, quality and general counsel, said, "This is the sort of list that any maritime industry company should be striving to make. I'm certain Foss is going to have even more vessels on the list in 2012."

Three levels of achievement are recognized by CSA: A basic two-year award; a three-year award; and a four-year award. A special award is given annually to ships with five or more years of accident-free operation.

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Founded in 1889, Seattle-based Foss Maritime offers a complete range of maritime services and project management to customers across the Pacific Rim, Europe, South America and around the globe. The company has harbor services and transportation operations in all major U.S. West Coast ports, including the Columbia and Snake River system. With one of the largest fleets of tugs and barges on the American West Coast, Foss operates two shipyards and offers worldwide marine transportation, emphasizing safety, environmental responsibility and high-quality service. See www.foss.com for more information.

The Chamber of Shipping of America represents 31 U.S. based companies that own, operate or charter oceangoing tankers, container ships, dry bulk vessels engaged in both the domestic and international trades and companies that maintain a commercial interest in the operation of such oceangoing vessels. Current members include companies that own or operate U.S. flag or foreign-flag ships. A company owning or operating only foreign-flag tonnage must have an office in the United States to qualify for membership.