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TWENTY-TWO FOSS VESSELS WIN JONES F. DEVLIN SAFETY AWARDS

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

SEATTLE, June 30, 2009—Foss Maritime Company's commitment to maintaining a safe working environment for its employees has been recognized by a top maritime organization, which cited 22 vessels for outstanding safety records, an increase from 18 vessels over 2008.

The Chamber of Shipping of America (CSA) presented the Foss vessels with Jones F. Devlin Awards at the Annual Safety Awards Luncheon in Houston, Texas. 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 112 years without a lost-time injury.

"Foss has again set a precedent with its safety record," said Gary Faber, Foss president and COO. "Safety is the keystone of our company's culture. We are proud to be recognized by the Chamber of Shipping of America for our outstanding efforts."

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.

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