

The original documents are located in Box 36, folder “National Maritime Day” of the William J. Barody Files at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald R. Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.



National Maritime Day, 1975

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Trade and commerce, which helped to stimulate our Nation's economic growth, continue to be vital to the welfare of all Americans.

The American merchant marine is now being assisted by the largest peacetime shipbuilding program ever undertaken in this country. This will enable America's imports and exports to be moved efficiently over the world's trade routes.

The ships of highly advanced designs coming down the ways will greatly improve the competitiveness and capabilities of our merchant fleet. They will restore the United States to the rank of a first-class maritime power.

To promote public recognition of the importance of the American merchant marine, the Congress in 1933 designated the anniversary of the beginning of the first transatlantic voyage by a steamship, The SAVANNAH, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually in observance of that day (48 Stat. 73, 36 U.S.C. 145).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to honor our American merchant marine on May 22, 1975, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

Gerald R. Ford



National Maritime Day, 1975

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Trade and commerce, which helped to stimulate our Nation's economic growth, continue to be vital to the welfare of all Americans.

The American merchant marine is now being assisted by the largest peacetime shipbuilding program ever undertaken in this country. This will enable America's imports and exports to be moved efficiently over the world's trade routes.

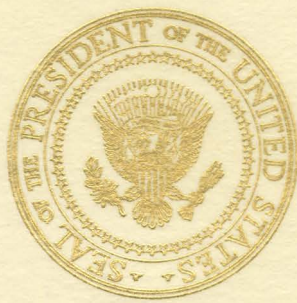
The ships of highly advanced designs coming down the ways will greatly improve the competitiveness and capabilities of our merchant fleet. They will restore the United States to the rank of a first-class maritime power.

To promote public recognition of the importance of the American merchant marine, the Congress in 1933 designated the anniversary of the beginning of the first transatlantic voyage by a steamship, The SAVANNAH, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually in observance of that day (48 Stat. 73, 36 U.S.C. 145).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to honor our American merchant marine on May 22, 1975, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

Gerald R. Ford



National Maritime Day, 1976

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Maritime enterprise is one of the keystones upon which America's economic strength has developed. The spirit and vitality of this great Nation have been linked with the sea for more than 200 years. As we celebrate this Bicentennial year, all Americans should be aware of our proud maritime heritage.

After winning independence, the Founding Fathers considered shipping and trade so crucial to the survival of the new Nation that five of the initial acts passed by the first Congress were designed to foster American trade and maritime development.

Over the years, in war and peace, the American merchant marine has served the Nation. Today, in its position of world leadership, the United States continues to rely on its maritime industries. Shipping, shipbuilding, and the vast flow of trade through our ports contribute to the Nation's economic development and security.

To promote public awareness of our maritime heritage, the Congress, in 1933 (48 Stat. 73, 36 U.S.C. 145) designated the anniversary of the first transatlantic voyage by a steamship, the SS SAVANNAH, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually in observance of that day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to honor our American merchant marine on May 22, 1976, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

Gerald R. Ford



National Maritime Day, 1976

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Maritime enterprise is one of the keystones upon which America's economic strength has developed. The spirit and vitality of this great Nation have been linked with the sea for more than 200 years. As we celebrate this Bicentennial year, all Americans should be aware of our proud maritime heritage.

After winning independence, the Founding Fathers considered shipping and trade so crucial to the survival of the new Nation that five of the initial acts passed by the first Congress were designed to foster American trade and maritime development.

Over the years, in war and peace, the American merchant marine has served the Nation. Today, in its position of world leadership, the United States continues to rely on its maritime industries. Shipping, shipbuilding, and the vast flow of trade through our ports contribute to the Nation's economic development and security.

To promote public awareness of our maritime heritage, the Congress, in 1933 (48 Stat. 73, 36 U.S.C. 145) designated the anniversary of the first transatlantic voyage by a steamship, the SS SAVANNAH, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually in observance of that day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to honor our American merchant marine on May 22, 1976, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

Gerald R. Ford



National Maritime Day, 1976

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Maritime enterprise is one of the keystones upon which America's economic strength has developed. The spirit and vitality of this great Nation have been linked with the sea for more than 200 years. As we celebrate this Bicentennial year, all Americans should be aware of our proud maritime heritage.

After winning independence, the Founding Fathers considered shipping and trade so crucial to the survival of the new Nation that five of the initial acts passed by the first Congress were designed to foster American trade and maritime development.

Over the years, in war and peace, the American merchant marine has served the Nation. Today, in its position of world leadership, the United States continues to rely on its maritime industries. Shipping, shipbuilding, and the vast flow of trade through our ports contribute to the Nation's economic development and security.

To promote public awareness of our maritime heritage, the Congress, in 1933 (48 Stat. 73, 36 U.S.C. 145) designated the anniversary of the first transatlantic voyage by a steamship, the SS SAVANNAH, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually in observance of that day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to honor our American merchant marine on May 22, 1976, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

Gerald R. Ford



National Maritime Day, 1976

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Maritime enterprise is one of the keystones upon which America's economic strength has developed. The spirit and vitality of this great Nation have been linked with the sea for more than 200 years. As we celebrate this Bicentennial year, all Americans should be aware of our proud maritime heritage.

After winning independence, the Founding Fathers considered shipping and trade so crucial to the survival of the new Nation that five of the initial acts passed by the first Congress were designed to foster American trade and maritime development.

Over the years, in war and peace, the American merchant marine has served the Nation. Today, in its position of world leadership, the United States continues to rely on its maritime industries. Shipping, shipbuilding, and the vast flow of trade through our ports contribute to the Nation's economic development and security.

To promote public awareness of our maritime heritage, the Congress, in 1933 (48 Stat. 73, 36 U.S.C. 145) designated the anniversary of the first transatlantic voyage by a steamship, the SS SAVANNAH, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually in observance of that day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to honor our American merchant marine on May 22, 1976, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

Gerald R. Ford

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARGUERITE McAULIFFE

The President has signed Proclamations entitled:

"World Trade Week, 1975"
(week beginning May 18, 1975)

"National Maritime Day, 1975"
(May 22, 1975)

"National Farm Safety Week, 1975"
(week beginning July 25, 1975)



The Press Office is being advised of these actions and the time of release will, of course, be determined by that office.

Robert D. Linder
Robert D. Linder

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 1, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT
FROM: MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE *RM*
SUBJECT: National Maritime Day
Proclamation

Please arrange to have the attached letter robotyped to the individuals on the enclosed list for the National Maritime Day Proclamation.

Thanks very much.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1975
~~April 30, 1975~~

Dear

President Ford recently signed a Proclamation designating May 22nd as National Maritime Day, 1975. In his Proclamation the President states, "The American merchant marine is now being assisted by the largest peacetime shipbuilding program ever undertaken in this country. This will enable America's imports and exports to be moved efficiently over the world's trade routes."

The President asked that I send you the enclosed duplicate of his National Maritime Day Proclamation as a small remembrance of this occasion. It comes to you with his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Bill Baroody

William J. Baroody
Assistant to the President

Enclosure

MARITIME/MARINE ASSOCIATIONS - 1 each

8

Richard L. Schultz
Executive Director
American Association of
Port Authorities
1612 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

James J. Reynolds, President
American Institute of Merchant Shipping
1625 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Captain Ernest A. Clothier, President
American Pilots Association
2000 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

James R. Smith, President
American Waterways Operators, Inc.
1600 Wilson Boulevard, #1001
Arlington, Virginia 22209

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS - 1 each

James Wagoner, Nat'l. Cdr.
American Legion
1608 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Earl W. Clark, Co-Director
Labor-Management Maritime Committee
100 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Vice Admiral Paul E. Trimble, USCG (Ret.)
President, Lake Carriers' Association
Rockefeller Building, #1411
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Edwin M. Hood, President
Shipbuilders Council of America
Watergate Six Hundred
Washington, D.C. 20037

John A. Creedy, President
Water Transport Association
60 East 72nd Street
New York, New York 10017

Ernest A. Carrere, Jr.
National President
Navy League
1629 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

2

MARITIME/MARINE UNIONS - 1 each

4

Thomas W. Gleason, President
International Longshoremen's
Association, AFL/CIO
17 Battery Place
New York, New York 10004

Jesse M. Calhoun, President
National Marine Engineer's
Beneficial Association
17 Battery Place
New York, New York 10004

Shannon J. Wall, President
National Maritime Union
26 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York 10011

Paul Hall, President
Seafarers International Union
of North America
675 Fourth Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11232

* * * * *

*line provided by Propeller Club of the
United States.*

LOCAL PROPELLER CLUB PRESIDENTS - 1 each

18

Captain Sam V. Gardner, President
Propeller Club of Baton Rouge
c/o Exxon Company, U.S.A.
P. O. Drawer 411
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Louis L. Jewel, President
Propeller Club of Buffalo
c/o J. N. Cranz Company
2671 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14214

Wallace J. Rohn, President
Propeller Club of Cleveland
c/o Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company
1460 Union Commerce Building
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

John E. Dyer, President
Propeller Club of Georgetown
c/o Ryan-Walsh Stevedoring Co., Inc.
P. O. Box 402
Georgetown, South Carolina 29440

Richard Gehrett, President
Propeller Club of Greenville
c/o Greenville Manufacturing
& Machine Works
P. O. Box 1559
Greenville, Mississippi 38701

Captain Edwin E. Crusoe IV, President
Propeller Club of Key West
c/o Key West Bar Pilots
P. O. Box 848
Key West, Florida 33040

Captain Jack D. Wofford, President
Propeller Club of Louisville
c/o American Commercial Barge Line Co.
P. O. Box 610
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

Royal O. White, Jr., President
Propeller Club of Miami
c/o Harrington & Company
P. O. Box 3901
Miami, Florida 33101

Captain John J. Neary, President
Propeller Club of Narragansett Bay
c/o Northeast Marine Pilots
2501 Industrial Bank Building
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Colonel William F. Brandes, President
Propeller Club of Nashville
c/o U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 1070
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

James R. Kelly, President
Propeller Club Port of Philadelphia
Maritime Society
c/o Delaware River Port Authority
Bridge Plaza, P. O. Box 1949
Camden, New Jersey 08101

George D. Douglas, President
Propeller Club of Pittsburgh
c/o Consolidation Coal Company
Church Street
Elizabeth, Pennsylvania 15037

Richard C. Holt, President
Propeller Club of Portsmouth
c/o Portsmouth Navigation Division
Central Wharf Towboat Company
P. O. Box 472
Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

Donn L. Williams, President
Propeller Club of The Quad Cities
c/o Williams Marine Enterprise
3200 West 17th Street
Davenport, Iowa 52804

Albert M. Dudley, President
Propeller Club of St. Louis
c/o St. Louis Ship Division,
Pott Industries
611 East Marceau Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63111

Harley W. Ladd, President
Propeller Club of Tulsa
c/o Tulsa Port of Catossa
5301 West Channel Road
Catoosa, Oklahoma 74015

Harrold S. Conway, President
Propeller Club of Guam
Tax Consultant
Box EB
Agana, GUAM 96910

Eric William Lindsay Heeley, President
Propeller Club of Ponce
c/o Moran Towing of Puerto Rico, Inc.
P. O. Box 3776
Ponce, PUERTO RICO 00731

Wilbert H. Reich, President
Propeller Club of The Golden Gate
c/o Prudential Lines, Inc.
One California Street
San Francisco, California 94106

April 30, 1975



Dear

President Ford recently signed a Proclamation designating May 22nd as National Maritime Day, 1975. In his Proclamation the President states, "The American merchant marine is now being assisted by the largest peacetime shipbuilding program ever undertaken in this country. This will enable America's imports and exports to be moved efficiently over the world's trade routes."

The President asked that I send you the enclosed duplicate of his National Maritime Day Proclamation as a small remembrance of this occasion. It comes to you with his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

William J. Baroody
Assistant to the President

Enclosure

The PROPELLER CLUB *of the United States*

TO PROMOTE, FURTHER AND SUPPORT AN
AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE
TO AID THE DEVELOPMENT OF RIVER,
GREAT LAKES AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

AL FILIATRAULT
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



HEADQUARTERS
1730 M STREET, N. W. - SUITE 413
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036
(202) 223-1401

April 10, 1975

Miss Marguerite McAuliffe
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C.



Dear Miss McAuliffe:

Our National President, Captain C. Ray North, has asked me to thank you for the 2 copies of the President's 1975 National Maritime Day Proclamation which was signed April 6.

Photostat copies will be sent to all of our local chapters and the State and territorial Governors.

We are most appreciative of your offer to send printed signed copies to those whom we might suggest. Unfortunately your supply of 50 will not allow each one of our local clubs to be so honored.

Attached is a list of 44 selected addressees which we would like to suggest receive copies and where we believe they would be most productive.

Again thank you for your kind consideration.

Most sincerely,

Al Filiatrault
Al Filiatrault

ACF:ra
encl.

THE PROPELLER CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES

PRESIDENT'S 1975 NATIONAL MARITIME DAY PROCLAMATION DAY DISTRIBUTION

44

NATIONAL PRESIDENT, THE PROPELLER CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES (already received)

2

STATE GOVERNORS - 1 each

10

The Honorable Raul H. Castro
Governor of the State of Arizona
Office of the Governor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The Honorable David Boren
Governor of the State of Oklahoma
Office of the Governor
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73107

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Governor of the State of California
Office of the Governor
Sacramento, California 95814

The Honorable Philip W. Noel
Governor of the State Rhode Island
Office of the Governor
Providence, Rhode Island 02900

The Honorable Otis R. Bowen
Governor of the State of Indiana
Office of the Governor
Indianapolis, Indiana 46004

The Honorable Richard F. Kneip
Governor of the State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

The Honorable Robert D. Ray
Governor of the State of Iowa
Office of the Governor
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

The Honorable Calvin L. Rampton
Governor of the State of Utah
Office of the Governor
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

The Honorable Arthur A. Link
Governor of the State of North Dakota
Office of the Governor
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

The Honorable Ed Herschler
Governor of the State of Wyoming
Office of the Governor
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

LOCAL PROPELLER CLUB PRESIDENTS - 1 each

18

Captain Sam V. Gardner, President
Propeller Club of Baton Rouge
c/o Exxon Company, U.S.A.
P. O. Drawer 411
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

John E. Dyer, President
Propeller Club of Georgetown
c/o Ryan-Walsh Stevedoring Co., Inc.
P. O. Box 402
Georgetown, South Carolina 29440

Louis L. Jewel, President
Propeller Club of Buffalo
c/o J. N. Cranz Company
2671 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14214

Richard Gehrett, President
Propeller Club of Greenville
c/o Greenville Manufacturing
& Machine Works
P. O. Box 1559
Greenville, Mississippi 38701

Wallace J. Rohn, President
Propeller Club of Cleveland
c/o Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company
1460 Union Commerce Building
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Captain Edwin E. Crusoe IV, President
Propeller Club of Key West
c/o Key West Bar Pilots
P. O. Box 848
Key West, Florida 33040

Captain Jack D. Wofford, President
Propeller Club of Louisville
c/o American Commercial Barge Line Co.
P. O. Box 610
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

Royal O. White, Jr., President
Propeller Club of Miami
c/o Harrington & Company
P. O. Box 3901
Miami, Florida 33101

Captain John J. Neary, President
Propeller Club of Narragansett Bay
c/o Northeast Marine Pilots
2501 Industrial Bank Building
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Colonel William F. Brandes, President
Propeller Club of Nashville
c/o U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 1070
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

James R. Kelly, President
Propeller Club Port of Philadelphia
Maritime Society
c/o Delaware River Port Authority
Bridge Plaza, P. O. Box 1949
Camden, New Jersey 08101

George D. Douglas, President
Propeller Club of Pittsburgh
c/o Consolidation Coal Company
Church Street
Elizabeth, Pennsylvania 15037

Richard C. Holt, President
Propeller Club of Portsmouth
c/o Portsmouth Navigation Division
Central Wharf Towboat Company
P. O. Box 472
Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

Donn L. Williams, President
Propeller Club of The Quad Cities
c/o Williams Marine Enterprise
3200 West 17th Street
Davenport, Iowa 52804

Albert M. Dudley, President
Propeller Club of St. Louis
c/o St. Louis Ship Division,
Pott Industries
611 East Marceau Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63111

Harley W. Ladd, President
Propeller Club of Tulsa
c/o Tulsa Port of Catoosa
5301 West Channel Road
Catoosa, Oklahoma 74015

Harrold S. Conway, President
Propeller Club of Guam
Tax Consultant
Box EB
Agana, GUAM 96910

Eric William Lindsay Heeley, President
Propeller Club of Ponce
c/o Moran Towing of Puerto Rico, Inc.
P. O. Box 3776
Ponce, PUERTO RICO 00731

MARITIME/MARINE ASSOCIATIONS - 1 each

8

Richard L. Schultz
Executive Director
American Association of
Port Authorities
1612 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

James J. Reynolds, President
American Institute of Merchant Shipping
1625 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Captain Ernest A. Clothier, President
American Pilots Association
2000 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

James R. Smith, President
American Waterways Operators, Inc.
1600 Wilson Boulevard, #1001
Arlington, Virginia 22209

Earl W. Clark, Co-Director
Labor-Management Maritime Committee
100 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Vice Admiral Paul E. Trimble, USCG (Ret.)
President, Lake Carriers' Association
Rockefeller Building, #1411
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Edwin M. Hood, President
Shipbuilders Council of America
Watergate Six Hundred
Washington, D.C. 20037

John A. Creedy, President
Water Transport Association
60 East 72nd Street
New York, New York 10017

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS - 1 each
James Wagon seller, Nat'l. Cdr.
American Legion
1608 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Ernest A. Carrere, Jr.
National President
Navy League
1629 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

2

MARITIME/MARINE UNIONS - 1 each

4

Thomas W. Gleason, President
International Longshoremen's
Association, AFL/CIO
17 Battery Place
New York, New York 10004

Shannon J. Wall, President
National Maritime Union
26 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York 10011

Jesse M. Calhoun, President
National Marine Engineer's
Beneficial Association
17 Battery Place
New York, New York 10004

Paul Hall, President
Seafarers International Union
of North America
675 Fourth Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11232

* * * * *

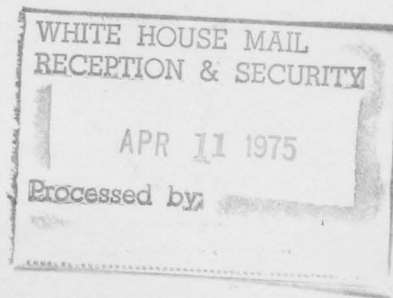
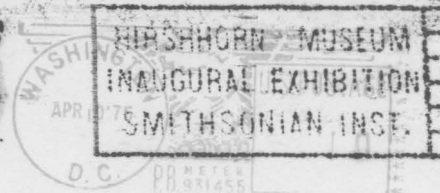
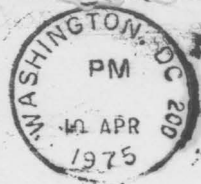
THE PROPELLER CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES
HEADQUARTERS

1730 M STREET, N. W.



WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

Miss Marguerite McAuliffe
Office of Public Liaison, Room 197
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500



The PROPELLER CLUB *of the United States*

TO PROMOTE, FURTHER AND SUPPORT AN
AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE
TO AID THE DEVELOPMENT OF RIVER,
GREAT LAKES AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

AL FILIATRAULT
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



HEADQUARTERS
1730 M STREET, N. W.-SUITE 413
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036
(202) 223-1401

April 28, 1975

Miss Marguerite McAuliffe
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C.



Dear Miss McAuliffe:

This is further to our April 10 letter regarding the President's
National Maritime Day Proclamation.

If you still have a commemorative copy of the Proclamation left,
it would be greatly appreciated if you would send it to:

Wilbert H. Reich, President
Propeller Club of The Golden Gate
c/o Prudential Lines, Inc.
One California Street
San Francisco, California 94106

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Most sincerely,

Al Filiatrault
Al Filiatrault

ACF:ra



Ship American

THE PROPELLER CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

1730 M Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20036



Miss Marguerite McAuliffe
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

4.5.75

TO: Marguerite McAuliffe

This Proc. will probably
be issued within the
next few days.

RDL

Robert D. Linder

17

The PROPELLER CLUB *of the* United States

TO PROMOTE, FURTHER AND SUPPORT AN
AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE
TO AID THE DEVELOPMENT OF RIVER,
GREAT LAKES AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS



HEADQUARTERS
1730 M STREET, N. W.-SUITE 413
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036
(202) 223-1401

RL

CAPTAIN C. RAY NORTH
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
THE PROPELLER CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES
MANAGER, U.S. OPERATIONS
MARINE DEPARTMENT, GULF OIL TRADING COMPANY
P.O. BOX 7880, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19101
(215) 667-9000

April 3, 1975

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.



Dear President Ford:

The President of the United States, pursuant to a joint resolution of the Congress, has issued a Proclamation each year since 1933 declaring May 22 as National Maritime Day. This date marks the sailing of S.S. SAVANNAH in 1819 from Savannah, Georgia, for Liverpool, England, on the first successful crossing of the Atlantic by a ship using steam propulsion. It is now set aside to honor the American Merchant Marine and men and women from every State in the Union who have contributed to the success of our merchant fleet in peace and war. This is particularly important to our older seamen who braved great danger in World War II when many of their shipmates sacrificed their lives. Today in peace and in conflict merchant seamen still risk their lives in their nation's service.

Every year we call upon State and territorial Governors to issue supporting proclamations. Last year 53 did so, as did an uncounted number of port city mayors. Local Propeller Clubs and other maritime oriented organizations spearhead observance of National Maritime Day around the country. There is a Propeller Club in every port of consequence in the United States.

We are looking forward to early issuance of your 1975 National Maritime Proclamation, so we may send copies of it to each State governor for his guidance in issuing his own and to each one of our 73 local chapters for incorporation in their observances. Your Proclamation will provide added inspiration to those who serve in the "Fourth Arm of Defense" and our First Arm of Economic Security.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Highest regards.

Sincerely,

C. R. North
C. Ray North

CRN:ra

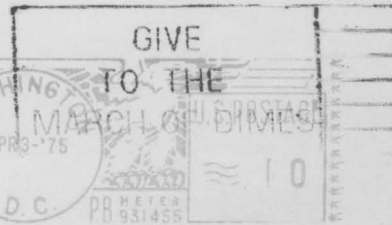
THE PROPELLER CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES
HEADQUARTERS

1730 M STREET, N. W.



WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500



April 8, 1975

National Maritime Day - 5/22/75

Spoke with Mr. Filistero of
the Propeller Club. 223-1401
He will get list together. Asked for 2
Proclamations for their Headquarters
Office asap. Sent you today 4/8/75



APRIL 5, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

NATIONAL MARITIME DAY, 1975



BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Trade and commerce, which helped to stimulate our Nation's economic growth, continue to be vital to the welfare of all Americans.

The American merchant marine is now being assisted by the largest peacetime shipbuilding program ever undertaken in this country. This will enable America's imports and exports to be moved efficiently over the world's trade routes.

The ships of highly advanced designs coming down the ways will greatly improve the competitiveness and capabilities of our merchant fleet. They will restore the United States to the rank of a first-class maritime power.

To promote public recognition of the importance of the American merchant marine, the Congress in 1933 designated the anniversary of the beginning of the first transatlantic voyage by a steamship, The SAVANNAH, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually in observance of that day (48 Stat. 73, 36 U.S.C. 145).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to honor our American merchant marine on May 22, 1975, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

GERALD R. FORD

#####