



## The Voice of the Caribbean Shipping Industry



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#### CSA PLEDGES CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS

President of the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA), Grantley Stephenson has reiterated the CSA's commitment to members' businesses during the 44th Annual General Meeting, Conference and Exhibition of the CSA.

US\$52,500 based on an appeal made at our AGM in Panama last year."

The event was held from October 13 to 15, 2014 in the Dominican Republic.

Between 2013 and 2014, the CSA has, through partnership with stakeholders in the regional shipping fraternity, provided several training courses. With the support of Manzanillo International Terminal in 2013 and SPRC, Cartagena, in 2014, 21 Caribbean port executives participated in study tour programmes at these ports. In 2014, 14 persons received port agency training in Trinidad and Tobago. Additionally, in collaboration with the Port Management Association of the Caribbean, 29 persons participated in the customs, terminal and port agency seminar in Barbados.

In his opening remarks, Stephenson articulated that to achieve this objective the Association will increase its training programmes in a bid to safeguard the future of the shipping industry in the region.

"Participants in these programmes represent the broad spectrum of our membership: from Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Guyana, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, St Kitts/Nevis, St Vincent & the Grenadines, St Martin, Turks & Caicos, Trinidad and Tobago," Stephenson said.

"The Caribbean Shipping Association must continue to help to define and clarify the changing world in which its members' businesses operate and prepare the next generation of Caribbean shipping executives in the way that we have been prepared to lead," Stephenson said, adding that "the present members are heirs to those visionaries who set the stage for one of the most successful attempts at collaboration in this region."

Addressing the topics for discussion at the conference, the CSA president stated that "the association is proud to provide the services and information that are relevant to the business imperatives of our members. This conference will continue to bring members together with some of the finest business thinkers, consultants and speakers - as well as with each other - so that we can share and gather new learning that is relevant and appropriate as we chart our future courses." The president also thanked experts who will be presenting at the conference for their vision, knowledge and experience that will be shared with the delegates.

The CSA president added, "For that reason, we are grateful for the increased levels of assistance provided by members of the association towards the training programmes that we have initiated during my presidency. For example, our Training Trust Fund received contributions amounting to



SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS

He implored the members of the CSA, observers and guests to remain engaged throughout the conference to help the CSA to shape the future of the industry.

The 44th AGM, Conference and Exhibition was hosted by the CSA in partnership with the Dominican Republic Shipping Association at the Barcelo Bavaro Beach Resort in Punta Cana.

Over 350 delegates from the Caribbean, Latin America and Europe are in attendance at the three-day conference. The CSA, the voice of the Caribbean shipping industry, was established in 1971 to facilitate development of an efficient, viable Caribbean shipping industry. Conferences hosted by the CSA provide a forum in which matters relevant to the growth and development of Caribbean shipping are discussed. ✂

CSA ADMITS THREE NEW MEMBERS

The Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA) has admitted to membership the **Port of Lafito, Haiti, Subsea Global Solutions (SGS), Florida** and **Concepts in Freight, Inc., Florida**. They were admitted to membership during the Gala and Awards Ceremony for the 44th Annual General Meeting, Conference and Exhibition of the CSA.



**Port of Lafito** will be Haiti's Panamax Port. It is the centrepiece of a unique industrial and residential area that will aid in job creation and bring additional regional competitiveness to Haiti. Port of Lafito has developed a strategic alliance with SSA Marine / Manzanillo International Terminal (MIT) and will be utilizing the latest heavy equipment and software solutions available for port and terminal management.

Services include computerized load management for vessels up-to and including panamax size, storage, expeditious customs and National Port Authority services. Port construction and design is currently underway with an aggressive completion scheduled for Q4 2014.

Formerly known as the Subsea Solutions Alliance, **Subsea Global Solutions** is the globally formed corporation consisting of the assets and personnel of Miami Diver LLC, Miami Diver Panama, Miami Diver International, Parker Diving Service LLC and Trident BV.

The company's focus is on ship repairs and maintenance. Its achievements include: TransHab - the world's first underwater inflatable habitat for underwater seal replacement. Winner of the Coveted EMERGO award for innovation in the Netherlands; Flexible Tunnel Thruster Doors - Flexible Cofferdams for tunnel thruster repairs or extractions of compact design capable of being broken down and shipped as checked baggage on commercial airliners; and Wet Welding - First diving company to produce "A" class underwater weld procedures with six of the major Class Societies in all positions. Subsea Global Solutions also has diving operations in the Caribbean, North America, Far East and Europe we offer global diving resources with local assets.

**Concepts in Freight, Inc.** is a logistics company which specializes in ocean and land transportation, air freight as well as warehousing. The company focuses on providing personalized services to its customers.

Services include: weekly Less than Container Load (LCL) and Full Container Load (FCL), paletization and shrink-wrapping, pick and pack, crating, order checking and validation and personalized consolidation. ✂



## JAMAICA & MARTINIQUE COP TOP CSA PORT AWARDS!

*Kingston Wharves Limited (KWL) of Jamaica and Terminal de la Pointes des Grives of Martinique* are the top winners of this year's Caribbean Shipping Association's annual Caribbean Port Awards. The winners were announced on October 15, during the CSA's Gala and Awards Ceremony in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

**KWL received the Ludlow Stewart Multi-Purpose Terminal of the Year Award** while Terminal de la Pointes des Grives won the Container Terminal of the Year award.

"Chairman and chief executive officer of KWL, Grantley Stephenson said of the award, "our success is based on the continued support and confidence of our customers, employees and other stakeholders for which we are truly thankful."

He added that, "it's the confidence of our stakeholders that has positioned the company to embark on an ambitious portfolio of capital projects designed to strengthen the

company's base as a world-class terminal operator for the 'next 50 years of shipping".

Genevieve Pilon, Chef du Service Développement Commercial and Communication, Grand Port Maritime De La Martinique, are proud of the award. "This award has a particular significance for us as it is just the enhancement we need to achieve our big project to become a Hub in the Southern Caribbean in the perspective of the opening of the third set of locks in the Panama Canal in 2016," Pilon said.

She noted that Grand Port Maritime De La Martinique has expansion plans which will be carried out in two phases. Phase one will be completed by 2016 and phase two in 2020. "The trophy won last week is definitively a MasterCard to obtain the confidence of future partners in the Caribbean in order to make business with the EEC market.

The Grand Port Maritime de la Martinique expresses its gratitude to the CSA who for the second time gave it the chance to play a major role in new maritime routes in the Caribbean," Pilon emphasized.

Five sectional prizes were awarded to other terminals in the region: Grand Port Maritime de Guadeloupe won the award for Port Dependability and Flexibility; Sociedad Portuaria de Santa Marta, Colombia received the award for Port Efficiency and Productivity; Manzanillo International Terminal, Panama was cited for Growth, Development and Improvement; Kingston Container Terminal, Jamaica won for Security; and DP World Caucedo, Dominican Republic was awarded the prize for Port Environment, Health and Safety.

Ports and terminals who participate in the Port Awards competition are judged on their performance during the previous calendar year. The Port Awards was established in 1987 with the aim of promoting the improvement of regional port operations. ✂





*Michael 'Mike' Jarrett (4th right) accepts his citation and token from CSA President Grantley Stephenson (second left) during the CSA's Gala and Awards Ceremony on October 15 in Punta Cana. Also Photographed are: (from left) Fernando Riviera, Past President of CSA, Donna Jarrett, wife of the CSA honoree, Corah-Ann Robertson-Sylvester, Past President of the CSA and Carlos Urriola, Past President of the CSA.*

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Jarrett was also recognized for creating the Silver Club, an honour society within the CSA for members who have been in the industry for 25 years and over. The members of the club host an annual fund-raising event known as the Silver Club Roast that raises money for the CSA's Training Trust Fund.

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## CSA unanimously re-elects President, Vice President and General Council

**Grantley Stephenson** and **David Jean Marie** have been unanimously re-elected to serve as president and vice president of the Caribbean Shipping Association respectively.

Stephenson and Jean Marie were re-elected during the 44th annual general meeting, conference and exhibition of the CSA being held in the Dominican Republic. The event is being held from October 13 - 15, 2014.

Members of the General Council of the CSA were also re-elected en bloc. They are: Carlos Urriola, Immediate Past President of the CSA, Fernando Riviera, Management Committee, Roger Hinds, Group A Chairman, Kim Clarke, Group A Representative, Marc Sampson, Group A Representative and Hernan ayala, Group A Representative. Members of Group B: Ashley Taylor, Chairman and Juan Carlos Croston, the groups representative. For Group C, the chairman is Stephen Bell, Chairman while Cyril Seyjagat is the group's representative. Group D is represented by Jeanine Liong-A-San, chairman.

The re-elected President and vice President expressed their gratitude for the confidence expressed in them. Stephenson pledged that the CSA will continue to focus on training to meet the expected changes in the shipping industry. "We will do our best to justify your confidence in us," he said.

Jean Marie, said "we will continue to represent the interests of the members of the CSA."

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*CSA General Council on the AGM 2014 Stage*



## Our Mission

"To promote and foster the highest quality service to the maritime industry through training development; working with all agencies, groups and other associations for the benefit and development of its members and the peoples of the Caribbean region."



# AGM 2014 Highlights



- Opening night of the 2015 Shipping Insight Expo
- Fausto Fernandez (left) - Vice Minister International Cooperation and Gonzalo Castillo - Minister of Public Works and Communications, Dominican Republic are presented with tokens by CSA President
- Delegates pose with straw hats gifted by representatives of the Dominican Republic, hosts of the 2014 CSA AGM, Conference & Expo





# CAGM 2014 Highlights Cont'd



- Opening night of the 2015 Shipping Insight Expo
- CSA Delegates are treated to a showcase of culture by the Dominican Republic
- AGM Participants pay keen attention during presentation



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