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Fifty-nine Foss Vessels Honored for Environmental Excellence

Ships have gone two years or longer without environmental incidents, winning Chamber of Shipping honor

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 29, 2010 — For 18 years, the Drew Foss, a tugboat operated by the Foss Maritime Company, has been free of environmental mishap.

So have the Arthur Foss, the Justine Foss and a dozen other Foss vessels. In fact, 59 vessels owned by the Seattle-based Foss are being recognized by a major maritime organization for their standout environmental safety records.

Altogether, the Foss vessels feted by CSA have gone a combined **551 years without an environmental incident.**

"When we talk with our customers, their first concern is safety and the environment," said Gary Faber, the company's president and COO. "These are the cornerstones of Foss' corporate culture. To be honored by the Chamber of Shipping for our environmental record is something that underscores all our efforts at Foss."

Foss was honored by the CSA at a dinner ceremony in Washington, D.C., with the awards presented by Maritime Administrator, David T. Matsuda and Rear Admiral Brian Salerno, Deputy Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard and Michael Bohlman, Chairman of CSA. Capt. Jonathan Wood, skipper of the *Volans*, accepted awards on behalf of Foss.



Joseph J. Cox, President and CEO of CSA said, "These awards celebrate the dedication to environmental excellence of our seafarers and the company personnel shore-side who operate our vessels to the highest standards. In today's world, it seems our industry only gets front-page news when spills or other environmental problems occur. It is encouraging to see how many vessels go for years achieving environmental excellence. It should be clear to the American public that we in the maritime industry take our stewardship of the marine environment very seriously."

A list of the vessels that received the 2010 Environmental Achievement Award is posted on CSA's website www.knowships.org. Click on "Press Releases".

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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 30 U.S. based companies that either 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.*