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PORT OF SOUTH LOUISIANA COMMEMORATES MAIDEN VOYAGE OF M/V LUCIA BOTTIGLIERI

On January 17th, the Port of South Louisiana welcomed the crew of the M/V Lucia Bottiglieri as the vessel made its first call to the Port of South Louisiana. In recognition of the vessel's maiden voyage, the ship's Captain, C.I. Perederic, was presented an Honorary Harbor Master Certificate and a ceremonial plaque by Lee "Buddy" Amedee, Port of South Louisiana's Marine Cargo and Trade Director.

Operating under the Marshall Islands flag, the Panamax-size vessel sailed from Tsuneishi, Japan on December 10, 2011 and arrived at the Archer Daniels Midland Ama facility in St. Charles Parish on January 15th to take on 70,000 tons of N^o 2 yellow corn destined for Damman, Saudi Arabia. Bluewater Shipping served as the ship's agent during its journey to the Port of South Louisiana.



Pictured (L-R): Master Captain C.I. Perederic and Port of South Louisiana's Director of Marine Cargo and Trade Lee "Buddy" Amedee



The Port of South Louisiana, a 54-mile port district on the Mississippi River between New Orleans and Baton Rouge, is the largest tonnage port in the Western Hemisphere. The cargo it handles accounts for over 50 percent of all Louisiana imports/exports.

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