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The Newsletter of the
Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association

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Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association Goes to Washington, D.C.

In late February, the AIWA Board of Directors went to Washington, D.C. to advocate on behalf of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.

The trip included eleven meetings with Congressional members and staff from along the waterway to discuss the Association's legislative priorities for FY 15-16. Our visits were well received and appreciated by the Congressional offices.

Our main focus was to request support for \$50 million in each of three appropriations funding pots. Those three funding pots are:

1. Additional Dredging Needs for Navigation
2. Additional Dredging Needs for Inland Waterways, and
3. Additional Dredging Needs for Small, Remote and Subsistence Navigation.

The purpose of the appropriation funding

pots is to provide additional funding to USACE for operations and maintenance. The AIWW is eligible for funding through these three funding pots.

This funding approach has been successful for the AIWW. In FY15, the AIWW received an additional \$2.5 million above the President's budget. This funding went to projects in Virginia, South Carolina and Florida.

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Save the Date– 2016 AIWA Annual Meeting Heads to Norfolk!

The AIWA is pleased to announce that we are moving north along the waterway for our 2016 AIWA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held November 15-16, 2016 at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia.

We have begun to invite speakers and are expecting presentations to include an update on intracoastal waterway maintenance, offshore renewable energy sources and planning for

landside development, a waterway users panel, a View from Washington, D.C. and more!

We hope to once again offer a diverse agenda that covers topics that effect AIWW users, and we believe we are well on our way. However, we want to hear from you regarding topics that you would like to learn more about at this year's meeting. Please email Brad Pickel, Executive Director at bpickel@seahavenconsulting.com

Annual Meeting Snapshot:

Date: November 15-16, 2016

Location: Sheraton Norfolk Waterside, 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA

Participants: Federal, state and local government representatives, commercial and recreational stakeholders, professional service providers, and YOU!

Hotel reservations and online meeting registration coming soon.

Find us at www.atlanticintracoastal.org

AIWA Goes to Washington (Continued)

In FY 16, The AIWW received an additional \$6.7 million from these funding pots, which increased the amount of federal funding by over 90% more than the Administration's original FY 16 budget request.

Since our meetings in February and March, the House of Representatives and Senate have released their Energy and Water Appropriation Bills. Although these bills have not been passed into law by Congress, we are pleased with some of the results.

In addition to supporting the Administration's budget request for FY 17, they included the following amounts for the funding pots for Additional Dredging needs:

1. Inland Waterways— House (\$48 million), and Senate (\$45 million)
2. Small, Remote, or Subsistence Navigation— House (\$50 million), and Senate (\$48 million)
3. Navigation— House (\$25.3 million), and Senate (\$23.5 million).

The AIWA will continue to advocate for the higher numbers and support the House version of the Appropriations bill.

In addition to our focus on Appropriations requests, we also thanked the Congressional members and staff for their support in requesting that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers complete the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, Section 2008 report. The purpose of the report is for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to report to Congress the unmet operations and maintenance needs of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway so that all parties will know how much funding is needed to bring the AIWW to its authorized depth and maintain it. This information will not only provide the federal government with a clearer picture of the short and long-term maintenance needs but also any current or future non-federal cost-sharing partners.

As reported previously, the AIWA in partnership with the Florida Inland Navigation District supported the development of a delegation letter that resulted in thirteen members sending a bipartisan letter to the Assistant Secretary of the Army asking that the Section 2008 report be completed. While the

report has not yet been finalized and submitted to Congress, we believe their ongoing support could bring it to fruition this year.

While in Washington, the board also met staff at the headquarters of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to discuss our needs. In the meeting, we thanked them for their previous support to add funding to the AIWW through the Additional Dredging needs funding puts in FY 14-FY16.

We then turned our attention to FY17 appropriations needs and the WRRDA Section 2008 report. They explained the current constraints that they were facing on both issues. They offered that they would continue to be supportive of the AIWW within their ability and under those constraints as they had been in previous years. We thanked them for the opportunity to discuss our needs and concerns. We look forward to ongoing meetings with the Corps of Engineers at all levels as we serve as the representatives of stakeholders along the AIWW.

AIWA On The Road

The AIWA was active on the road raising awareness for the AIWW at national and regional meetings in early 2016.

In February, Brad Pickel, AIWA executive director, participated in the National Waterways Conference Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. The AIWA is a member of the National Waterways Conference and Brad represents the AIWA on the NWC Executive Committee and the Legislative Policy committee.

In April, Brad was asked to be a speaker at the Mid-Atlantic Waterways Conference in Norfolk,

Virginia. The Mid-Atlantic Waterways Conference is a regional event that includes participation by representatives from federal, state and local agencies, non-governmental organizations and commercial operators.

In his presentation, Brad focused on the development and fostering of partnerships in maintaining the AIWW. These partnerships included the U.S. Corps of Engineers, state and local non-federal sponsors, and Congressional members and staff. Through developing these partnerships, we are able to continue to secure additional funding for waterway maintenance.

Later in April, Brad was asked to participate in the North Carolina Beach, Inlet and Waterway Association's (NCBIWA) Local Government Meeting. NCBIWA is a long-standing member and great partner of the AIWA. The focus of this meeting was to highlight issues that effect local governments who are members of NCBIWA. The AIWA presentation focused on how we are working to address national issues effecting the entire waterway, and highlighted the value of appropriation funding pots to individual states, such as North Carolina who is receiving an additional \$3 million in FY 2016 from the funding pots.

Cruisers App from our Web Partners- the Salty Southeast Cruisers' Net

The AIWA is pleased to include the following information from the Salty Southeast Cruisers' Net, an AIWA Internet Partner. More information can be found at: <http://goo.gl/YI66RA>

Question: How many "mobile apps" does one need ?

Answer: Just those that SERVE one's needs !!

That is exactly what the team at the Salty Southeast Cruisers' Net (SSECN), has been working on, carrying out the plans made just several months before the untimely death of the SSECN founder Claiborne Young.

Back in 2005, Claiborne stated that the purpose of the SSECN would be, "Cruisers Helping Cruisers." This became the motto for SSECN and is the core strength of its daily operations. The effort to bring a mobile app to the cruising community that would put the

timely and content rich "Salty Southeast Cruisers' Net" at the finger tips of the skipper while underway, is the result of many cruisers trying to help other cruisers. It is really easy to use with an intuitive interface. True to the SSECN web version the SSECN Mobile App is free.

Take a look at all that is available to the captain and crew while underway using its cartographic feature and continually updated information:

- Current waterway and mile marker location.
- Continuously displays the appropriate side ICW yellow triangle/square will be found on markers/buoys. All submitted information from

cruisers who have just navigated waters you may be headed for soon is vetted for accuracy. The readily available Local Notices to Mariners and Navigation Alerts are available to the skipper while underway with high resolution maps or for planning purposes.

- The content and fuel prices are automatically updated so your information is always current. Speaking of fuel prices, you can quickly find the best fuel price nearest you or the closest fuel available to you- sort fuel by type, price, location, and range.

Currently available for iPhones or iPads, plans are to have an Android release soon.



Fiscal Year 2016 and 2017 Appropriations Snapshot

In December 2015, Congress passed the FY 2016 Energy and Water Appropriations (E&W) Bill as part of the year-end Omnibus Bill. The E&W portion of the bill included \$45 million in funding for Additional Dredging Needs for Inland Waterways, and \$48 million in funding for Small, Remote or Subsistence Harbors or Channels totaling \$93 million. This amount is more than was proposed by the House of Representatives and slightly lower than the Senate amounts. These funds have now been allocated by the Corps of Engineers through a work plan and the AIWW received an additional \$6.7 million for a total of \$13,931,000. This additional funding increased the original amount in the President’s budget by over 90%. Looking forward to FY 2017, the President’s budget included \$6.911 million for the waterway. While this amount is not nearly enough to cover the operations and maintenance needs for the waterway, we are working to encourage Congress to include Additional Dredging Needs funding in the final appropriation bills.

The table below shows how the AIWW fared in federal funding in FY 15, FY16, and the current funding proposal in the Presidential budget request for FY 17.

	Final FY 15 Funding	Presidential Budget for FY 16	Work Plan Increase in FY 16	Final FY16 Funding	Presidential Budget for FY 17
VA	\$6.94M	\$3.655M	\$1.1M	\$4.755M	\$4.030M
NC	\$2.6M	\$2.6M	\$3M	\$5.6M	\$1.75M
SC	\$2.4M	\$0.1M	\$0	\$0.1M	\$0.1M
GA	\$0.176M	\$0.176M	\$0	\$0.176	\$0.181
FL	\$1.2M	\$0.7M	\$2.6M	\$3.3M	\$0.850M
Total	13,316,000	\$7,231,000	\$6.7M	\$13.931M	\$6.911M

New Silver Sponsor– Seaward Marine Corporation

We are pleased to welcome silver sponsor Seaward Marine Corporation to the AIWA.

The staff of professionals in Norfolk Harbor has over 300 years of combined experience in marine construction.

specialized equipment, knowledge, and experience to complete your project up to 300 feet below the surface.

Seaward Marine Corporation is located in Chesapeake, Virginia and has over 25 years of experience providing underwater and marine construction services.

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For more information, please visit: seawardmarinecorp.com

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New Bronze Sponsor and Corporate Member– Coastal Precast Systems and Cashman Dredging

We are pleased to welcome bronze sponsor Coastal Precast Systems and Cashman Dredging as our newest corporate member.

Coastal Precast Systems

Coastal Precast Systems provides high quality precast for highway, rail, and marine construction. The owners of Coastal Precast Systems have over sixty years of experience in the precast concrete industry. CPS has multiple patents, and prides itself on its innovative approach to precast solutions, as well as the most efficient service that this industry has to offer.

CPS offers more than being a supplier of precast, with our professional engineering

staff and the ability to provide transportation, we provide a total package. CPS is centrally located on the Intracoastal Waterway in Chesapeake, Virginia. Given the plant's ideal location, as well as on-site equipment, CPS can efficiently deliver your precast/prestressed products via barge or traditional land-based transportation, such as truck or rail.

CPS is a proud member of Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI). All of our precast products are manufactured to quality assurance guidelines and procedures.

For more information, visit www.cpsprecast.com

Cashman Dredging & Marine Contracting

Cashman Dredging, a division of Jay Cashman, Inc., is one of the largest and most experienced dredging companies in the country. We pride ourselves on taking a solution-based approach to all projects, whether large or small. Our track record of professionalism, quality, and an unwavering commitment to safety has allowed us to take on some of the most challenging projects in U.S. history.

Whatever the scope of the project, Cashman Dredging possesses the manpower, state-of-the-art equipment, knowledge and commitment to safety necessary to efficiently and cost-

effectively handle dredging projects of all sizes.

Our expansive dredging portfolio includes varied projects such as remediating PCBs in the Hudson River to deepening shipping berths clearing international shipping lanes for the Army Corps of Engineers, and maintaining the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway in Florida. Our team analyzes each client's individual needs to determine the best approach to provide a completed dredging project that exceeds expectations.

For more information, visit www.cashmandredging.com

Calling all Photographers! 2016 AIWA Photography Contest is Open!

The AIWA is asking all members of the association and friends of the waterway to help us show some of the unique aspects you enjoy about the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway by submitting pictures to the 2016 AIWA Photography Competition. To participate, please send an electronic file in JPEG or TIFF format to bpickel@seahavenconsulting.com

In the text of your email, please include the following information:

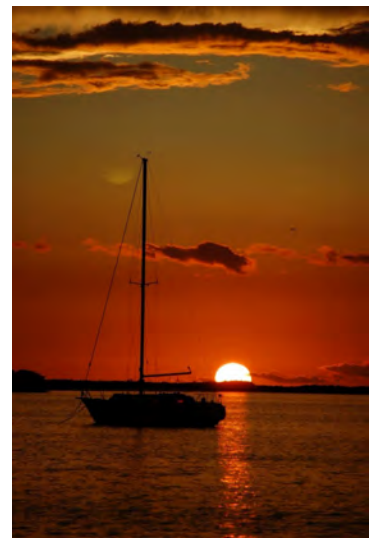
1. Your Name
2. Physical Address
3. Email address
4. Photograph Location

We will select a number of photographs to be printed in upcoming AIWA newsletters beginning this summer. In addition, we will be using these photos in an effort to further raise

awareness of the value of a well-maintained waterway.

One grand prize winner will be selected and receive a one-year annual membership to the AIWA.

The deadline for the competition is June 30, 2016 and we want to thank you for your ongoing support of the intracoastal waterway.



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OUR MISSION

“The mission of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association (AIWA) is to encourage the continuation and further development of waterborne commerce and recreation in the Intracoastal Waterways of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida through the promotion of adequate dredging, safe navigation and maintenance; to work to ensure the US Army Corps of Engineers maintains the waterway at a 12-foot depth at low tide, as authorized by Congress; and to educate the nation and the region about the historical and economic value of the waterway to its citizens.”

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UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

May 9-11, 2016:

American Boating Congress
Renaissance Hotel
Washington, D.C.
Go to www.nmma.org/abc

September 14-16, 2016:

FSBPA Annual Conference
Naples Grande Hotel
Naples, FL
Go to www.fsbpa.com

September 21-23, 2016:

National Waterways
Conference Annual Meeting
Norfolk, VA
Go to www.waterways.org

October 25-28, 2016:

ASBPA's 90th National
Coastal Conference
Ocean Place Resort
Long Branch, NJ
Go to www.asbpa.org