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Port of Caddo-Bossier to Mark National Maritime Day

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Shreveport, La/Bossier City La. – The Port of Caddo-Bossier will join other ports across the country in recognizing May 22, 2020 as National Maritime Day. It commemorates the first successful crossing of the Atlantic Ocean by steam propulsion on May 22, 1819.

In observance of National Maritime Day, maritime flags will be flown on the yardarm flag pole in front of the Regional Commerce Center, located at 6000 Doug Attaway Boulevard. The Port Commission also passed a resolution at its May 11, 2020 meeting to mark the day. The four government agencies that make up the Port Commission, the Bossier City Council, Bossier Parish Police Jury, the Caddo Commission and the Shreveport City Council are expected to pass similar resolutions.

“This year’s event has taken on new meaning for The Port of Caddo-Bossier,” said Port Executive Director Eric England. “Despite the COVID-19 shelter-at-home orders, our operators were deemed essential workers and continued working, offloading barges with products for our customers.”

National Maritime Day also honors the Merchant Marine, which transports cargo and passengers during peacetime and can be used by the U.S. Navy to deliver military troops and materials during war.

The 3,200 acre Port of Caddo-Bossier is located at the head of navigation on the Red River Waterway in Northwest Louisiana. An inland multi-modal transportation and distribution center, The Port works hand in hand with the port system of Louisiana to successfully link customers throughout the Ark-La-Tex region to domestic and international markets via the Mississippi River, the nation's largest river system, and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

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