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LIGHTHOUSE GALA AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

New Orleans — Global Maritime Ministries is hosting the **Lighthouse Gala** at Audubon Tea Room on Friday, March 9, to honor outstanding members of the maritime community. Two special awards will be presented to pay tribute to these exceptional individuals.



Sean M. Duffy Sr.

Sean M. Duffy Sr. has been named as this year's recipient of the Crystal Lighthouse Award, which celebrates the Maritime Person of the Year. Duffy is recognized for his contributions to protecting maritime commerce across the Mississippi River and its tributaries through his roles as Executive Director of the Big River Coalition and Executive Vice President of the Louisiana Maritime Association. "Sean is a dedicated and trusted ambassador for the Lower Mississippi River Deep Draft Ports Complex," said Michelle Ganon, Vice President of Public Affairs for the Port of New Orleans. "No one is more knowledgeable or passionate about the importance of dredging as a key component of our ability to successfully advance trade in the region."



Dwayne M. Boudreaux

Dwayne M. Boudreaux has been named as this year's recipient of the Rev. John P. Vandercook Service Award, which celebrates the Maritime Humanitarian of the Year. Boudreaux serves as Gulf Coast Coordinator and Inspector for the International Transportation Worker's Federation and Vice President of the International Longshoreman's Association. He is a strong advocate for seafarers and maritime employees by defending their rights and ensuring their financial and humanitarian needs are being met. Maritime attorney and previous award winner Michael Colomb said of Boudreaux, "Dwayne has worked tirelessly for more than 30 years advocating for the rights of all maritime workers."

In addition to these award presentations, the Lighthouse Gala will feature a dinner with celebrity servers, musical entertainment, and silent and live auctions. All proceeds from the event will benefit Global Maritime Ministries. For more details and to purchase tickets, visit PortMinistry.com.