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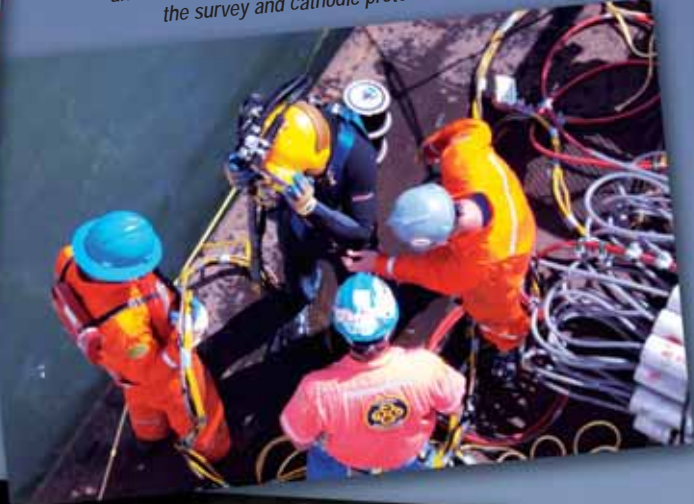
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SECOND QUARTER 2011



The Mobile Offshore Learning Unit (MOLU) has become very popular among teachers and students alike. Read more about this education outreach program on page 7.

A diver with Global Industries prepares to enter the water to perform an underwater survey on the Ocean Star. More information about the survey and cathodic protection for the rig is on page 6.



This year's edition of the always popular Ocean Star Gala is set for Sept. 24 at the Westin Galleria Hotel. See details on page 3.

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Industry Salute to Interns coming soon

The 2011 edition of the popular Industry Salute to Interns is scheduled for July 19 at the Westin Houston Memorial City, a new location for the event. Sponsorships are still available. Contact Sandy Cazemier at 713-686-4845 or sandy@theeventsplus.com. Sponsors so far include **Anadarko, Apache, FMC Technologies, Noble Energy and Halliburton.**



This year's master of ceremonies is **Brandon Bayles**, Halliburton's Manager of Global Talent Acquisition. **Ben Jackson**, an oilfield magician, will co-MC and entertain between speakers. **Marilyn Kennedy** will return as a speaker/presenter. Her topics and discussions have been helpful to interns since the inaugural Salute. Other speakers are still being lined up as are participants in a panel discussion about the oil and gas industry. Industry organizations will be available to feature their opportunities by handing out information and visiting with interns.

Ocean Star Gala set for September 24



The much-anticipated *Ocean Star Gala* is scheduled for September 24 at the Westin Galleria Hotel. Five Industry Pioneers will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in a ceremony preceding the Gala. See the Gala ad in this issue for more information.

This year's group of Industry Pioneers includes **John A. Haeber, John R. Huff, Marvin E. Odum, Jr., John J. Swoboda, Jr., and John Wallace.**

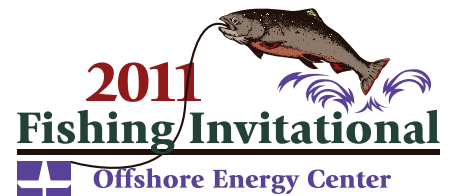
While making plans to attend this year's Hall of Fame induction ceremony, it's not too early to begin thinking about the Pioneers to be inducted in 2012. See the Call for Nominations ad in this newsletter for more information about submitting nominations.



New OEC Board Member

Cory L. Loegering will replace David Carmony, formerly with Apache, on the OEC Board. Cory joined Apache as Region Vice President of the company's new Deepwater Region in November 2010 and is responsible for all of Apache's deepwater activities in the Gulf of Mexico. He previously was vice president of deepwater for Mariner Energy and held various positions including vice president of petroleum engineering and director of deepwater development. Prior to joining Mariner in July 1990, Loegering was employed by Tenneco from 1982 to 1989, serving in various positions including as senior engineer in the economic, planning and analysis group in Tenneco's corporate offices. He began his career with Conoco in 1977 and held positions in the construction, production and reservoir departments responsible for Gulf of Mexico production and development.

2011 OEC Fishing Tournament Oct. 20-21



The 2011 fishing tournament will be held on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 20-21 in Galveston. The underwriters this year are **Baker Hughes and Atkins Global. Halliburton** will provide its cooking team again this year for dinner Thursday evening. **Pride International** is sponsoring the tent and the spouses' brunch on Friday.

There are still several sponsorship opportunities available for this popular event. The tournament hosts will be announced later. For additional information and information about sponsorships, contact OEC at 281-679-8040.

Next Executive Speaker Series is July 27

Randall Luthi, President of the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA) and a recent addition to OEC's Board of Directors, is the next Executive Speaker July 27. The final 2011 speaker series is set for Oct. 26 and the speaker will be announced soon.

The Executive Speakers luncheons begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Petroleum Club in downtown Houston. Tickets are \$50 per person, or \$500 for a table of 10.

This year's sponsors are **Apache, Atkins Global, Baker Hughes, Chevron, Pride International, Schlumberger, Shell, Stone Energy and Weatherford.** Sponsorships are available for the 2011 Executive Speaker Series. Sponsors will receive a premium table for 10 for each luncheon, admittance for two people to the VIP reception with the speakers prior to the luncheon, and recognition on event signage, the OEC website and in *The Star*.

Randall is a former Speaker of the Wyoming State House of Representatives, and most recently served as the Director of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) from July 2007 through January 2009. Immediately prior to that he served as the Deputy Director of the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Fish and Wildlife Service.



Randall Luthi

WHEN

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Offshore Pioneer Induction Ceremony and Reception – 6:30 p.m.
Plaza Ballroom

Gala Reception – 7:30 p.m.
Galleria Ballroom Foyer

Dinner and Dancing – 8:00 p.m.
Galleria Ballroom

WHAT

Black-Tie Dinner Dance benefiting the Offshore Energy Center

WHERE

Westin Galleria – Plaza & Galleria Ballroom 5060 West Alabama, Houston, Texas

2011
Ocean Star Gala

OFFSHORE PIONEER RECEPTION AND INDUCTION CEREMONY

*Induction and presentation of the 2011 Pioneers into the OEC Hall of Fame
at a reception and ceremony in the Plaza Ballroom immediately preceding the Ocean Star Gala.*

PROGRAM

Presentation of the 2011 Pinnacle Award

BENEFITING

*The Gala proceeds benefit the Offshore Energy Center's mission –
"To create awareness of the vast energy resources available beneath the world's oceans
and the complex industry that delivers these resources in a safe and environmentally responsible way."*

*The OEC sponsors educational programs, the Hall of Fame and operates the Ocean Star,
an offshore drilling rig and museum at Pier 19 in Galveston, Texas.*

*The Ocean Star, with 12,000 square feet of exhibits, is open daily to the public
and provides the public and the industry the latest in offshore technology.*

**For ticket and sponsorship information call Sandy Cazemier -
713-686-4845, sandycazemier@theeventsplus.com**



Call For Nominations of Offshore Pioneers For the 2012 Hall of Fame

Help us honor those
that made our industry
what it is today.



**The Offshore Pioneers
will be inducted into the
Offshore Energy Center's
Hall of Fame
in September of 2012**

The Offshore Energy Center

is currently calling for nominations of Industry Pioneers and Pioneering Technologies for induction into the Hall of Fame. For 2012, the committee would like to place an emphasis on receiving nominations for the individuals who formed some of the foundations for the offshore industry's technology and/or were corporate leaders, preferably before 1985 including overseas developments.

Industry Pioneers Award

recognizes important achievements of individuals who are recognized leaders in the offshore energy industry.

Technology Pioneers Award

recognizes important technologies by individuals, companies, organizations or institutions.

Nominations Close
December 5, 2011

To receive a nominating package, please contact the Offshore Energy Center at 281.679.8040, email oece@oceanstaroec.com or log on to www.oceanstaroec.com and download the forms.

Hugh Elkins – Chairman, Hall of Fame Committee

Ocean Star joins more than 1,000 museums offering free admission to military personnel

For the second year, the *Ocean Star* has joined Blue Star Museums, a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), Blue Star Families, and more than 1,000 museums in all 50 states and the District of Columbia to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day, May 30, through Labor Day, September 5, 2011. In addition to children's museums across the country, participating museums represent a broad range of art, history, science, and cultural topics.

"This is a great opportunity, not only to thank our military personnel, but to call attention to the rebirth of the City of Galveston after the devastation of Hurricane Ike in 2008," said Lisa Lisinicchia, *Ocean Star's* operations director.

"More than 100 military personnel and their families took advantage of the program in its first year at the *Ocean Star* and we are expecting more to participate as the word spreads," Lisa continued. "This is a wonderful moment in NEA and U.S. museums history to join together to actively show our appreciation and support for the U. S. military personnel and their families," Lisa said.

The free admission program is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention Common Access Card (CAC), A DD Form 1173 ID Card, or a DD Form 1173-1 ID Card, which includes active duty military and their immediate family members, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserve. Some special or limited-time museum exhibits may not be included in this free admission program. For questions on particular exhibits or museums, please contact the museum directly. For a complete listing of participating museums with links and FAQ for museums and military families, go to <http://www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/2011-FAQ.html>. The site includes a list of participating museums and a map to help with visit planning.

Ocean Star provides unique venue for meetings

The *Ocean Star* continues to be a popular meeting venue and the conference room was booked on ten occasions during the second quarter by companies including **ExxonMobil**, **Shell**, **Deloitte**, and **Atlas Copco**. "We were delighted to see **EDI Investments** return for a three day training program and glad to host a group of 24 teachers with the **University of Houston Clear Lake - School of Education**," said Lisa Lisinicchia, *Ocean Star's* operations director. "Thanks to **Jim Wilson**, **Brenda Weiser** and all our loyal friends for the continuing support."

In addition to meeting and event space, the *Ocean Star* is a popular location for film and photo shoots. The accessibility of the rig museum makes it a natural backdrop for industrial footage. **PetroEd** and **Moduspec** recently shot portions of training videos for use on their website, and **Bayou City Productions** utilized the rig for filming a series of interviews that will be used for a BHP Billiton video.



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Audio tours to be available in French and Spanish

Comments from visitors to the *Ocean Star* indicated that many would like to use the "wands" available for audio tours of the *Ocean Star* but in languages other than English. As a result, a project now is in full swing to provide the tour in French and Spanish with the assistance of **Schlumberger** and **API-Houston Chapter**. When this project is complete, visitors will be able to choose the audio tour from three languages using the same "wand."

Schlumberger is sponsoring the translation into French and Spanish by providing oilfield experts to do the translations, which includes many technical oilfield terms. API, which originally sponsored the audio tour, has given additional funds to help defray the cost of the taping, which will be provided by various voice actors from the company that originally taped the audio tour for the devices.

Ocean Star participates in promoting Galveston

On Sunday, May 15th, the *Ocean Star* participated in a local social media blitz to promote Galveston as the #1 tourist destination in Texas during Texas Tourism Week. Galveston.com offered coupons for 50% off area locations and attraction to their more than 29,000 facebook followers. If you haven't "liked" the *Ocean Star* on Facebook yet, what are you waiting for?



Underwater survey, cathodic protection for museum

Global Industries, Deepwater Corrosion Services and Gulf Copper joined to provide an underwater survey and install new cathodic protection to the *Ocean Star* during May. Global Industries provided divers to conduct the underwater survey of the museum. **Darrell Walter** with the company put OEC in touch with Deepwater Corrosion Services which provided 10 cathodic protection anodes for the rig's hull to help prevent corrosion and rust.

Gulf Copper supplied welders for the anode installation and provided space for Global Industries' divers to stage at their facility across the channel from the *Ocean Star*. Gulf Copper also provided a barge to transport the divers, welders and equipment to the *Ocean Star*.

A Global Industries diver prepares to conduct an underwater survey of the Ocean Star.

OEC, *Ocean Star* participate in American Association of Museums conference

The American Association of Museums (AAM) is a professional and advocacy group that has been developing standards and best practices in the museum community since 1906. This year, the annual conference was held in Houston and attended by more than 4,000 museum professionals representing 3,000 institutions across the US and 40 foreign countries. The OEC and *Ocean Star* Museum participated in a variety of ways.

In addition to offering free admission for all registered participants during the conference, attendees could also sign up for a field trip to Galveston for an "Offshore Excursion!" On Saturday, May 21, a group started their day at the **Weather Museum**, which educates the public about weather and weather safety and also forecasts for offshore oil and gas companies, on rigs like the one featured at the *Ocean Star* Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum. They then headed south to experience the *Ocean Star* Offshore Drilling Rig & Museum. After a guided tour by museum director **Lisa Lisinicchia** and industry professional **Malcolm Sharples**, lunch was provided with the opportunity for Q&A on this hot topic industry. Finally, participants boarded the **MV SEAGULL II** excursion vessel for a narrated tour of the harbor.

Staff attending the conference workshops and sessions included **Sandra Mourton, Peggy Cole, Doris Tomas, Lisa Lisinicchia** and **Trina Claire**. While sessions covered a variety of administrative, exhibit, interpretive, and programming issues pertinent to museums, one session in particular was noteworthy to the *Ocean Star*. OEC agreed to let the National Association of Museum Exhibitions (NAME), a standing professional group within AAM, use the *Ocean Star* Museum as the focus of its critique session. On May 24th, "Exhibition Critique Big Texan Style" focused on how the *Ocean Star* Offshore Drilling Rig & Museum balances the issues of energy and regional relevance. Lisa Lisinicchia was invited to sit on a panel along with three NAME committee members that visited the *Ocean Star* over the past few months and shared their thoughts on the visitor experience. While they did have some constructive criticism, they all greatly enjoyed their visits, admittedly learned something while they were here, and were pleasantly surprised by the facility. Overall, it was an exciting and overwhelmingly positive peer review experience.



Students from St. Joseph Catholic School listen as Ocean Star Docent Levi Loya explains a museum exhibit.

Future rig hands? Two students from St. Joseph Catholic School see what they look like working on a rig.



The St. Joseph Catholic School tour also included an activity. Here some of the students display their Porthole of Life, a Rigs to Reef activity.



Student group from Dallas tours *Ocean Star*

A group of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) students and teachers from Dallas toured the *Ocean Star* as part of their field trip to Galveston. The field trip included a service project on Bolivar peninsula, which was virtually wiped out as a result of Hurricane Ike in 2008. The visit to the museum was facilitated by **Dr. Marguerite Sonnier**, a biomedical engineer with the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, who works extensively with STEM students.

Prior to touring the museum, which was conducted by *Ocean Star* Operations Director **Lisa Lisinicchia**, the students listened to a presentation by a speaker with Texas Parks and Wildlife, who discussed environmental and animal science. Dr. Sonnier presented a PowerPoint presentation about biomedical engineering.

Education Outreach



Paula Harris with Schlumberger, who also is President of the Houston Independent School District Board of Directors, tours the MOLU with her daughter at the Shell EcoMarathon event in Houston.

MOLU exhibited at Shell EcoMarathon

The Shell EcoMarathon challenges high school and college student teams from around the world to design, build and test energy efficient vehicles. You've probably seen them on the news, sleek, very low, solar-powered, futuristic-looking vehicles. With annual events in the Americas, Europe and Asia, the winners are the teams that go the farthest distance using the least amount of energy.

The EcoMarathon was held in Houston at the George R. Brown Convention Center April 14-17 in conjunction with the C-Stem Sea Turtle robotics competition. Offshore Energy Center was given the opportunity to display its Mobile Offshore Learning Unit (MOLU) at the convention center for visitors to rotate through its six stations on April 17.

In addition to numerous students touring the MOLU, the Houston Independent School District President, **Paula Harris**, also attended and rotated through the MOLU with her daughter. OEC Education Director **Doris Tomas** and Facilitator **Joy Sloan** manned the MOLU.

Workshops for teachers of gifted and talented students

Two workshops for teachers of gifted and talented students will be held this summer at the Shell office building where OEC is located. The workshops are scheduled for July 22 and August 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The workshops are sponsored by **ConocoPhillips** and are free to teachers attending. Lunch will be provided and each participant will receive six hours of credit and a copy of the teacher guide, *Project E³: Expanding Energy Education*. The workshops have been approved by the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT). In addition to training on the teacher guide, teachers also will be trained to use the Knowledge Box. Upon completion of the workshop teachers will be able to use the Knowledge Box in their classroom for a period of four weeks.

For additional information about the workshops, contact OEC Education Director **Doris Tomas** at dtomas@oceanstaroec.com or call 281-544-2435.

MOLU reaches nearly 6,500 students in 2011

During the first five months of this year, from January 11 through May 20, the MOLU made stops at 47 schools around Houston and other cities across Texas, and nearly 6,500 students were able to rotate through the stations and learn about offshore energy and how it relates to their lives. The MOLU traveled across the state from Edinburg, Pharr and McAllen to Amarillo in the Panhandle, from Nacogdoches in East Texas to Midland in West Texas.

The Foundation for Energy Education funded 23 of the MOLU visits, including most to elementary schools in South Texas and a week-long visit to Amarillo schools and to the Tyler, Longview and Nacogdoches school districts.

Halliburton sponsored eight visits to schools in the Rio Grande Valley, and **Pride International** provided six visits in the Houston, Spring Branch, Katy and Barbers Hill school districts.

Fourth and fifth grade students at Ridgcrest Elementary school in Amarillo rotate through the MOLU during one of the visits sponsored by the Foundation for Energy Education.



MOLU travels to Washington, D.C. this fall

After three years of exhibiting in Houston and across Texas, OEC's popular Mobile Offshore Learning Unit (MOLU) will undertake an extremely important role – to educate members of Congress and their staffers about the offshore oil and natural gas industry.

The MOLU will be displayed in the Rayburn House Office Building on September 22, 2011. This venue will provide the opportunity for members of Congress and their staffers to learn about the industry from a hands-on approach.

The OEC Board of Directors and Staff decided to undertake this trip not only to provide factual information to Congress but because there is a well-documented need to increase the number of students pursuing careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). In an article reprinted in the January 26, 2011 issue of the *Houston Chronicle* from the *Washington Post*, *Science a Sore Subject in the U.S.* by Nick Anderson, more than two-thirds of the nation's fourth graders failed to show proficiency in science in 2009. Roughly six out of 10

eighth-graders and 12th-graders also fell short of science proficiency on the National Assessment of Educational Progress. As the MOLU travels to DC, educators along the East Coast will have a chance to see how the MOLU can enhance science learning in their classroom.

OEC MOLU Manager, **Michael Nevels** (see the 1st quarter 2011 The Star, p.11) will be transporting the MOLU to the nation's capital. The trip is anticipated to be four weeks in duration with stops at numerous schools along the way. Tentative school visits are planned in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. Several sponsors for the trip already have been lined up, including **Noble Corp.**, **Noble Energy** and **Deep Gulf**. The **API-Washington** and **NOIA** are providing assistance with the trip.

If you are interested in more information about the endeavor or in helping to fund it, please contact **Sandra Mourton** or **Peggy Cole** at the 281-679-8040.

Spotlight on



Janet Hughes recently joined Offshore Energy Center as Administrative Coordinator, replacing Viann Bonoan who is pursuing other opportunities. Janet has extensive experience in the energy industry stretching back to 1978, including stints with several energy companies that have been long-forgotten during the merger and acquisition phases of the industry. She began her career in the industry with NL Industries in London, where she was born. She later transferred to the U.S. to work in NL Industries' Baroid division in Houston.

Janet later worked for Global Natural Resources where she was executive assistant to the CEO. She survived numerous acquisitions beginning with the company being acquired by Seagull, which was later acquired by Ocean Energy. When that company was acquired by Devon Energy, Janet moved to Spinnaker Exploration working as executive assistant to the CEO.

Spinnaker was later acquired by Norsk Hydro, and Janet remained with that company until accepting a position at Endeavour International in Houston. She also worked in the Global Energy Division of Citibank as the executive assistant to the managing director.

In her spare time, she can be found at the Houston Zoo where she has volunteered for 22 years and is currently a caregiver for an infant orangutan.

As OEC's Administrative Coordinator, she will be responsible for event coordination and assisting Executive Director Sandra Mourton.

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 9 **Family Day – Rigs to Reefs**
- July 19 **Industry Salute to Interns**
Westin Houston Memorial City
- July 27 **Executive Speaker Series Luncheon**
Petroleum Club
- Aug. 13 **Family Day – Working Under Water**
- Sept. 10 **Family Day – Life on a Rig**
- Sept. 24 **Ocean Star Gala**
Westin Galleria Hotel
Sandy Cazemier at Events Plus at 713-686-4845
OEC@theeventspus.com
- Oct. 8 **Family Day – Sources of Energy**
- Oct. 20-21 **OEC Fishing Invitational – Galveston**
Contact OEC at 281-679-8040
- Oct. 26 **Executive Speaker Series Luncheon**
Petroleum Club

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