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TIDEWATER TRANSPORTATION & TERMINALS NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART TOWBOAT, *CROWN POINT*, CHRISTENED
AND HEADING UPRIVER

VANCOUVER, WA - Tidewater and Vigor project managers, clients, employees and guests gathered Saturday, June 27, 2015, to christen the *Crown Point*.

Festivities began at 2:30pm with speeches from Kale Kramer - Vigor Director of Manufacturing, Bob Curcio - Tidewater CEO, Marc Schwartz - Tidewater Maintenance and Engineering Manager, Steve Isaacson with Fifth Third Equipment Finance, and Frank Foti - Vigor CEO.

"It takes the commitment of one heck of a lot of people to build these tugs," stated Curcio. "First we have to think of our clients; their business enables us to be here today. Special thanks also to our crewmen, captains, pilots, and deck mechanics. Those individuals have served with pride and integrity that has served our clients for many, many years. We also need to thank our maintenance guys and terminal operators who keep things running behind the scenes."

Marc Schwartz expressed gratitude to all the individuals who diligently worked behind and, on the scenes, CT Marine designers, Noise Control Engineers, Vigor Project Manager Dick Gaston, Tidewater Port Captain Brian Fletcher and Assistant Port Captains Josh Burrows and Josh Nichols.

"Along with experience, craftsmanship and dedication, Vigor's men, women and supervisors put personal pride into the vessel. When you go down and see the *Crown Point*, you will see it. It is astounding," beamed Schwartz.

Steve Isaacson with Fifth Third Equipment Finance followed Schwartz and thanked Tidewater for choosing Fifth Third to finance the *Crown Point*. "My history with Tidewater goes back a ways. The first project I worked on was with Ray Hickey on a tug called the *Outlaw*," revealed Isaacson. "Back in those days Tidewater was a great company, great reputation, and still is today. I would like to honor the employees, the crew members for keeping Tidewater such a great company."

"Our bank loves the boat, loves the picture," continued Isaacson. "We think of it as the 'Crown Jewel' of the Columbia."



Frank Foti, Vigor CEO, followed Isaacson and explained that there is a set of values that they talk a lot about at Vigor: Truth, Responsibility, Evolution, and Love.

Once the speeches and safety briefing concluded, the guests made their way out to the dock where Al Moreno, Fort Vancouver Seafarers Center Acting Chaplain, blessed the vessel, “Grant to all who work at sea the blessings of safe ships, and a just reward for all their work.”

Before Nancy Curcio cracked the bottle on the bow of the boat, she stated, “I name this vessel *Crown Point*. May she bring fair winds, good luck and safe passage to all that sail on her.”

About the Company

Headquartered in Vancouver, Washington, Tidewater operates the largest barge transportation and terminal network on the Columbia-Snake River system*. Tidewater transports a wide range of cargo among a network of ports, terminals and grain elevators throughout the entire Columbia-Snake River system. We also operate five strategically located terminals and five pipelines with key intermodal connections to railroads, highways and other pipelines.

Tidewater has an excellent reputation with customers, regulators and the communities we serve as a result of our strong and unwavering focus on service, safety and environmental stewardship. We at Tidewater are proud of our heritage and respect the privilege of operating on the waterways of the Pacific Northwest.

*The Columbia-Snake River system spans 465 miles from the Pacific Ocean, at the mouth of the Columbia River, inland to Lewiston, Idaho.

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