



# IDC Newsletter

## Richard's Corner



Captain Joe Savoie and the Dredge Ingenuity fleet spent the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in the quaint shrimping town of Bayou LaBatre, Alabama for the Corps of Engineers Mobile District. The dredge also prepped to move to Apalachicola, FL to perform maintenance dredging and habitat creation in January 2019. Captain Segree, Aaron Schwendeman and Dave Marler joined the crew in Florida. The dredge started the year in Port Arthur, TX, sailed to Bayou LaBatre and ended up in Apalachicola, FL (565 miles). Tim Dyer was instrumental in the DQM installation and project management. As always Kirk Hamlett, Thomas Marks, Carl Pope and the rest of the crew worked their tails off as well. Thanks guys.

The Integrity continued its highly productive work on the Memphis District's Harbors contract. The District gave the fleet and team rave reviews which is pleasantly becoming the norm for that group. Congrats to Willie Ford, Dwayne Mayberry, Adam Guidry, Joseph Peters and the entire crew for an outstanding finish to 2018!

The Kelly L ended 2018 with the completion of the Columbus Area Office work for the Mobile District Corps of Engineers, and will start 2019 in Biloxi with the Deere Island Restoration project for the Mobile District's Irvington Office. Jerrell Young has been a productive fixture on this dredge and is now joined by new players Tony Perry, Aaron Schwendeman, Mike Scott, Devin Winchell and Justin Baab.

John DeBruin continues to develop and implement our new inventory, maintenance and repair program. This is a critical improvement which allows us to continue to be the least cost producer for our primary customer: the US Army Corps of Engineers.

We had a good 2018 and look forward to a good 2019 as well. We have several bidding opportunities in the first quarter of 2019 and have decent backlog to work with.

We appreciate the flexibility of our surveyors, SSHO's and Equipment Department to flow to where they are needed most. We understand that this can be frustrating at times and thank you for keeping a positive attitude and looking out for the Company's best interest.

Have a safe 2019!

Richard

## Ingenuity

After the move from Texas, the Ingenuity began dredging on 30 September on the Bayou Labatre Channel for the Mobile District Corps of Engineers. Bayou Labatre is a small fishing town that caters to shrimpers and small shipyards. No ships passing and no deep channel crossings of this 12' channel. Dredging began two miles south of the mouth of the harbor. The material was placed in a shallow, area of the bay with a spillbarge. The dredge made good advance each day, keeping Captain Joe, Chief Mike, and Tim jumping. Surveyors Devin Winchel, Justin Babb, and Mike Scott kept the dredge and spillbarge at peak quality.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Michael showed up and was chewing up the Florida panhandle, making landfall on October 10.

The Ingenuity moved into the protected waters of the Labatre harbor, avoiding 4 days of turbulent sea conditions, then returned to work, completing the channel to the harbor in late October. Thirty days later, after the replacement of a broken pump shaft, the Corps decided to interrupt the completion of the work at Bayou Labatre in favor of hurricane related shoal removal in the Apalachicola Bay. By mid December, the Ingenuity was at work in the Bay.



## Integrity

Immediately prior to the Christmas break, the Integrity completed the 2018 Memphis Rental, which called for maintenance dredging of 10 Harbors along the Mississippi River from Memphis, TN to Hickman, KY. Before starting the contract, the dredge was placed on dry dock to remove the small idler barge and have the idler from the Ingenuity installed in order to make a 300' swing when dredging in the Memphis Harbor.

Dredging commenced on July 25th at McKellar Lake in Memphis, TN for 12 days before the equipment was packed back up for a 200-mile tow to Hickman, Ky. The remaining harbor dredging occurred in a "north to south" direction, until the completion of dredging in Memphis.

As can be seen in the adjacent picture, Captain Willie Ford has the dredge in tip-top shape. Chief Engineer Dwain Mayberry and SSHO Kenneth Waddell contrib-

ute to the outstanding performance of this dredge. Adam Guidry kept the dredge on course and served as project manager, helping with the planning and taking care of all surveying. The Company commends the crew for staying safe and producing a very good product. The dredge is parked in Memphis, awaiting the next assignment.

## Kelly L

As reported last quarter, the Kelly L spent most of the fourth quarter on the Tennessee-Tombigbee River. That work was completed for the year in early December, after which the dredge and attendant plant arrived in David Lake.

Once there, every vessel in the fleet, except the dredge itself, was drydocked for some sort of repair. The Mr Gus received hull repairs, new wheels, and general maintenance. The Tiger also had wheel/shaft work, along with some top side repairs. Both the crane barge and the supply barge were drydocked and patched. Repairs were completed just in time for the Christmas break.

Upon returning from the break, the dredge and fleet were taken to Biloxi where Captain Tony Perry and crew will perform 6 weeks maintenance dredging for the Irvington office of the Mobile District.



## Project Jump Start

As we begin a new year, we will be conducting a “Jump Start” of each of the projects. We will seek to engage everyone, recognizing the dreaded “holiday blues” of returning to work.

Our first Jump Start was in Apalachicola with the crew of the Ingenuity. It consisted of two hours of conversation focusing on incident reviews from the previous year; what went wrong and what we’re doing to prevent them

from happening again. Additionally, extensive conversations were held regarding taking our time to think though task processes in order to make sure everyone involved is not only physically involved in the task but mentally involved as well. While we know everyone is onboard physically, we also know a number of us are still at the house mentally. We are asking everyone to approach each task slowly until we’re all fully engaged. Welcome back everyone and let’s strive to be injury free in 2019.



### Timothy “Buck” Jones

Buck has been with Inland Dredging Co. for just shy of a year, as an oiler in the engine room of the dredge “Integrity”. He lives in Yazoo City, MS, where he enjoys hanging out with family and friends during his occasional weeks off. Buck is 22 years young and “loves” his work. He appreciates the opportunity he has every day to learn something new. Inland appreciates your service, Buck. Keep up the good work.



### IDC Equipment Department

Inland kicks off the new year with the initiation of a more formal equipment management organization. Rob will continue to be supported by John DeBruin and Vance, but will also receive input from Tim Dyer and Justin Babb as we move through the year. The group has already designed and implemented a computer monitored preventive maintenance program, an inventory management program and a methodology for planning and tracking future, fleet repairs. Dredge Chiefs now have detailed descriptions of preventive maintenance tasks for the week.

