

New TLMC Work-Barge Naming Contest

As most of you know, and for those who do not, TLMC operates the concessions for MID at Lake McClure. Included among our duties are the maintenance and repairs to the McClure's mooring and marina infrastructure. To facilitate those duties we operate three different vessels that perform specific functions. One of those vessels is our work barge. This vessel has been the main equipment that performs all of the heavy work required. She has been in service for over 20 years and has seen many better days. She is in the process being replaced by a larger, modern barge that our boatyard at McClure Pt is currently building. She will be a state-of-the-art vessel with all of the required appurtenances to make our job easier, safer, and more enjoyable.

Ships, sailors, and the sea (to include lakes) are steeped in some of the most tightly-adhered-to traditions of the human experience. The vessel's name, and the act of naming the vessel, ranks near the top of those traditions. There are specific requirements for naming a vessel to include not having any item with the name on it aboard the vessel before she's christened, specific verbiage to be used during the christening ceremony, and specific toasts to name a few.

One of the things that the old barge has never had is an official name. We are in search of a good name for the new barge and would like your help in coming up with one.

Therefore, Twin Lakes Management Company is pleased to announce a contest open to all who wish to participate. We would like you to submit your ideas for a name. So, what is the prize? One of the items that will be a permanent part of the new barge is a plaque to be mounted prominently on one of the bulkheads inside the wheelhouse after the christening. It will have her name, commissioning date, physical data, designed by, engineered by, constructed by, and crew's names. Right under the vessel's name will be the words "Named By" and your name (see example below). Additionally, the winner will be invited to the christening and maiden cruise under its christened name. TLMC employees will vote on the names submitted; therefore, they will not submitting potential names.

We hope that you will take part of the fun and help name this new beauty. We will be choosing one of your submissions, so come up with one you would be proud of telling your grandkids about. I would encourage you to come up the boatyard on a nice Saturday, or if you happen to be off during the week, look at her, and see what she's all about. We're there from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Mon-Sat.

The rules are simple:

1. The name must be no more than 5 syllables
2. The name can be no more than two words
3. The name cannot be that of an actual person
4. The name must be family friendly
5. Only one submission per person
6. Submissions must be sent to Jim Kayser at jkayser@twinlakesmc.com by 4:30 pm, 30 June 2019.
 - a. Jim will be providing the submitted names for us to vote on, but will not be telling us who submitted them; therefore, the vessel name will be the only influence. Please allow a couple of weeks after the deadline for announcement of the winner.

Example of plaque

M.V. “[*vessel name*]”

Named By [*your name*]

Commission Date: *xx xxxx*, 2019

LENGTH: 40 Feet

BEAM: 18 Feet

DRAFT: *xx* Feet

DISPLACEMENT: *xx* Tons

DESIGNED BY:

[*name*]

ENGINEERED BY

Justin W. Capp, Inc.

CONSTRUCTED BY:

[*names of construction crew*]

SHIP’S CREW:

[*crew names*]