



McCaffery & Associates, Inc.

Historical Research

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RE: SL7 Expo Letter of Support

To whom it may concern,

McCaffery & Associates has been engaged in the area of historical research, focused on the maritime industry since our founding in 2003. Much of our work is focused on the research of former merchant cargo vessels, former military ships, and shipyards located throughout the country.

The availability of historical ships and private maritime museums, and our collaboration and interactions with the volunteers and employees of these ships has always been a positive experience. Frequently while visiting historical ships we have interacted with private citizens, and various other organizations such as the Boys Scouts, and U.S. Navy Sea Cadets, to name a few. The joy and sense of national pride visitors to these historical ships experienced has always moved us.

We have personally witnessed first hand the relevance of having historical ships available to the general public. Exposing a diverse subset of our population to the maritime industry is also essential to the national defense of our country.

For this reason we request your support and resources to the SL7 expo as this is a critically important to our national maritime industry. During his previous employment at Baltimore Marine Industries, Mr. Herfel personally worked aboard various SL7's including USNS Regulus, USNS Antares, and USNS Denebola, during each of their shipyard repair periods. Likewise, Mr. Cornwall sailed aboard USNS Regulus as a Third Assistant Engineer. This class of ship is unique in many ways and the preservation of a ship of this design class would also provide a one of a kind opportunity.

With appreciation,

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