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WASHINGTON, DC - The Chamber of Shipping of America (CSA) announced today that it is inviting companies to participate in the Fifteenth Annual Environmental Achievement Award Program administered by CSA.

Kathy J. Metcalf, President and CEO of CSA said “CSA’s Board of Directors initiated this award program fifteen years ago. This is a great opportunity for owners and operators to recognize the accomplishments of their mariners and shore-side staff. We have seen a growing awareness of this program among the industry since we began. Last year, 1,810 ships owned by seventy-two companies with a total of 15,307 years of environmental excellence. The award is available to all owners and operators, whether or not a CSA member. The Board encourages all vessel owners and operators to nominate their vessels for this award. Vessels eligible as of August 31, 2018 will be accepted.

To be eligible for the award, a vessel must have for at least a two-year period:

- No reportable spills (a report of a “potential spill” is not disqualifying);
- No U.S. Coast Guard citations for violations of MARPOL;
- No port state citations for violations of MARPOL; and,
- No violations of state/local pollution regulations.

Vessels are eligible for awards beyond the initial two year period. Metcalf said “The vast majority of the vessels receiving awards last year were for performance well beyond the initial two year qualifying period.”

The awards will be given to the recipients at a dinner ceremony in Washington, DC on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 which has historically been attended by high level legislative and executive branch personnel including the U.S. Coast Guard, Maritime Administration, EPA and other government agency personnel. Please log onto CSA’s website www.knowships.org for all the details of the 2017 Environmental Achievement Awards, the dinner and hotel reservations.

The firm deadline for submitting vessel entries is Friday, September 28, 2018.

Sponsorships are available to all participants (CSA members and non-members). For more information, contact Odell J. Moore at omoore@knowships.org.

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