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NPA COMMISSIONS 4 TUG BOATS: Enhances Port Efficiency



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The Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) recently scored another first in its quest to reposition the Ports for greater operational efficiency in the areas of Port safety and security when it launched four (4) new tug boats at a colourful ceremony in Lagos.

The tug boats named Mt. Daura, Mt. Ubima, Mt. Uromi and Mt. Majiya were each launched by the Managing Director of the NPA, Hadiza Bala Usman, Barister Mrs. Constance Harry Onukwagha, Chief (Dr.) Mrs Adenike Akande and Senator Binta Masi Garba in that order. These vessels are capable of performing multiple functions which include firefighting, search and rescue capabilities.

Speaking at the event, Hadiza Bala Usman said the commissioning of the tug boats was to enhance Port efficiency and meet Stakeholder's expectations in the shipping sector. She sought the collaboration of Stakeholders in the sector to help the Federal Government to diversify the economy.

According to her, the NPA was fulfilling its obligations to manage the 13.5 metres Lagos Channels to address challenges in the Port business in partnership with the Lagos Channel Management Company (LCM). She further stated that about 100 critical wrecks

have been removed in the Lagos Channels since the partnership with LCM began years ago.

Usman added that "this is indeed a milestone in the

efforts to improve Port efficiency, safety of navigation and in order to boost the good fortune of the Organization and the community at large".

The MD also added that the partnership with LCM has helped to bring the

depth of the channels to more than 13.5 metres adding that the biggest of the WAFMAX series of vessels will soon call at the Lagos Ports.

Explaining some of the functions of the tug boats, the MD said she helps bigger vessels attain easy maneuvering and berthing at the quays, as the pilot takes the vessels through.

In her goodwill message, the distinguished Senator, Mrs Binta Masi Garba affirmed that commissioning 4 tug boats in one day was laudable and that the National Assembly would do everything to support what the NPA is doing since it would help to improve the economy of the nation especially in the present situation.



MD NPA (Middle) flanked by dignitaries at the event including Board Chairman, Emmanuel Adesoye (Far Left)



Realizing the importance of a strong means of communication with its internal public, the management of the Authority has approved the reactivation of the monthly NPA Newsletter albeit to be accessed and read electronically only. An innovation that would undoubtedly improve the IT compliance of more workers of the Authority.

Kudos to the management for this bold step. We implore all to make their contributions and observations to this monthly forum, which is geared to engender a better and harmonious work ethic and environment. Happy reading.

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- Editor.



NPA WARRI PORTS

The Port Manager of Delta Ports Warri, Mr Simon Okeke urges dockworkers to rededicate their efforts in handling of more cargoes on board vessels. This was during the foundation laying ceremony of Labour Call Hall in the Port. He bemoaned the working conditions of the dockworkers especially during the rainy season which is characterised by non-provision of temporary shelter for the workers. The collaborative efforts of private terminal operators, NIMASA and leadership of docklabour made it possible.



The 12th Annual Lecture and inauguration of the 12th President of Onitsha Chamber of Commerce and Industry took place at Dolly Hills Hotel, Onitsha between on Wednesday 12th August, 2017. In attendance was the Port Manager Rivers Port Complex, A. G. Umar, who emphatically made a strong case for effective patronage of the Eastern Ports.

Quotes

**A SAILOR WITHOUT A
DESTINATION CANNOT
HOPE FOR A
FAVORABLE WIND**



The Port Manager Onne Port Complex, Alhassan Ismaila Abubakar and some of his management team recently visited the NLNG facility in Bonny Island, Rivers State.

The visit was to discuss effective operation with the view to moving the port economic activities forward.

CALABAR PORT MANAGEMENT HOSTS EASTERN NAVAL COMMAND

In a bid to improve synergy and ensure sustainability of security surveillance along the Port's access channel, the Calabar Port Manager, Mrs. B. o. Olotu hosted the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Naval Command (ENC), Rear Admiral VO Adedipe at the Port's Conference Room, Calabar.

Speaking during the visit, the Port Manager reiterated Port Management's commitment towards boosting ship traffic to Calabar Port through continuous engagement of shippers and shipping operators and appreciate the Nigerian Navy for their priceless contribution of keeping the channel safe for business. Olotu sued for more cooperation and synergy between Port Management and the Eastern Naval Command.



Work Hour Relaxation



The Boss

One day a man goes to a pet shop to buy a parrot. The assistant takes the man to the parrot section and asks him to choose one. The man asks, "How much is the yellow one?" The assistant replies that it costs N2,000. The man is shocked and asks the assistant why it's so expensive. "This parrot is a very special one. He can type really fast." "What about the green one?" the man asks. "He costs N5,000 because he can type, answer incoming phone calls and takes notes." "What about the red one?" the man asks. The assistant says, "That one's N10,000." Curious, the man asks, "What does he do?" The assistant says, "I don't know, but the other two call him boss."

The Youthful Portion

Bayo and his wife Ola received a letter from their daughter who went to study modern physics overseas. SHE WROTE ~ My beloved Parents, I miss u so much & it breaks my heart to think that by d time I get back, you will be too old. So, enclosed you will find a bottle of a red portion I have invented. It will make u young, so when I return, you will be the same age as I left u. NOTE: "Pls, take only a drop." Good Bye I love u! So they opened the envelope & in it, is a bottle with a red portion. The man looked at his wife & says U go first". So Ola takes a drop, thereafter Bayo follows. Indeed d wife turns 5yrs younger. Years later, the daughter returned home to find her mother young & pretty, carrying a baby on her back. The mother proceeds to tell her daughter how d portion worked & made her look young. D daughter was happy & asks after her father. "Your Father? Hmmm,, ur father was so jealous dat I was so young and beautiful, so he drank the whole bottle. Whaaaat? So where is he?" replied her daughter. Hmmm, na him dey my back...

Vox Pop

What is your opinion on domestic violence?



Eniola Williams
GM Legal/
Board Secretary

Domestic Violence is an ill wind that blow couples no good. It can maime, disorganize and even totally destroy life. Domestic Violence is a major problem in contemporary Nigerian Society. Legally, it is said that any abusive, violent, coercive, forceful or threatening act or word inflicted by one member of a family or household on another can constitute domestic violence.

Majority of the cases go unreported and as such, it is difficult to prosecute and punish offenders. This trend, must stop in order to make our society safe for people prone to such abuse.



Maduakolam, H.
Snr. PRO, Pub. Aff. Div.

Domestic Violence is an abusive behavior in a relationship to gain or maintain peace over the other. A relationship can be more interesting when both understands each other's strengths & weakness and do not capitalize on them. Show love and correct with love.



Chuma, Ngini
AGM Electrical Engr.

The home is not a battleground so all forms of violence at home should be avoided, for whatever reason, violence on husband and wife and children should be avoided by using alternative means.



Obianusi Peace Oluchi
Security Officer II

The major contributing factor to this has to do with lack of understanding among couple's. Poverty is the major contributing factor, physical damage, emotional damage and also this affects the peace and confidence of the children. This is also a kind of evil that disturbs the foundation or unity of the family, especially on the women which is the weaker vessel.



ROYAL MARINE GUARDS ON PARADE AT APAPA PORT - 1943



Hassan Shuaibu
Tech. Officer

Domestic Violence is actually the worst form of personal degradation as the home is the nucleus of society. Couples should understand that differences will always be there and resolving them amicably is what adulthood is all about.



Nwugha Nkechi
Fire Officer II

Domestic Violence is an ill wind that blows couples no good. It can maim, disorganize and even totally destroy life.



Akinsanya Lucy (3rd August)
Accounts Dept. HQ, Marina

Kayode Odugbemi
(2nd July) C&S Comm Div. HQ, Marina

Alice Nanyi Bassey (15th August)
Engineering Dept. HQ, Marina

Executive Director, Marine and Operations,
Sekonte H. Davies (20th August)
General Manager, Monitoring and Compliance,
Capt. Iheanacho Ebubeogu (21st August)
and Elder Amodu Gabriel
all of Marine Division, HQ, Marina, Lagos.

NPA LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Sunday Ogoh Emerges 2017 Winner

By Abidemi Agboola



The 2017 edition of the Nigerian Ports Authority Sponsored Lawn Tennis Tournament came to an end recently with Sunday Ogoh beating Oyebanji Kunle 6-2, 6-0 at the highly entertaining grand finale held at the Bode Thomas Sport Ground, Surulere

Lagos. This year's edition which witnessed over 45 tennis players competing for honors in various division was organized in honor of the oldest member of the club General Fidelis Fofi [Rtd] who

turned 80 recently.

The grand finale was witnessed by the General Manager, Administration [NPA] Nasir Mohammed, former President General, Nigerian Lawn Tennis Federation, now patron Chuka Momoh, Assistant General Manager, Telecoms [NPA] Mr. Ngini and the present chairman of the club Arch. Olugengba Akinkuolie amongst.

Various cash prizes were given ranging from #100,000 [one hundred thousand Naira] was given to the winner. The first runner up went away with #50,000 [fifty thousand Naira] while consolation prizes were given to other participants.

In his closing remarks, the celebrant promised to collaborate with the Management of NPA in making sure that this Tennis Tournament is hosted yearly.

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In her own speech, the President of Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), Mrs Adenike Akande while acknowledging that Nigerian women are doing well, commended the NPA MD for achieving so much within a short period.

Also speaking at the event, the General Manager, Monitoring and Compliance, Western Ports of the NPA, Capt. Iheanacho Ebubeogu stated that the tug boats were being commissioned and deployed to expedite voyage to and from the sea in line with changing transport dynamics.

He further revealed that the NPA maintains tier-2 status in line with

MARPOL convention with the capability to arrest pollution before they spread to other areas of concerns to delight of Stakeholders. Ebubeogu said the tugs could be used to, amongst other functions, salvage ships which go aground.

In his speech, the Chairman of the NPA Board of Directors, Mr. Emmanuel Olajide Adesoye extolled the Management for doing a "fantastic job" in launching the boats. He disclosed that the tugs are expected to enhance the revenue position of the Authority and urged the Organization to ensure that Nigeria develops the capacity to build our own likes in the next five years.

In his remarks, the Flag Officer

Commanding (FOC) Western Naval Command, Rear Admiral F.D. Bobai congratulated the NPA for the feat and called for greater synergy with the Navy especially in the training of Dock Masters and future Managers of the crafts.

The very memorable event was witnessed by top Management of the Organization, the Executive Directors Marine and Operations, Dr. Sokonte Huttin Davies, Engineering and Technical Services, Professor Idris Abubakar and Finance and Administration, Mohammed Bello Koko.

Amongst other Stakeholders who congratulated the NPA for this achievement included the MD, PTOL, Mrs Lizzy Obvude, the representative of the DG NIMASA, ED Finance and Administration, Mr. Bashir Jamo.

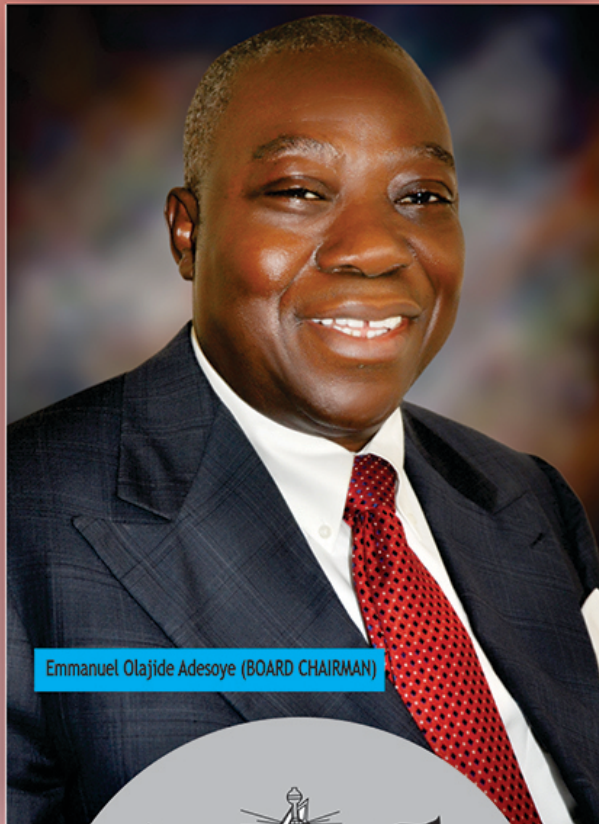
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Who, What And Where

KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS



Charles Efe Emukowhate Sylvester (MEMBER)



Emmanuel Olajide Adesoye (BOARD CHAIRMAN)



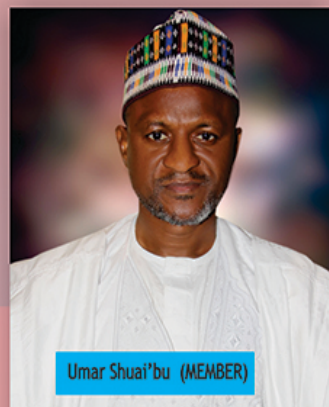
Mrs. I.J. Uche-Okoro, (REP. FMOT)



Barr. Constance Harry Onukwugha (MEMBER)



Suleiman Ibrahim Halilu (MEMBER)



Umar Shuai'bu (MEMBER)



Olasupo Shasore SAN (MEMBER)



Hadiza Bala Usman
Managing Director

The winning team

NPA Executive Management

Dr. Sokonte H. Davies
Executive Director
Marine and Operations

Mohammed Bello-Koko
Executive Director
Finance and Administration

Professor Idris Abubakar
Executive Director
Engineering and Technical Services



Eniola Williams (Mrs.)
BOARD SECRETARY & LEGAL ADVISER (MEMBER)



Recognitions



NPA MD BAGS AWARD, VOWS TO WORK HARDER

MD NPA Hadiza Bala Usman has been described as "trail blazer of the Maritime Industry". Speaking at a short award presentation in her office, the MD/CEO of PORT GIST ON TV Dr. Kayode Farinto expressed delight of the positive changes witnessed by the Stakeholders since the assumption of Hadiza as MD. In her response, the NPA MD called for renewed synergy in view of the vast potentials in the industry.



NPA CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE AS IAPH AWARDS STAFF

The International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) women forum has awarded an officer of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) Mrs Ngozi Obikili, AGM/Head of the Occupational Health unit with a scholarship for the attendance to the forthcoming conference which comes up between the 8th and 11th May, 2018 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The award would facilitate the laurel winner to attend the forum and present an official paper to the Association.

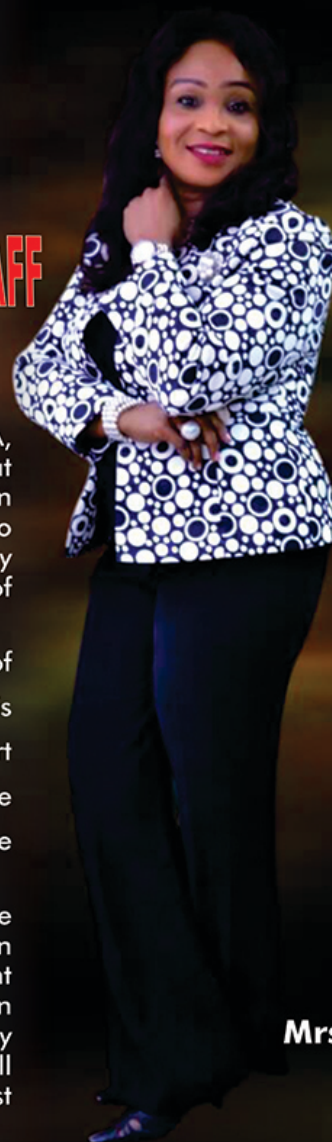
In an official statement announcing the award to NPA, Siti Noraishah Azizan, Chairperson of the conference stated that several persons from various Organizations had contested keenly for the coveted recognition

and honour.

The Managing Director of the NPA, Hadiza Bala Usman said "this is a great news and am very excited". She then stated that the NPA would continue to prioritize concerns on capacity building and the enthronement of efficiency in the workforce.

She also added, that the level of professionalism in the Organization is high, stressing that these forum is part of the basic avenue that would be utilized in turning the NPA into a role model.

She said that everyone in the Organization has a role to play in promoting best practices and diligent quality services. "Anything less than these world class services are simply not acceptable" "we on our part shall provide the leadership to attain best practices status", she added.



Mrs Ngozi Obikili

2017 PROMOTION/UPGRADING/REDESIGNATION EXERCISE COMES UP IN SEPTEMBER, 2017

The 2017 promotion exercise is expected to be conducted for employees who have attained the three years maximum on their present post as at 31st December, 2016 as well as those whose additional qualifications have been verified.

Suffice to say that the forthcoming exercise/test has been scheduled to take place on Tuesday 26th September, 2017 simultaneously in all Port locations across the country.

Areas of concentration will be General Knowledge Questions, Knowledge of Port Industry, Intelligent Quotient Questions, Conditions of Service, Essay writing (Departmental Functions)

S/N	CENTRES	LOCATION	VENUE
1.	Lagos	HQ, Western Ports HQ, LPC, TCIP, Abuja Liaison office	Pelican Hotel, Chevy View Estate, Peninsula Axis Lekki, Off Chevron Roundabout, Lagos.
2.	Port-Harcourt	Eastern Ports HQ, Rivers Ports, Onne Ports	Juanita Hotel, 47 Herbert Macaulay Street Amadi Flat Old GRA, Port-Harcourt.
3.	Calabar	Calabar Port	Axari Hotel, Harbour Road, Calabar
4.	Warri	Delta Ports	Bon Hotel, Ekpan Road Warri.

RETIREES FOR JUNE - AUGUST 2017



NPA News heartily felicitate with the retiring Officers and staff of this Organisation as they take a bow after their meritorious service.

It is heartwarming to note that the Managing Director, Hadiza Bala Usman and her Management team appreciates and recognize your laudable contributions which cut across all Departments, Divisions and Units within the organization.

A breakdown of all retirees in Ports locations across the country is shown below.
STATISTICAL DATA OF RETIREES (JUNE - AUGUST 2017)

S/N	Officers	Staffs	Total	Sex		Total	Length of service	Age Limit	Total	Port Location		
				M	F					HQ/WP	Eastern Port	Total
	25	6	31	24	7	31	22	9	31	17	14	31



Late Mr. Emeka George Ogbodo died at the age of 46.

Buried Friday 4th August, 2017 at his home town, Okwe Amakwo Ngwo, Udi L.G.A. Enugu State.

Until his death he worked with the Transport Department at the HQ, Marina.

May his humble soul rest in peace, AMEN.



Late Mr. Sunday Mayowa Koyejo slept in the Lord on Tuesday 20th June, 2017 and buried on Friday 28th July, 2017.

Until his death he was a Senior Manager, Industrial Relations Department, at the HQ, Marina. May his humble soul rest in peace, AMEN.

...the world within our reach...



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