

PATTI **MARINE** **ENTERPRISES, INC**

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This Patti Press celebrates the launch of the “ROCK ISLAND” and the achievements of the Patti organizations.



The “ROCK ISLAND” is the first of two 65' towboats under construction for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in Illinois. The vessel will assist in civil works, maintenance and repair of the Inland Waterway Systems. The mission area is the upper Mississippi River and navigable tributaries within the Rock Island district's area of responsibility. The vessel will be assigned to the Pleasant Valley Harbor Facility in Pleasant Valley, Iowa. The “ROCK ISLAND” is scheduled for equipment and system start-ups after launch, with dockside trials and sea trials in May, and final delivery the first week of June.

Construction of the second vessel, “CLINTON”, is moving ahead at a fast pace, with all the steel erected and engine package installed. Piping and electrical penetrations for support systems are currently being accomplished. Tank inspection and testing will be performed so the paint coatings and interior joiner work will commence. Launch and delivery is scheduled 3 months after the first vessel.

As with all Corps vessels, these towboats were designed and contracted through the Marine Design Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

This Patti Press takes the time to celebrate the distinguished history of the many “Patti Built” vessels.

The first “Patti Built” vessel was constructed on a small lot behind Joe Patti's in 1977. It was to be a shrimp trawler for the family fleet. The boat was nearly half complete when a seafood customer, vacationing from Kodiak, Alaska, noticed the hull, and convinced Frank Patti, Sr. to modify the boat to a King Crab vessel. After completion of the first King Crab boat, and two more crab vessels, the first “Patti Built” family shrimp trawler was finally delivered in 1980, appropriately named the “VESSEL OF HONOR”.

Many various types of vessels followed; from Inland River tugs to ocean tugs, from machinery barge work vessels to dinner excursion vessels, and all the boats were becoming larger in size. In April of 1985, Patti Shipyard moved it's smaller operation from Joe Patti's to a larger waterfront facility here on Bayou Chico. The crew was approximately 30 at that time. Our first vessel constructed here was another shrimp boat for the family fleet affectionately named the “PRINCE OF PEACE”.

Since that time, we have built many landmark vessels which include: the Dubuque “CASINO BELLE” (the nation's first riverboat gambling vessel), the “CASINO QUEEN” (the largest gambling vessel built at the time), the HARVEY WARHORSE” (the largest bollard pull, 10,000 horsepower, in the Gulf), and the most vessels built for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by any single shipyard in a 20-year span. Other significant vessels include car ferries, passenger ferries, clam vessels for the East Coast, and an advanced long line fishing vessel for Dutch Harbor, Alaska. Patti has received many awards over the years including it's “Outstanding Civilian Service Award” from the U.S. Army Corps (the first for any shipyard) and three “Significant Vessel of the Year” awards by Work Boat Magazine (“WARHORSE”, 2002, the “TAGGATZ” 160' Quarters Barge for the US Army Corp of Engineers, 2008, and the 6,000 horsepower tug, “FREEDOM” in 2010).

From our very meager beginnings behind Joe Patti's, to our present location on Bayou Chico, our “Patti Built” crews have constructed nearly every type of vessel, operating in nearly every area of the United States. In all these years, Patti Marine Enterprises has been blessed with a steady flow of work and satisfied customers. We owe all of these accomplishments to our founder, Frank Patti Sr., for his years of leadership, hard work ethics and self-determination. He taught by example, where his actions inspired and molded a group of men to work and produce to the best of their abilities. The result is the highly acclaimed term “Patti Built”, which is proudly professed and permanently affixed on every constructed vessel.

Past Significant Vessel Award Vessels



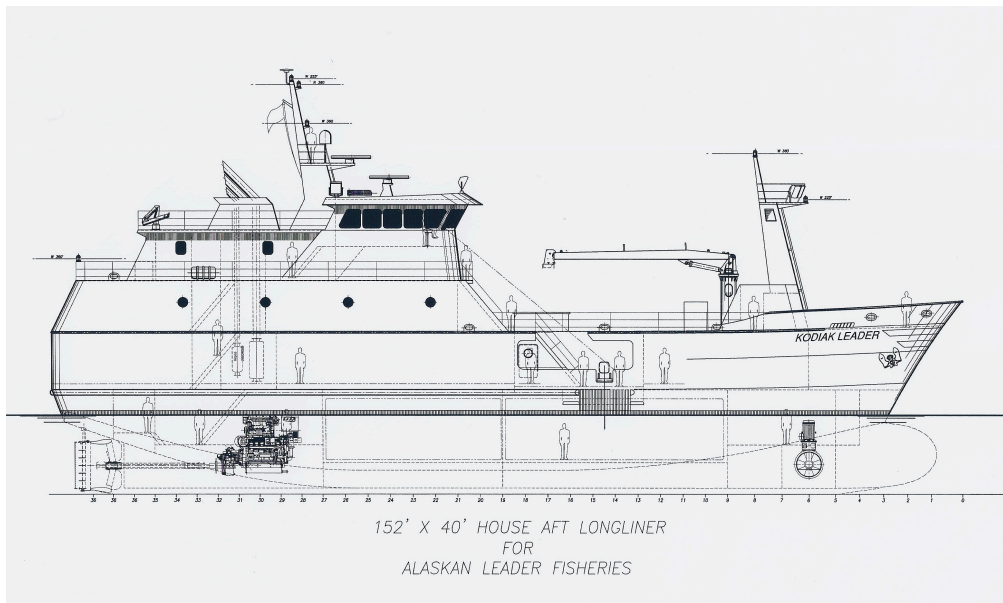
“WARHORSE” 10,000 horsepower Ocean Tug 2002



“TAGGATZ” 160' Quarters Barge 2008



“FREEDOM” 6,000 horsepower Ocean Tug 2010



Patti Marine is currently working close with Nick Delaney and Richard Thummel with Alaskan Leader Fisheries, in developing a new 152' x 40' super-state-of-art Long Line Fishing Vessel. We built a similar vessel, the “BERING LEADER”, (124' x 40'), for them in 2005, which has proved to be their most efficient and highest producer, for it's size, in their fleet. We are now partnering with Alaskan Leader in the engineering phase, which is underway at Jensen Maritime in Seattle, Washington. We anticipate contract signing and steel cutting next month.

Patti Marine delivered two tugs in 2010, the “FREEDOM” and the “STEPHENSON II”. Both were nominated for Significant Vessel Awards, with the “FREEDOM” winning the high honor. We were also instrumental in the BP oil spill efforts, by providing waterfront for equipment, repairs, tugs, barges, cranes. With various services for the numerous personnel and support vessels to conduct clean-up, containing, training and decontaminating. In 2011, we anticipate delivering two more tugs, with the launch of “ROCK ISLAND” this week, and the “CLINTON” in approximately 6 to 8 weeks. Both are significant government vessels for the Rock Island District and Marine Design Center. We are currently developing, designing, and engineering to build multiple landmark fishing vessels for the Bering Sea. In whatever we may accomplish, we thank God for all our blessings, for it is through Him, in this higher wisdom, that we can truly achieve our ultimate goal.

Frank Patti, Jr.



A special blessing to Uncle Ed, for his true faith & courage.