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Virginia Leads Nation in U.S. Shipbuilding Jobs *State Maritime Industry Supports More Than 63,000 Jobs Worth Over \$5.5 Billion Annually to Virginia's Economy*

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Maritime Partnership (AMP), the voice of the domestic maritime industry, today joined with the Shipbuilders Council of America (SCA), Senator Tim Kaine (D-Va.), Congressman Rob Wittman (R-Va.) and Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-Va.), to highlight new data that shows Virginia ranks first among all U.S. states in shipbuilding with 63,650 jobs, far and above any other state. These jobs pump more than \$5.5 billion into the state's economy every year.

The U.S. shipyard industrial base in Virginia and across the nation is vital to America's national and economic security. Private U.S. shipyards build, repair, maintain and modernize the largest and most sophisticated Navy and Coast Guard vessels in the world and do the same for the nation's 40,000 commercial vessels. Across the country, the domestic maritime industry, supported by the Jones Act, sustains more than 478,000 jobs and has an annual economic impact of \$92.5 billion according to a study conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) for the Transportation Institute. The industry also accounts for approximately \$29 billion in annual wages and \$10 billion in tax revenue each year.

"Ensuring national security and a strong economy means providing budget certainty and stability for the shipbuilding and ship repair industry," **said Senator Tim Kaine (D-Va.)**. "From Newport News Shipbuilding, to Norfolk Naval Shipyard, and private shipyards across Virginia, the shipbuilding industry helps develop a highly skilled workforce, provides thousands of jobs, and benefits the Commonwealth's economy."

"Virginia has always been proud of its shipbuilding heritage. Our vibrant and robust shipbuilding industry builds and repairs the greatest Navy, Coast Guard, and commercial fleet in the world," **Congressman Rob Wittman (R-Va.) said**. "Virginians skilled and trained in shipbuilding and repair are an important part of our Commonwealth's history and they will continue to be a vital part of our nation's future. The impact these men

and women have on Virginia and on this nation cannot be understated. I am proud to represent so many shipbuilders and I am honored that they are my fellow Virginians.”

"I am proud that the Commonwealth leads the nation in U.S. shipbuilding jobs. Hampton Roads is home to generations of highly skilled shipbuilders, who build and maintain the most advanced ships in the world," **said Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-Va.)**. "They are an important part of the shipbuilding industrial base and they make critical contributions to our economic security and national defense."

"It is no surprise that Virginia leads the nation in U.S. Shipbuilding, because one in every 90 jobs in the state is directly related to the industry," **said Shipbuilders Council of America president Matt Paxton**. "Each of those jobs in turn supports nearly three other jobs. This robust shipyard workforce and industrial base, as well as the national security and economic benefits that this industry provides, are just a few of the reasons why the President, the Navy and every Congress and Administration in modern history has supported the Jones Act."

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American Maritime Partnership (AMP) is the voice of the U.S. domestic maritime industry, a pillar of our nation's economic, national, and homeland security. More than 40,000 American vessels built in American shipyards, crewed by American mariners, and owned by American companies, operate in our waters 24/7, and this commerce sustains 478,000 American jobs, \$28.95 billion in labor compensation, and more than \$92.5 billion in annual economic output. You can learn more by visiting www.americanmaritimepartnership.com.

Shipbuilders Council of America (SCA) members constitute the shipyard industrial base that builds, repairs, maintains and modernizes U.S. Navy ships and craft, U.S. Coast Guard vessels of all sizes, as well as vessels for other U.S. government agencies. In addition, SCA members build, repair and service America's fleet of commercial vessels. The Council represents 40 companies that own and operate over 85 shipyards, with facilities on all three U.S. coasts, the Great Lakes, the inland waterways system, Alaska and Hawaii. SCA also represents 96 partner members that provide goods and services to the shipyard industry. You can learn more by visiting www.shipbuilders.org.



**VIRGINIA RANKS #1 AMONG ALL STATES
FOR EMPLOYMENT FROM SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIR**

Virginia is a top domestic maritime state, according to several recent studies. The American domestic maritime industry includes vessel operators, marine terminals, shipyards, and workers engaged in the movement of cargo exclusively within the U.S.

- Virginia ranks #1 among all American states with 63,650 shipyard jobs, far beyond any other state. The next closest is California with 37,140 jobs
- A recent study of shipbuilding by the U.S. Maritime Administration, covering both commercial and military ship construction, found a \$5.5 billion annual shipyard economic impact in Virginia. More than \$3.9 billion in worker income is attributable to the shipyard industry in the state. (Shipyard jobs pay approximately 45% above the national average for private sector employment.) 1 out of every 90 Virginians has a job directly or indirectly related to the shipyard industry.
- Similarly, in another study, this one for the Transportation Institute by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Virginia ranks #10 among all states in per capita jobs related to the *entire domestic maritime industry*, which includes the shipping industry, shipyards and maritime industry workers.
- Domestic maritime cargo originating in Virginia totals more than nine million tons each year. The following are the top states receiving cargo from Virginia:

Rank	State	Volume of Cargo Received From Virginia
1	Maryland	3.6 million tons
2	Massachusetts	1.1 million tons
3	New Jersey	995,000 tons
4	North Carolina	160,000 tons
5	District of Columbia	109,000 tons

- Domestic maritime cargo transported into Virginia totals more than 6 million tons each year. The following are the top states sending cargo into Virginia

Rank	State	Volume of Cargo Carried Into Virginia
1	Maryland	1.8 million tons
2	New Jersey	590,000 tons

3	Pennsylvania	348,000 tons
4	Texas	146,000 tons
5	New York	79,000 tons

- Each year more than 2.5 million tons of petroleum products originating in Virginia are transported by ship to other American states. In addition, Virginia brings in more than 2.2 million tons of petroleum products from other states.
- Nationally, the domestic maritime industry supports 478,440 jobs and a gross economic output of \$92.540 billion annually, according to PwC. The domestic maritime industry's worker income nationally is \$28.95 billion annually with a \$9.987 billion tax impact. There are approximately 40,000 vessels in the American domestic fleet.

Sources:

Economic information about the American domestic maritime industry for this paper is taken from "Contributions of the Jones Act Shipping Industry to the U.S. Economy in 2011," prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers for the Transportation Institute (January, 2014)(private study). Shipyard information comes from "The Economic Importance of the U.S. Shipbuilding and Repairing Industry," prepared for the U.S. Maritime Administration (of the U.S. Department of Transportation) by PricewaterhouseCoopers (May 30, 2013). Commodity shipping data comes from the Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, using 2011 data.