

Bidding O'Malley Farewell

Capt. O'Malley, who served in the Coast Guard for 31 years, was previously assigned to Baltimore from 1998 to 2001.

As he reflected on his time here, he believes that his biggest accomplishment was "continuing the strong partnerships with all agencies, both public and private, to help make the Port of Baltimore efficient and economically viable." He added, "Baltimore really is the national model for collaboration within the Port and with the varying interests within the Port community."

He cited the example of Tropical Storm Irene; days of planning and communication before the storm hit ensured that business was back up and running quickly after the storm was over.

O'Malley impressed upon those working for him that they needed to learn how companies and agencies do business, and understand the pressures they face, "so you can better understand what they're dealing with when they're having trouble complying." That allows both sides to strike a collaborative balance "where we can meet that standard of safety while they can meet that ship's timeline."

O'Malley believes such communication and partnerships require a commitment of time on his part, and an old-fashioned reliance on face time rather than technology.

O'Malley is proud of many achievements, including the three convictions secured by the Coast Guard and the U.S. Attorney's office against two shipping corporations that intentionally discharged waste oil and plastic garbage into the Chesapeake Bay.

"I'm so proud of my marine inspectors," he said. The \$1.2 million in penalties levied against the ship owners will be used to improve the Chesapeake Bay. "The Port of Baltimore has a great reputation for being environmentally minded," he said.

O'Malley plans to stay in the area; his wife, Susan, is a licensed clinical dietitian at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

After the 24/7 demands of his job, he's looking forward to having time to kayak, fish and resume flying — he has a private pilot's license. He's planning a trip to Ireland in the fall to celebrate his 30th wedding anniversary, while also attending the Navy/Notre Dame football game being played there.

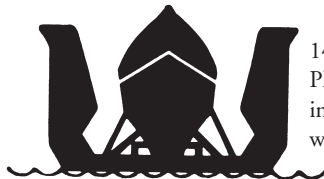
"It's been an honor and a privilege and a true pleasure to work in this Port and the State of Maryland," he said. 🌐

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