

The Ground Rules



Holiday 2002-2003

As we consider the ending of 2002 and the beginning of the new year, we take the opportunity to reflect on the past year and set targets for the new.

The year 2002 was a year for recovery in the United States and a year of many changes particularly in the application of new security requirements. These new and somewhat diverse efforts affect the way we do business and from a survey perspective challenge us with multiple requirements for ship boarding and terminal entry. Perhaps an idea that needs attention is a globally recognized Maritime I.D. with proper background checks for all of us involved in the Maritime Industry.

Business recovery, at least in the Maritime consulting field, appears to be well on its way and we look forward to serving our many clients during the coming years.

To all of our friends and clients, the staff of Martin, Ottaway, van Hemmen & Dolan, Inc. wish you a happy and peaceful holiday season and we hope to toast in the New Year with you at our annual holiday party.

James L. Dolan

Behind the Scenes

Every company has its own culture. We asked our long suffering administrative assistants to provide their perspective:

When starting with the company, none of us (assistants) had any idea how different working for Martin, Ottaway would be. We all had worked for one boss with the exception of Karen (military) and now all of us had to get used to working for many bosses and for the clients at the same time.

Instead of thinking of this job as performing tasks, we find that we have to be very goal oriented. Our goal is consultant and client support; our team is the entire administrative staff. This means that we deal with clients and consultants who could be all over the world and who could have very sudden and unusual demands. This makes the job very challenging; often we don't recognize the name of the city where our client and consultants are located, let alone knowing which country! But practice makes perfect, and we sure get enough practice.

This aspect of employment with Martin, Ottaway has definitely exposed us to different areas of the world that we probably never would have had the experience of dealing with and has broadened our horizons on an international basis.

Martin, Ottaway is comprised of consultants and surveyors from varied backgrounds and cultures, who together form quite a unique group of people, whose professionalism and integrity we have developed a great amount of respect for.

We are still amazed at the spontaneity with which the surveyors respond to a new assignment that can send them anywhere as close as Sandy Hook, New Jersey or as far as Australia or the Far East. Their spouses and significant others definitely deserve credit when it comes to the uncertainties regarding the travel arrangements of their partners.

We look forward to our traditional holiday party held in December at the New York Yacht Club. We anticipate next year's party the day after the current party has occurred. It is a topic that we never grow tired of discussing and it serves as a perfect opportunity for us to meet the clients we interact with on a daily basis. We look forward to seeing you all again.

Alla, Karen, Marianne & Sharlotte

The firm's holiday party will be held on December 13th, 2002

11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

New York Yacht Club, 37 West 44th Street

All friends and colleagues are invited to attend



Variety

Variety is the spice of our business. Here's a sample of what has kept us busy in 2002:

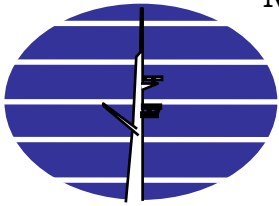
- Builder's risk claim presentation under a Hull and Machinery policy
- A mysterious drowning in Lake Powell, AZ
- Drill rigs collapsed and pushed ashore after Hurricane Lilli
- Vessels detained as a result of overboard discharge piping concerns
- Fire on an Arabian superyacht
- A destroyer construction dispute spanning two continents
- Cable laying vessel evaluations as a result of stock market scandals
- Further repositioning of the Jones Act tanker fleet
- Ballast water treatment and OPA 90 Salvage regulations
- How mixing dredge waste with cement can damage 24 barges

We love it all, and please keep it coming.

Rik van Hemmen



*A flat bottom sailing vessel settled at low tide on the mud flat for a night's rest
as seen from a dike on an early late summer morning on the Waddenzee
(the inland sea of the Dutch West-Frisian Islands)*



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