

Matson's DANIEL K. INOUE Christened at Philly Shipyard

Members and officials were on hand to welcome Matson's new containership at a recent ceremony in Philadelphia. With the traditional bottle of champagne smashed on the ship's hull at Philly Shipyard, Irene Hirano Inouye christened the DANIEL K. INOUE, named after her late husband, the former WWII veteran, longtime Senator and maritime champion. The 854-foot, 3,600 TEU vessel is the largest containership ever built in the U.S. The INOUE will be joined by a second Aloha-class newbuild in the Matson fleet early next year. The Aloha Class ships are designed to operate at speeds in excess of 23 knots, helping ensure timely delivery of goods in Hawaii. Despite their size, the ships will be able to navigate safely into some of Hawaii's smaller ports. Both ships will incorporate "green ship technology" features that will help protect the environment, including a more fuel efficient hull design, dual fuel engines that can be adapted to use liquefied natural gas (LNG), environmentally safe double hull fuel tanks and fresh water ballast systems.



"This is a proud day for all of us at Matson," said Matt Cox, Matson's chairman and chief executive officer, at the shipyard ceremony. "Over our first 136 years, Matson's fleet has evolved from sailing ships to larger steamers to diesel power, consistent with changes in technology and always evolving in step with the needs of a growing

Hawaii economy.

Among many others, speakers at the christening included the Assistant to President Trump, Director of Trade and Industrial Policy, and Director of White House National Trade Council Peter Navarro, Maritime Administrator Rear Admiral Mark Buzby, Commander of the U.S. Transportation Command Gen. Darren McDew and former Pennsylvania governor Ed Rendell.

The INOUE's Engine Department is headed up by M.E.B.A.'s Mark Newberg (Chief Engineer) and John O'Donnell (1st A/E). The Deck Department is headed up by

MM&P's Captain Frank Reed and Chief Mate Leonard Lambert. M.E.B.A. Secretary-Treasurer Bill Van Loo and Atlantic Coast V.P. Jason Callahan attended the ceremony for the Union along with member Brian Conroy.

Philly Shipyard's order book is empty following the completion of the second Matson vessel next year. The yard has already begun laying off workers.

San Diego's NASSCO Shipyard is in the process of constructing two combination container and roll-on/roll-off (Con-Ro) vessels that will join Matson's fleet following their completion in late 2019 (LURLINE) and in the second quarter of 2020 (MATSONIA).

