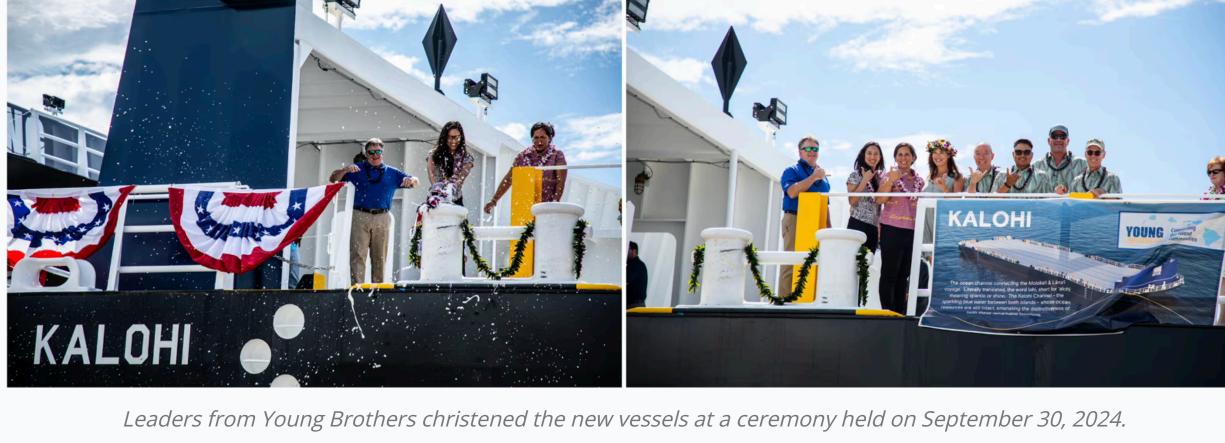


Young Brothers Invests Over \$45 Million to Enhance Reliability of Interisland Shipping

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MORGAN CITY, LA – Last week, Young Brothers christened the *Kalohi* and *Nāulu barges*, marking a milestone in the more than \$45 million investment to enhance the reliability and resilience of the interisland shipping services. Entering service in December 2024, the new barges will provide additional cargo capacity and were designed with advanced technology and features that make it safer and more efficient to load and unload cargo.



The addition of these state-of-the-art vessels – the first new barges in nearly 20 years – is a major step

forward in modernizing Young Brothers' fleet and ensures we are well-positioned to deliver the frequent and reliable interisland shipping service to power Hawai'i's economy and connect our island communities," said **Jay Ana**, president of Young Brothers.



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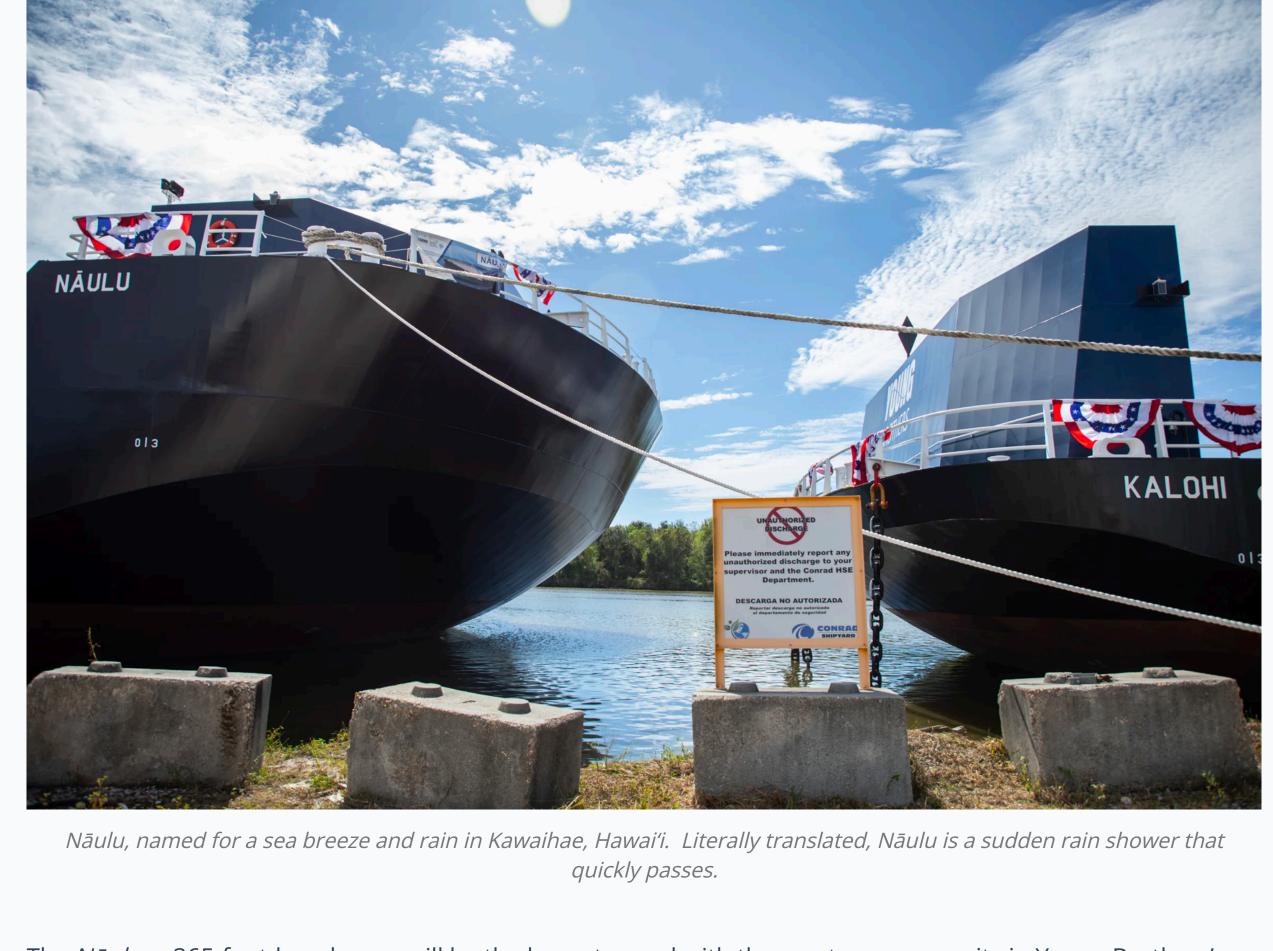
The Kalohi, a 286-foot-long barge, was designed to serve smaller ports like Kaunakakai (Moloka'i) and

Kaumalapau (Lāna'i).

capacity and resiliency of our services moving what matters most for Lāna'i and Moloka'i."

"As the only water carrier serving Lāna'i and Moloka'i, Young Brothers has a critical kuleana to these

communities," **said Ana**. "This investment in *Kalohi* reflects our deep commitment to enhancing the



The *Nāulu*, a 365-foot-long barge, will be the largest vessel with the most cargo capacity in Young Brothers' fleet. The versatile design enables Young Brothers to transport additional cargo during peak periods and realize significant operational efficiencies in the ease of loading and discharging cargo when volume returns to

off peak levels. Nāulu will be homeported in Kawaihae (Hawai'i Island) and will serve Young Brothers' four

• Additional cargo ramps across the barges, giving employees greater flexibility and enabling greater

larger ports. Key Features of the *Kalohi* and *Nāulu* Barges • Ballast technology raises or lowers the vessels in response to changing tidal and ocean conditions, increasing stability, safety and efficiency when loading and unloading cargo in the challenging ocean conditions often present at Young Brothers' port locations.

efficiency in safely loading and discharging cargo. The vessels were custom-designed by **Hockema Group**, a Washington-based naval architecture firm, and built

by **Conrad Shipyard**, a national leader in the construction of ships for commercial customers and the U.S. governments.

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Brothers is responsible for transporting 100% of all ocean cargo that originates and ends in Hawaii and is the only water carrier to serve Lāna'i and Moloka'i. The publicly-regulated company offers 12 weekly sailings between the ports of Nāwiliwili, Honolulu, Kaumalapau, Kaunakakai, Kahului, Kawaihae, and Hilo. More than

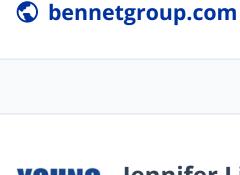
and a fleet of eight barges and eight tugboats, including four fuel-efficient Kāpena-class tugs. Young Brothers is an independently managed subsidiary of Foss and part of the Saltchuk family of companies. For more information, visit **www.youngbrothershawaii.com** and connect via **Facebook**, **Instagram**, **Twitter** and LinkedIn. **About Conrad Shipyard** <u>Conrad Shipyard</u>, established in 1948 and headquartered in Morgan City, Louisiana, designs, builds and overhauls barges, dredges, and dredge support equipment, tugboats, ferries, drydocks, liftboats, offshore supply vessels and other steel products for both the commercial and government markets. The Company provides both repair and new construction services at its five shipyards located in southern Louisiana and

400 highly skilled employees move what matters most to Hawai'i using state-of-the-art shoreside equipment

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and government projects in various sectors of the marine industry. We provide naval architecture and marine engineering services for tugs, barges, commercial fishing vessels, dredgers, cargo vessels, workboats, passenger vessels and government/military service vessels.



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