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New Young Brothers Kāpena Class Tug Christened

The first of four new tugs will soon enter service in Hawai'i

HONOLULU, July 2, 2018 – The *Kāpena Jack Young*, the first of four new ocean-going tugs that will soon begin neighbor island service for Young Brothers, has been christened in Louisiana. The *Kāpena Jack Young*, designed by Damen USA and built by Louisiana-based Conrad Shipyard, marks the arrival of the first new Kāpena class tugs built for Hawai'i-based Young Brothers, an independent subsidiary of Foss Maritime.

“Kāpena” means “captain” in the Hawaiian language, and the name for the class of ships celebrates the skill and innovation of Young Brothers’ Hawaiian navigators and will be homeported in Kaunakakai, Moloka’i. The new class of tugs are designed to match Young Brothers’ fleet of modern high capacity barges, and will improve the company’s ability to provide “just-in-time” cargo service to Neighbor Island communities, while enhancing service through lower maintenance down time, better tow speeds, greater operating efficiencies, and lower emissions.

The *Kāpena Jack Young* is named after Captain Jack Young, one of three brothers who founded Young Brothers in 1900. Each of the four new Kāpena Class tugs will be named after an original Young Brothers’ captain, including nā Kāpena George Panui Sr. and Jr., Bob Purdy, and Raymond Alapa’i. The christening of the *Kāpena Jack Young* was held at Port Fourchon with representatives of Young Brothers, Foss Maritime, Conrad, and Damen in attendance, as well as Sharon Young, Jack Young’s granddaughter, who sponsored the vessel.

“The four new Kāpena class tugs, represent our future while honoring our past. Once in service, the average age of our fleet will be reduced from an average age of 44 years to 12 years young,” said Joe Boivin, new President of Young Brothers. “The new tugs reinforce our commitment to safety, environmental stewardship and customer service.”

The 6,000 horsepower, 123 foot by 36.5’ vessel is powered by General Electric 8L250MDC—state-of-the-art EPA Tier IV emissions compliant exhaust gas recirculation engines.

“I’m very impressed with the work that has been done by Conrad shipyards and Damen USA in the delivery of the first of our four new, state-of-the-art, Tier 4 tugs,” said John Parrott, President and CEO of Foss Maritime. “We worked with Young Brothers to research various tug hull designs, engines, and towing equipment options. The construction of these new tugs supports Young Brothers’ in providing reliable, affordable and frequent services throughout the Hawaiian islands—now and in the future.”

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Video footage of the christening available upon request.

ABOUT YOUNG BROTHERS

Young Brothers, Limited, with approximately 360 employees across the state, has served Hawai'i since 1900. Young Brothers is a publicly regulated water carrier providing 12 weekly port calls from Honolulu to the state's neighbor island ports, including Hilo, Kawaihae, Kahului, Kaunakakai, and Nāwiliwili. For more information visit www.youngbrothershawaii.com.

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