The Right Place at the Right Time

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On the eve of this year’s long July 4 holiday weekend, my thoughts are on safety—it’s a topic that applies whether we’re at work in the shipyard or pursuing our favorite recreational activity.

If you think about it, safety is one of the very first things we’re exposed to from the moment we’re born. Doctors and nurses take special precautions to protect new babies; your first trip home was probably in a car seat; someone helped you to understand that it’s not a good idea to put your hand on a hot surface and it goes on from there. All of the steps taken to ensure our safety by those who cared about us were geared for one purpose—to teach us from the very beginning to behave in a safe manner. So, if we’ve been taught from the cradle how to properly act to ensure our personal safety, behaving in a safe manner should be second nature to all of us, right? That’s the way it should be, but it’s not that simple because each of us has freedom to choose how we behave.

Over the last several years, we’ve made steady progress improving safety in the shipyard. The improvements have been achieved through hard work and commitment, and we should feel proud of what we have been able to accomplish. We’ve continually set goals, increased communication and focus about safety in every area of the shipyard and implemented new approaches, such as the 5 Star Program, to help us identify and eliminate potentially unsafe conditions in all our facilities. We need to continue communicating about safety, trying new approaches and fixing things that need to be fixed, but those things will take us only so far.

Every decision we’re faced with, including those related to our own safety, involves making a choice; and every choice leads to some kind of outcome. Though we’ve been taught all the right things about being safe and we know what to do, making choices that reduce the probability of staying safe can take us down the wrong path to an unwanted outcome. In planning, setting up, doing or wrapping up a job—or even simply transiting throughout the shipyard—safety must be on our minds. When we understand and believe safety is a personal thing and instinctively behave to eliminate any unsafe situation, we will be on a clear path to truly change the potential for injury.

The 5 Star Program, audits, inspections, safety talks, stand downs—all of these are mechanisms aimed at helping us change our behavior when it comes to safety in the shipyard—and these same things will hopefully influence how you behave when you’re away from work. Over the July 4th weekend, make safety an integral part of whatever you are doing—for the benefit of yourself, your family, friends and all those around you. Then, come back to work refreshed and with a renewed commitment to behave safely on the job.

We will soon celebrate our nation’s birthday—a bold experiment kindled by the dream of liberty and freedom which has lasted for 234 years. Less than 30 days ago, we honored our World War II veterans and christened Spruance (DDG 111), named in honor of the man credited with turning the tide of that war in the Pacific. Two weeks later, we celebrated laying the keel for Michael Murphy (DDG 112), named for a young Navy SEAL who gave his life keeping that dream of liberty and freedom alive for all of us. In the course of just one month, we have twice commemorated the high cost of that bold experiment. As you celebrate on the “4th,” remember all those who have made it possible for that dream to come true and that experiment to succeed.

Have a safe and happy July 4th.

“TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”
Safety

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Year to date (YTD) progress toward achieving our environmental performance goals under the Main DEP STEP UP and other environmental programs is displayed as follows:

- Equal to or better than YTD goal
- Above YTD goal; improved from prior year
- Above YTD goal; not improved from prior year

Environmental Safety

Cumulative Through May 2010

- Solid Waste
- Hazardous Waste
- Energy Costs

The Ethics Corner

Do you have knowledge of someone associated with BIW violating the GD Standards of Business Ethics and Conduct (the “Blue Book”)? If so, first consider whether you are comfortable raising your concern directly with your management chain. Communicating your concern to your supervisor or manager may help resolve an issue quickly and satisfactorily. Employees who raise concerns in good faith or help the company resolve reported issues are protected against retaliation.

Taking Action

If you are uncomfortable discussing the issue with management, or do not know who to contact, please contact the Ethics Office (ext. 4216). The GD Hotline (1-800-433-8442) is also available as a resource.

Remember, when in doubt, always ASK.

“We are all responsible for acting ethically. We must accept and fulfill our duties to each other.”

Cynthia Lobikis,
BIW Ethics and Compliance Officer
Did You Know?

Many healthcare providers request laboratory testing as part of health maintenance. Often, these tests need to be done while fasting (not eating or drinking for a period of time prior to the test) and BIW employees frequently must take time off work to travel to their doctor’s office or medical laboratory to have blood drawn.

Did you know that the BIW Medical Department routinely draws blood and forwards it to the appropriate laboratory for testing? This means that your blood work can be done on site, without having to take time off the job.

How do I get my blood drawn?

- You will need a prescription from your healthcare provider.
- You need to bring your insurance card. The laboratory will bill your insurance for the test. There is no billing by the BIW Medical Department for performing the blood draw.
- You can come to the clinic anytime before the start of your shift, during your lunch break or at the end of your shift. Clinic hours are from 6:30 am to 5:00 pm.
- Individuals who work 3rd shift may access this service at the end of their shift.
- If you need to fast prior to the test, or need a special test done, please call ext. 2795 the day before you plan to come in to discuss the proper procedure.

Please note that the laboratory will send your test results directly to the ordering healthcare provider. BIW medical personnel do not receive copies of these tests and test results do not become part of your BIW medical record.

5 Star Compliance

Since January 2010, a re-evaluation of all 5-Star areas has been underway to ensure that the program continues to serve as a useful tool regarding compliance with regulations and to help reduce incidents, accidents and injuries.

This month, several areas on the chart were subdivided to better manage the task of preparing for inspections, giving direct ownership and greater control to the people who work in the vicinity of the newly-defined areas. This approach allows areas that are ready for inspection to move forward towards achieving and maintaining compliance. The overall task remains the same and our goal remains 100% compliance across all areas.

Our steady progress indicates a high level of awareness and commitment to safety on everyone’s part. We have to keep the momentum and the commitment going forward, because safety can never become anything less than a number one priority.

Safety is everyone’s business.

### 5 Star Compliance Chart

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Six months are left to participate and win with BIW’s Health Passport program. If you haven’t started, there’s still time. Two great quarterly prize drawings and the grand prize remain:

- **3rd Quarter:** Pass to New England Sports Package includes 2 Red Sox tickets, 4 Celtics tickets, 2 Bruins tickets, plus one limo ride to and from one of the games and a $100 gas card.

- **4th Quarter:** Techno-Pack (to include things like) Garmin GPS, Canon Digital Camera, Kindle, iPod Touch, and a Nintendo Wii.

- **Grand Prize:** A brand new vehicle.

If you haven’t started, completing the Health Passport is absolutely doable before the grand prize drawing in December. Doing so will earn you 9 chances for the quarterly drawings and 9 chances for the new vehicle. If your spouse also completes the passport, that’s another 9 chances for each.

**Start with Level 1.**

Level 1 must be completed in order to earn drawing entries for the other passport pages. Call your doctor and schedule a physical exam and remember, there’s no copay for an annual physical for CIGNA members and a physical in the past 12 months counts. Call your dentist and schedule a cleaning—a cleaning in the past 6 months counts. Take your Health Assessment online at mycigna.com and use your Health Assessment results to write a few health-related goals to work on—this is your Personal Health Plan.

**Record your summertime activities.**

Summer is a great time to work on your Health Passport levels. Record your outdoor activities such as swimming, hiking, biking, golf and gardening for Physical Health and Fitness stamps. Fun things like concerts in the park, fishing or community festivals or fairs earn Resiliency/Life Balance stamps.

**Attend a financial education class.**

The Benefits Department continues to offer a variety of financial education classes. Classes on banking and loans, credit cards and credit scores and saving and budgeting are being planned—watch for details. Bring your Health Passport to a class for a stamp.

These are just a few ideas. Other than Level 1, the Health Passport is mostly customizable, so you can keep doing the healthy things you like to do and are already doing or try new things—it’s up to you.

If you have questions about the Health Passport program or need a page signed off, contact Anthony Anderson at ext. 2915 or by email or stop by the Benefits Department.

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**Second Health Passport Drawing**

The second quarter Health Passport prize drawing will take place on July 21, 2010. More details will be announced soon.

Look for details and if possible, plan to attend the live drawing on your own time and find out if you or someone you know will win the 52” Sony TV and surround sound system.

**Retirement Reminder**

You can process your retirement by meeting with the BIW Benefits Department or you can work directly with the General Dynamics Service Center, either online or with a GDSC representative.

If you choose to work directly with GDSC, please remember to notify the BIW Benefits Department of your upcoming retirement by contacting Kurt Caswell at ext. 3415 or by email kurt.caswell@gdbiw.com.
The first six-month period of the revised Performance Incentive Program is in process. All eligible employees will receive payouts at the end of this period in accordance with the goals which are achieved. Each of six planned performance incentive periods is 6 months long, the specific goals for each period are established at the beginning of the period, and each goal has an incentive payment associated with it. Failure to achieve one or more goals does not impact payment for the goals that are met.

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Scenes from the June 5, 2010 christening of *Spruance* (DDG 111) include, clockwise, (1) the christening program; (2) ship sponsor Ellen Spruance Holscher, center, granddaughter of Admiral Ray Spruance for whom the ship is named, who was assisted by her daughters Margaret Spruance Holscher, left, and Dorothy Hamilton Holscher; (3) photographs from the stern of the ship as it transitions into the drydock; (4) special guests, (left) Eugene Pineault, Maine resident and WWII veteran who served in the Invasion of Sicily and received the Silver Star and James Sheppard, one of the famed WWII Tuskegee Airmen; (5) the platform christening sign.
This year, the U.S. Navy is sending the Bath-built USS DeWert (FFG 45) to Eastport for the city’s Fourth of July celebration. The city usually hosts a Navy ship at its annual celebration which attracts large crowds to the down east coast of Maine. By Eastport’s records, 8 of the last 15 ships in town for the Fourth were built in Maine by BIW.

This year, DeWert will arrive on July 2 and its crew will march in the town’s parade. Eastport and Bath, both small cities with a rich maritime heritage, have much in common, but one thing Bath cannot boast of is a cod fish relay race down its main street. No wonder U.S. Navy sailors consider Eastport a great liberty port.

The USS DeWert is the 37th ship of the large 53-ship FFG 7 Oliver Hazard Perry class. BIW built 24 of these ships, including the lead ship, FFG 7, in the 12 years between 1975 and 1987. The remainder of the class was built by Todd Shipyards in Seattle and San Pedro, California.

USS DeWert was delivered to the U.S. Navy in February 1984 and is today, one of the 30 remaining FFG 7 ships still commissioned by the U.S. Navy, 15 of which were built in Bath.

These highly-capable frigates have served around the world in support of battle groups on the high seas, as specialists in the area of drug interdiction, and on humanitarian missions such as the recent earthquake in Haiti where another BIW frigate, USS Nicholas (FFG 47) was the first U.S. Navy ship on the scene, setting the stage for the massive aid effort that followed.

The DeWert is named for Hospital Corpsman (HC) Richard De Wert, USNR of Massachusetts who sailed to the Far East as an 18-year-old sailor during the Korean War. He landed with the First Marine Division at Inchon and participated in operations to liberate the city of Seoul. Engaged with the 7th Marines in an attack to drive the enemy further north in 1951, DeWert gave his life to assist wounded Marines across the field of battle.

First shot during his initial attempt to help a fallen Marine, DeWert continued to respond to cries for help and treated and rescued four men before succumbing to his own injuries incurred while criss-crossing the battlefield. His actions were witnessed by many that day who recommended HC DeWert to their commanding officers, resulting in President Harry S. Truman naming HC DeWert the posthumous recipient of the Medal of Honor.

A bagpiper performs pierside as the USS DeWert (FFG 45) arrived at Boston Harbor in March 2009. US Navy photo.

From the Fleet

BIW-Built Ship in Eastport for the Fourth

May 2010

Service Anniversaries

Dept. Name

35 Years
66 Withers, Kenneth William

30 Years
10 Ireland, Terrance Lee
19 Farrin, Scott Albert
27 Leen, Peter Andrew
32 Gross, David Leon
45 Harris, Robin Ruth
46 Walker, David Alan
81 Harvey, Alma Jean
82 Quinn, Sandra May
86 Graviett, Terry Dewayne

Dept. Name

25 Years
40 Potvin, Philip David
50 Wermuth, Patrick Francis

20 Years
07 Parlin, Kenneth Michael
10 Barone, Michael Anthony
10 Cousens, Rhonda G
20 Berube, Mark Henry
24 Oakland, Paul Richard
40 Percy Jr, Robert David
50 Smith, James Albert
50 Totman, Gary Dean

Dept. Name

20 Years
86 Byras II, George Stephen
86 Fickett II, Robert Lincoln
87 Philippon, Dana John
93 Milligan, Allie Warren

10 Years
05 Carter, Colon Leigh
84 Wilson, Brian Joseph

5 Years
40 LaPerriere, Philip
40 McCarron, Kevin Michael
Why Keep Trying?

The third Y-Triathlon, or Y-Tri, sponsored by the Bath Area Family YMCA, was held on June 6, 2010. A number of BIW employees participated in the race which was offered as a full triathlon (swim, bike, run), duathlon (run, bike, run), aquabike (swim, bike) and as a spring triathlon relay. Phil Coyne (D40), a life cycle engineer and one of our Wellness Champs, has been involved with organizing the Y-Tri since its beginning and this year, served as Race Director with Bath Y’s Kevin Shute.

When Phil tackled his own wellness journey several years ago, one of the things that helped the most was his involvement with triathlons. “Today, his passion is introducing others to these events and making it easy for first-time participants to train, take part and enjoy their experience.

One Y-Tri participant who echoes that enthusiasm is Jim Soreide (D24), the lead for Procurement’s Fittings and Fasteners Team. Ten years ago, Jim, at age 50, committed to getting into better shape but faced some obstacles. He had a foot problem that prevented him from running, so he turned to swimming and it became his road to fitness as well as a connection to other local swimmers at the Y where he swam before work each day.

Then a few years ago, a former neighbor and ironman triathlete, Dave Toothaker (D24), joined the Fittings and Fasteners Team. Dave inspired Jim to look into the Polar Bear Triathlon at Bowdoin where he did the swim portion and teamed with others who took on the bike and run segments. He said, “Dave was a big help. He’s a great athlete and served as a mentor at a point that helped me transfer my enthusiasm into action.”

When the Y-Tri came on the local scene, Jim tried it as the swimmer on a 3-person team. This year, Phil suggested that he consider the two-stage aquabike. While a bike rider when younger, the 10-mile bike course was a challenge with his foot problems. Again, Dave came to the rescue with advice about the right bike shoes and other accommodations that would make it possible, and Jim, competitive by nature, trained diligently. Leading up to the race, he had ridden the full course three times and knew he could do it.

Race day conditions gave new meaning to the term aquabike. Following his indoor swim segment, Jim stepped out of the Y into a downpour. He found himself standing in an inch of water as he fumbled with his equipment to transition to the bike portion of his race. Despite being completely soaked, he had just completed a decent swim and he felt good. He found himself behind a fast biker that he felt he could keep up with and who would help him maintain a competitive pace.

Then just half a mile into the 10-mile route, he heard a thump and saw a bulge in his front tire, and shortly after, a pow as his tire lost air. His first thought was “now what do I do?” He said, “I had this very clear image in my mind of the race results with my name at the bottom and next to it, DNF — Did not finish.” He said, “My immediate response to that image was no way—that is NOT going to happen!”

He also realized that his tire was not completely gone. It was flattening out and a sliver of rubber remained between the road and his rim, so he decided to ride. He said to himself, “I am finishing.” With his pace biker long gone, he shifted to his bottom gears and concentrated on staying on the road, avoiding pot holes that could take the tire out for good and not sliding off a corner by taking it too fast. His became a race to finish, and when he hit the half way mark, he knew he could do it. He had planned to sprint the last mile and another victory, was able to accomplish a modified version of his plan by upping a couple of gears.

At race’s end, he was rewarded by “a nice lady who was passing out medals.” Jim said, “That’s one of Phil’s touches—he makes sure that everyone who finishes one of his races has a medal because he knows what it represents, especially to the newer racers.” To Jim, the medal meant overcoming the odds that day and it was his best prize—even when he was surprised with a bronze medal for placing third in his class. He had his medals with him the next day, a Monday, where his early morning co-swimmers and co-workers heard his story and complimented his perseverance.

Now he’s hooked on the aquabike event and praises the experience beyond its physical wellness aspects. He said, “I love the triathlon environment—no matter what your skill level, everyone cheers for you like you are an Olympian. It’s very uplifting. Others talk about the same thing, it really pumps you up.”

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**Bath Y-Tri—BIW Participants**

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Many Thanks

BIW people do a lot for others. These thank-you’s reflect some of the ways in which people care for their neighbors and communities.

The United Way of Mid Coast Maine is happy for an opportunity to thank the people of BIW who support their efforts year-round through your generous donations, by volunteering in United Way agencies in your communities and by supporting the BIW fall United Way campaign. United Way of Mid Coast Maine sends word that their 2009 Annual Report is now available on their website at uwmcm.org. To request a printed copy by mail, contact United Way at info@uwmcm.org or call 207-443-9752.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bath Brunswick thanks BIW for its support to their annual Bowl for Kids’ Sake event in April where they raised over $55,000. Among the highlights, the CROF building in Brunswick raised the greatest dollar amount of all bowling teams and won the King Pin award for a second year in a row.

Executive Director, Connie Hartley, said, “For every $1,000 raised, we are able to match a Big Brother/Big Sister with a child in a single parent home; and every $400 raised allows us to match a mentor with a child in a local school. You will be happy to know that in 2009, although faced with challenging economic times, we matched 677 children with a caring adult mentor. We are very grateful for all of the support which BIW provides to this wonderful organization and the children we serve.” You can check into this organization at www.bbbsbathbrun.org.

In May, the Abused Women’s Advocacy Project (AWAP), a United Way agency which works to end domestic abuse, wrote to thank BIW for the large box of cell phones which were donated to the project. These phones are scrutinized and cleared of any personal information that may have been left behind and then made available to women who need 911 access. AWAP served over 1800 people last year.

Students from Brunswick High School got up early on a chilly morning to seek donations for their Project Graduation event. On June 11, 2010, 254 seniors graduated from BHS and as a result of a year’s worth of fundraising, travelled to Six Flags in Agawam, Massachusetts where they celebrated in a safe, chemical-free environment. Writing on behalf of their class, Kayla Lucas and Tori Burkhart—daughter of Karen Race (D40) and Sean Ames (D87), said:

“We are writing to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity on April 30, 2010, when Brunswick High School Class of 2010 participated in one of your gate collections to raise money for Project Graduation…. Fellow classmates covered the other Bath Iron Works gates that morning (Ed. note: Derek Nesbitt, son of Candy Nesbitt, (D82), also participated). Your employees were so supportive and friendly and thanks to their help, we raised sufficient funds to help pay for our senior trip to Six Flags. Thank you all!”

Do you recall that the American Red Cross (ARC) brought their quarterly blood drive to BIW the first week of June? The week before, ARC broadcasted reminders that blood donations were much needed. During the drive, every BIW collection site either met or exceeded their goal, representing an across-the-board response to the need expressed by ARC. Elizabeth Elliott from ARC said, “What an amazing week—we collected 380 units at 118% of our goal. Many, many thanks.” Blood donors, know that you are greatly appreciated.

BIW is a sponsor of the Morse High School Jobs for Maine’s Graduates (JMG) Program. During this year’s closing ceremonies held on May 27, 2010, Kevin Gildart (D0110), on behalf of BIW, accepted a certificate (shown below) from the JMG Program which recognized our support of young people who may be at risk of not finishing school. JMG’s national and state-wide track record is impressive, and it was one of Regional School Unit 1’s (RSU-1) priorities to be able to bring this program to Bath. According to program coordinator, Maria Morris, the program, in its second year, is “already making a difference.”

Certificate given to BIW in May by the JMG Program at Morse.
The Right Place at the Right Time

Mike Morin (D50) drives a second shift van pool between Lewiston/Auburn and the main shipyard, picking up and dropping off riders at spots in between. He has done this for many years and while the individuals vary, there is longevity within the group and an ease among them. On the night of June 7, 2010, in addition to Mike, the van included Pat Beaulieu (D32), Fitzroy Celestine (D43), Larry Delehanty (D17), Dave Labbe (D32), Mike Mann and David Morse (both D66), Stephen “Mike” Parrott and Dean Roberts (both D22), and Jeff Young (D43). The photo on the cover shows, l to r: David Morse, Dean Roberts, Jeff Young, Dave Labbe, Pat Beaulieu and Mike Morin.

Leaving Bath around midnight, riders may nod off at some point during the drive home but their shift work means that they are used to their night time hours and attuned to what is going on around them. When Mike pulled the van to a stop on Route 196 in Lisbon to let Fitz Celestine off, he glanced to his left to check traffic and immediately saw fire on the second floor of an apartment house at 229 Lisbon Street. There were as yet no neighbors, police or firemen on the scene. No other cars had stopped. No sirens indicated that help was on the way.

Jeff, a member of the BIW volunteer fire brigade with years of military training behind him, was dozing in the front seat when Mike yelled at him to get over there and see if there was anyone in the building. While Mike dialed 911, everyone else piled out to help. Jeff pounded on the street level door of the upstairs apartment and a young woman quickly came down to the door. When Jeff shouted, “Your house is on fire!” the woman turned and ran upstairs for her 2-year old baby and the child’s father with Jeff right behind.

Inside, the apartment had filled with smoke and the pop and crackle of a building on fire was unmistakable. Good thing that Jeff was taking note of his surroundings because while the mother was able to grab her daughter from her crib and wake her boyfriend, both parents became disoriented in the smoke and unsure where to go next. Jeff called to them to come to the sound of his voice and spoke the words that they needed to hear, “I know the way to get out of here.”

Minutes later, they were safely outside where the other guys from the van were pounding on the doors and windows of the two first floor apartments. Shouting loudly and doing what they could to alert the people inside, it is likely that the residents, who did not yet know that the building was on fire, at first perceived them as trouble rather than someone trying to help. Assistance arrived when a policeman kicked the door in and it was immediately clear that those inside needed to leave fast.

When the fire department arrived and moved everyone back, Mike quickly accounted for the men in his van and they drove away. Their heroics had cost them little more than 15 minutes, yet together, they gave eight people a far better chance of survival that night than they would otherwise have had. All residents experienced significant property losses, but none are known to have been injured.

Jeff recalls that he went home and uncharacteristically had a cold beer while recounting the story to his wife. In the confusion of the smoke and intense heat on the second floor, he led both adults to the stairway and then took the child into his own arms so that the mother could get down the stairs as safely as possible. Jeff followed with the father behind him, each in peril of stumbling on the carpeted stairs and falling into the person in front of them.

Outside with her parents, the child recognized Jeff’s voice and put her arms out to him, then crouched down in his arms with her head against his shoulder just as she had done coming down the stairs. Earlier, Jeff had held her close to protect her lungs but now, she repeated the posture to hide from the sight of the flames. While he didn’t need a reward for what he did that night, he surely received one.

The next day, the van pool had a very different subject to talk about on their way to work. They joked that in the aftermath of the day’s Lewiston Sun Journal story with the headline, “BIW Workers Evacuated Tenants from Burning Building,” they would have 15 minutes of fame and be done with it.

However, their thoughts also turned to the victims of the fire. They learned that the downstairs people would be able to return home but the upstairs apartment was a total loss and the family lost all of their belongings. Jeff began the task of finding out what the family of 3 needs because he knows that BIW people have a big heart when someone experiences trouble.

Jeff served over 23 years in the Maine Army National Guard. In 2004, he was deployed to Iraq but asthma prevented him from going overseas. He was assigned to serve with the Military Family Assistance Center in Portland and sadly, was involved with the Kelley family when Dale Kelley (formerly D20) lost his life in Iraq in 2006. Because he has dealt with grieving families in difficult circumstances, Jeff knows that he and the others in his van pool were fortunate to have had a reason to pull over and stop that night. He said, “I’m just glad we were there.”
Keel Laying of *Michael Murphy* (DDG 112)

The family of LT Michael Murphy, USN made their first visit to BIW to participate in the June 18, 2010 keel laying of DDG 112. LT Murphy gave his life in Afghanistan to protect the lives of his fellow SEALS and posthumously received the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, and the Medal of Honor. Shown to the right, his father, Dan, his mother and ship sponsor, Maureen, and his brother, John, came to Maine with an extended family group for this event, and all will return for the ship’s christening next year.

Dan Murphy said, “We already love BIW and Maine. We have heard people speak about their care in building this ship which will carry our son’s name and their desire to make it the very best ship ever. I can’t tell you how that makes us feel, to know that the men and women of BIW feel like they are building this ship for Michael.”