

# The Port of Wilmington

## Maintaining

In recent months, the Port's Engineering and Maintenance Department has undertaken two large maintenance projects to improve the Port's services to its automobile and liquid bulk tenants. The first project was the repaving of Volkswagen of America's car staging terminal. The second project involved the construction of a new mooring dolphin at the floating berth.

The improvement of 12.5 acres of Volkswagen's lower vehicle storage lot included the installation of new drainage systems and repavement and striping of the entire lot. The work on the project began last November but, due to low temperatures during the winter and followed by high inventory of Volkswagen vehicles at the lot, the project completion was rescheduled for

this fall. The project will be completed with the repavement of the final layer, followed by striping of the lot. This newly paved lot creates a smoother surface, which is optimal for the quality handling of new vehicles.

Nearly \$1 million will be invested in the Volkswagen repavement project. Vandemark & Lynch, Inc. designed the



The Port Engineering and Maintenance Department's efforts to enhance the operation and maintenance capabilities of the cranes included a recent purchase of a General Motors bucket truck. The Port owns and operates three multi-purpose cranes which are used daily for the handling of various cargoes. The photo shows the Port's crane operation and maintenance team, headed by Crane Supervisor Chan Cathcart. (L-R) Chan Cathcart, Darryl Selby, Tony Knight, Herald Woolford, Art Walls, James Toppin, James Welch, Booker Washington, Alvin Jones, Scott Fall, Tony Tallis.

# Quality Facilities

paving plans and Diamond Materials, LLC is responsible for the paving work itself.

Since mid-August, the Engineering and Maintenance Department has overseen construction of a new pile supported concrete mooring dolphin, which will be located at the eastern side of the floating berth. This mooring dolphin will be used to moor the next generation of tanker vessels calling to discharge liquid orange juice concentrate for Citrusuco North America, Inc., as well as car carrier vessels.

The entire construction project will take place on the Christina River and will include driving of two test piles and 24-30 support piles. The piles will be covered by a concrete structure to compose the mooring dolphin.

Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani, LLC, of Baltimore, Maryland, designed the mooring dolphin and Commerce Construction, Inc., of Bridgeport, New Jersey, has been awarded the construction contract.

“We are confident that the new mooring dolphin will improve our ability to handle larger vessels for our customers and provide a more timely and efficient discharge of their cargo,” said Port Harbor Master Bobby Senseny.

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