

Executive Director's Letter

A busy winter fruit season is coming to the Port of Wilmington with the anticipated arrival of larger Chilean fruit volumes. In addition to our coverage of fruit cargo, *Port Illustrated* features the unique services the *Port of Personal Service* provides to its customers.



As the *Port of Personal Service*, we own and operate the nation's largest on-dock cold storage facility. *Port Illustrated* takes you on a tour of these warehouses and reports on the latest developments within this complex. The cold storage facility will be in full use this winter with increased shipments of Chilean fruit, beef, fish, juice and pet food cargoes. We also report on the state-of-the-art inventory control and truck loadout systems for monitoring the cargoes movement through our Port. Both systems, known as *E-Port* and *E-Loads*, have been designed by the Diamond State Port Corporation's (DSPC) technology division, First State Innovation (FSI).

The Port enjoys weekly calls of banana vessels by Dole Fresh Fruit's Dole Ocean Cargo Express and Chiquita Fresh's Great White Fleet. In this issue, we are proud to report on the extension of Chiquita Fresh's lease with the DSPC and on the banana carriers' exports on their southbound service to Central America.

We also cover the smashing success of the inauguration of Wilmington's new Auto and RoRo Berth on the Delaware River by Governor Ruth Ann Minner. And in this issue, we bring you a summary of news from our local maritime community. With your contributions, we hope to continue this coverage in future issues.

We wish you all a bountiful and successful winter season and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,



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