

1010 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: (703) 684-5700 Fax: (703) 684-5700 E-Mail: info@aapa-ports.org Website: www.aapa-ports.org

MEDIA CONTACTS:

Ed O'Connell - Tel: (703) 684-5700 E-Mail: eoconnell@aapa-ports.org

George Mihaiu - Tel: (305) 758-0949 E-Mail: publisher@seaportsoftheamericas.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EDITORIAL INPUT SOUGHT FOR AAPA SEAPORTS MAGAZINE

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - April 23, 2003 - Editorial information is being sought for the inaugural edition of AAPA SEAPORTS Magazine, the new semiannual print and online magazine of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA).

"In our efforts to serve as a voice of the industry, we recognize that it is vital that we receive input from throughout the global port community," said veteran maritime journalist Paul Scott Abbott, editorial director of AAPA SEAPORTS Magazine. "Not only do we appreciate receiving press releases from port authorities throughout the Western Hemisphere and beyond, but we also look forward to letters from the industry for our 'Inbound' section, as well as feature submissions of interest to the port industry at large."

Such announcements as personnel changes and infrastructure updates – with photos – are to be a regular part of AAPA SEAPORTS Magazine, according to Abbott. The magazine also will take an indepth look at key industry issues, from both cargo and cruise perspectives.

Editorial information should be e-mailed to editor@seaportsoftheamericas.com

Directed at both AAPA members and nonmembers, AAPA SEAPORTS Magazine serves as an editorial complement to AAPA's highly successful annual reference resource, SEAPORTS OF THE AMERICAS - THE AAPA DIRECTORY, the authoritative and comprehensive guide to the seaports, port authorities and port industry of the Americas.

Initial distribution of the magazine will reach all AAPA members, port directors and port staffs, as well as other major world port authorities, selected port industry service and equipment providers, shipping and cruise line executives and targeted lists of Western Hemisphere government legislators and industry-related government agencies.

Subscription opportunities will be offered via AAPA's website at www.aapa-ports.org and via the AAPA SEAPORTS Magazine companion website at www.aapaseaports.com

The magazine also will accept a limited amount of advertising. Advertising inquiries should be directed to publisher@seaportsoftheamericas.com

AAPA SEAPORTS Magazine is being published with and on behalf of AAPA by Compass North America Inc., of Miami, Fla., the award-winning port industry publishing, advertising and information services specialist and longtime publisher of AAPA's SEAPORTS OF THE AMERICAS.

The American Association of Port Authorities was founded in 1912 and today represents 150 public port authorities in the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, the association represents 300 sustaining and associate members, firms and individuals with an interest in the seaports of the Western Hemisphere. AAPA port members are public entities mandated by law to serve public purposes. Port authorities facilitate waterborne commerce and contribute to local, regional and national economic growth.