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PORT OF DETROIT CELEBRATES PORT OPENING

Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A.-Today, the Port of Detroit will officially celebrate the port opening with a joint dinner of the Detroit Propellor Club and the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority (DWCPA). The dinner will be held at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle in Detroit. W. Steven Olinek, DWCPA's Deputy Director will be the keynote speaker and he will give the "State of the Port Address." The program will include the presentation of the J.L. Hudson Trophy honoring the first foreign-flagged vessel to arrive at the Port of Detroit.

The *Federal Polaris*, a Bahamian-flagged vessel, became the first ship when it arrived at Nicholson Terminal & Dock Company at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, April, 10, 2004. "We're very pleased to welcome the *Federal Polaris* to Detroit and to inaugurate another international shipping season. This trade adds significantly to the region's economic well-being," said Olinek. The *Federal Polaris* had set sail from Fos, France on March 23, 2004, with a cargo of steel coils, under the command of Captain Reynaldo P. Derige. The coveted J.L. Hudson Trophy will be presented to World Shipping, the ship's agent.

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