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**M/V SIGNET STARS & STRIPES and M/V SIGNET CONSTELLATION CHRISTENED**  
*at Trinity Shipyard amid Fanfare Befitting the Occasion,*  
*Attended by a Host of Dignitaries and Featuring a Luncheon to Celebrate the Event*

**12 October 2011, Gulfport, Mississippi:** Trinity Offshore, LLC and Signet Maritime Corporation christened M/V SIGNET STARS & STRIPES and M/V SIGNET CONSTELLATION yesterday at the Trinity Shipyard in Gulfport, Mississippi. This extraordinary affair included many of Signet Maritime's and Trinity Offshore's valued customers and employees in addition to many local, state and national political figures.

The Christenings occurred at 10:30 A.M. Mrs. Gayle L. Wicker, wife of The Honorable Roger F. Wicker, United States Senator, Tupelo, Mississippi, christened the M/V SIGNET STARS & STRIPES. Immediately following, Mrs. Tara E. Hauhe, wife of Mr. William E. Hauhe, General Manager, Angola LNG Supply Services LLC, Houston, Texas, christened M/V SIGNET CONSTELLATION.

"The skies over Mississippi will be brighter when Signet Maritime Corporation puts its two new escort tugs to work next month," said United States Senator, Roger Wicker, during the vessels' christenings.

The program included a speech by Signet Maritime's President and Owner, Mr. J. Barry Snyder notating the importance these tugs bring to Mississippi Shipbuilding and Gulf of Mexico LNG services. The technologically advanced tugs are specifically designed and engineered to offer superior ship-handling, escort, and sea-keeping performance and incorporate cutting edge design, leading the way in marine vessel service provided to LNG carriers.

Luncheon at Latitude 30° Restaurant on Gulfport Lake followed the shipyard ceremonies.

The M/V SIGNET CONSTELLATION, Trinity Hull TO-22, was launched on September 7, 2011 and yesterday's christening of M/V SIGNET STARS & STRIPES, Trinity Hull TO-23, marked her official launch.

Both tugs are 100' (30.48m) RAstar 3100 Class Terminal Support/Escort Tugs, built for Signet Maritime Corporation's U.S. Gulf of Mexico operations and will provide marine services to Angola LNG Supply Services (ALSS) in the Port of Pascagoula, Mississippi. The Robert Allan Ltd. designed ASD tugs are built to American Bureau of Shipping Maltese Cross A1 Towing & Escort Service, Fire Fighting Class 1 (Fi-Fi 1) and Maltese Cross AMS standards. The vessels will be operated under Signet Maritime's ABS-certified International Safety Management (ISM) and ISO 9001-2008 Quality Management Systems. In addition, these vessels are the first EPA Tier 3, EU Stage IIIA, and IMO Marine Tier III vessels to be built and operated in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

Primary characteristics follow.

## TO-22 & TO-23 RAstar 3100 Class Terminal/Escort Tug—Primary Characteristics

Length O.A.	100'-0" (30.48m)
Length (Hull)	92'-1" (28.07m)
Beam (Extreme)	40'-0" (12.19m)
Hull depth	17'-7" (5.36m)
Draft –Maximum over Drives	17'-2" (5.23m)
Fuel Capacity	64,565 US gallons
Fresh Water Capacity	4,461 US gallons
Power	Two (2) CAT C175-16, rated 3,417 each (2550kW) at 1800 RPM, EPA Tier 3
Complement	8
Generators – Diesel	Three (3) John Deere, Model 6068TFM76, 99 kW (each), 60 Hz, 480V
Z-Drives	Two (2) Rolls-Royce Model US255, Controllable Pitch
Propellers	Two (2) 110.2" Diameter, Four Blade NIBRAL in Kort Nozzles
Lightship Weight	558.83 Metric Tons
Bollard Pull, Ahead	80+ Metric Tons
Bollard Pull, Stern	75+ Metric Tons
Free Running Speed, Ahead	12.5 knots (minimum)
Classification	ABS Maltese Cross A1, Escort, Maltese Cross AMS, Fi-Fi 1
Delivery	November 2011

## M/V SIGNET STARS & STRIPES and M/V SIGNET CONSTELLATION CHRISTENED

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### *RAstar 3100 Christening Assembly*

*U.S. Senator Roger F. Wicker Addresses Christening Ceremony at Trinity Offshore in Gulfport, MS  
Bow to Bow, SIGNET STARS & STRIPES, SIGNET CONSTELLATION Christenings*

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### **About Trinity Offshore, LLC**

Trinity Offshore is a leader in the design and construction of commercial tugs, offshore vessels and patrol craft in aluminum, steel and composite. Our in-house engineering and under cover construction facilities ensure quality workmanship and on-time delivery. We build vessels ranging from 10 Meters to 95 Meters in length. For more information, please visit [www.trinityoffshorellc.com](http://www.trinityoffshorellc.com).

### **About Signet Maritime**

Signet brings marine transportation strength to the world as a global provider of vessel services and logistics. We own and operate a modern fleet of tugs and barges complemented by a full service construction and repair shipyard. Signet provides energy and shipping support for LNG vessel assist, rig transport, harbor tugboat operations, ocean towing, petroleum fueling and heavy-lift barge services in the Americas, Africa and Middle East. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, regional offices are located in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Morgan City, Louisiana, Ingleside, Texas, Brownsville, Texas, Dubai UAE, and Brazil, SA. The company is certified by the American Bureau of Shipping to ISM, ISO 9001:2008 as well as STCW-95, MTSA, AWO-RCP. For more information, please visit [www.SignetMaritime.com](http://www.SignetMaritime.com).





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