



Al Durel

Director of Operations

As Director of Operations for Port Freeport, Al Durel's major duty is to maintain the 'function' of the Port. This will include but not limited to managing vessel/cargo operations, maintenance of the facilities, managing the flow of vessel/truck traffic and safety throughout the various terminals. He serves as the primary point of contact for owners, agents and industry. In addition, he also manages the financial affairs of Port Operations. On occasion, Al acts as a tour guide, which is always a lot of fun. This gives him an opportunity to 'showcase' the activities and abilities of the Port. Al has been with the Port since 1999.

Al believes Port Freeport offers something truly unique to its customers, and that the people behind the Port make the difference.

The Maritime industry runs deep in Al's family. Long before he started, Al's Dad and brother-in-law were managers for a stevedore company in New Orleans. Their influence and training gave him the foundation to become successful in this industry. He has held various positions throughout his career, including Ship Superintendent, Vessel Agency, Terminal Operator, Terminal Manager, and Port Captain.

Education

Graduated University of New Orleans / Business Administration in 1977.

Affiliations & Community Involvement

Al serves on the PCT – Port Coordination Team, BMAT – Brazosport Marine Action Team, Lone Star Harbor Safety Committee, Member of the Executive Safety Committee, National Incident Management System (NIMS), AAPA Operations Committee, Member of Area Maritime Security Committee.

Personal

Al's biggest, most important accomplishment is raising three boys with his wife Pam. All are very successful professionals in Medicine.

Port Freeport

Port Freeport is a leading port in the export of crude oil and natural gas liquids and ranked 6th in chemicals, 15th in foreign waterborne tonnage, and 26th in containers. A 2019 Economic Impact Study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute revealed that, nationally, the Freeport Harbor Channel generates 279,780 jobs and has a total economic output of \$149 billion. Port Freeport serves Atlantic Container Lines, AMPORTS, BASF, Chiquita Fresh N.A., CEMEX, CMA CGM, Dole Fresh Fruit, The Dow Chemical Company, Enterprise Products, Exxon Mobile, Freeport LNG, Glovis, Grimaldi Lines, Hoegh Autoliners, Kirby Marine, Liberty Global Logistics, Mammoet, MEGlobal, Phillips 66, Riviana Foods, Inc., Sallam Lines, Tenaris, U.S Department of Energy, Wallenius Wilhelmsen, and Vulcan Materials Company.