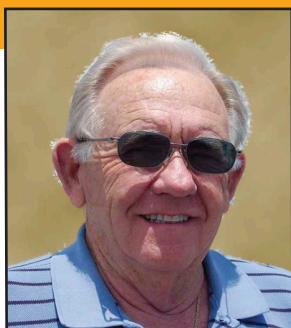


The Propeller Club of the United States Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach

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MEMBER

Spotlight



Adam Birkenbach

If you've been remotely involved in the local maritime industry over the past few decades, it would be virtually impossible not to know the name Adam Birkenbach.

A 31 year veteran of the Port of Los Angeles (37 years total with the City of L.A.), Adam has a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Cal State L.A. and a Master's in Public Administration from CSULB. He served in the U.S. Navy on active duty and as a reservist from 1954–1960.

Adam joined the Port of L.A. in 1968 as Chief Electrical Engineer and retired in 1999 as Chief Harbor Engineer. At that time, he was responsible for as many as 290 personnel and oversaw multimillion dollar capital improvement programs at the Port. He also led several overseas delegations in China and Taiwan where he represented the Port and presented technical papers. Adam has been a Port Facilities Consultant since 1999 and has remained extremely active in maritime related activities in the region. If you've met Adam, you know that his passion for the industry is enduring and infectious!

A four -year member of the L.A./Long Beach Propeller Club Board of Directors, Adam is one of those leaders who does his job quietly, without fanfare and produces amazing results. Propeller Club Executive Director, Monika Wegener says Adam "is just a super guy...kind and gentle. When he volunteers he follows through and he's one of the nicest people I've ever met. He's beloved by everyone in the industry, and any organization would benefit from a whole team of people like Adam!"

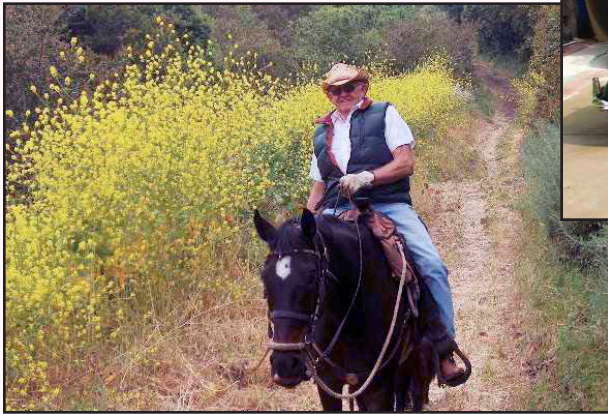
Adam has been *the* major force behind the annual ILWU/Propeller Club Seafood Feast for the past 15 years, orchestrating everything from securing the facilities to ordering the food to cutting the fish and all aspects of implementing the event. Adam is one of the key people who makes this important maritime tradition happen each year and he does so in his calm, organized, always reliable and responsible sort of way. If Adam is leading the charge, things get done! Adam and his wife Angie, his longtime Seafood Feast Co-Chair, were deservedly recognized by the Propeller Club in 1999 as Maritimers of the Year for their contributions to the organization and the industry as a whole.

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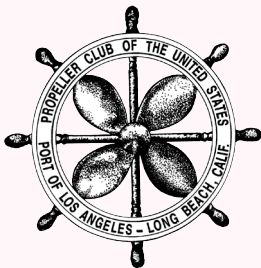
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This year's Seafood Feast Co-Chair Jennifer Mosher calls Adam "the heart and soul and sweat of the Seafood Feast. He's the most pleasant, calm, generous person that I've ever had the pleasure to work with...and he tells good stories!"

In addition to his continued service to the Propeller Club, Adam has found plenty of fun and fulfilling things to do since retiring from the Port of L.A. He's an avid equestrian and still enjoys frequent trail rides. He spent 27 years as Commander of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department Mounted Posse which handles search and rescue operations on horseback. He is a car enthusiast and enjoys spending time restoring his 1961 Austin Healy Roadster which he has owned since 1974. He and his wife Angie enjoy entertaining family and friends and spending time at their Desert retreats.



The Propeller Club Salutes Adam, and thanks him for all his industry contributions and his magnificent work on the Seafood Feast event!



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