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## Will Watson joins AdvanFort as President

press release

Thursday, August 30, 2012

**Maritime professional will lead the next generation of global security solutions.**

The AdvanFort Company today announced that maritime professional William Hughes (Will) Watson has joined the company as president. Will comes to AdvanFort from the Office of the Maritime Administrator of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) where he has been Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs and Special Agent since

2009. Additionally, Will served as delegate of the RMI to the United Nations Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) and coordinated counter piracy and terrorist activities at International Registries, Inc. (IRI) and Maritime Security Liaison.



William (Will) Watson, AdvanFort president.

Will continues his responsibilities as Vice President of Government Affairs and Governor with the Maritime Security Council, where he represents the Maritime Industry on the National Council of ISACs (Information Sharing & Analysis Centers). He will be responsible for the global strategy and continued expansion of AdvanFort as a maritime security leader.

"I am honored to have been asked to lead the team of professionals at AdvanFort. Our highly trained and experienced executive, management and operational staff and consultants understand their mission is to protect and safeguard the lives and livelihoods of our clients. Moving forward, we will continue to deliver world-class maritime operations and security solutions that exceed our clients' complex needs," Will Watson said.

Will serves on the Advisory Board of the National Maritime Law Enforcement Academy; the Administrative Board of the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS - USA); the Maritime Working Group steering committee of the U.S. State Department's Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC); and is a member of Oceans Beyond Piracy Working Group. He has lectured at the International Maritime Law Institute, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy / GMATS and the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies. Will is actively involved in the Council of American Master Mariners and the Propeller Club of the U.S. He is an alumnus of the University of South Carolina and veteran of the US Air Force Reserve and the South Carolina Air National Guard.

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Salvors, Resolve Salvage & Fire report a highly productive past week. The past seven days has been highly productive for Resolve Salvage & Fire - wreck

#### Australia Ends Indian Ocean Refugee Boat SAR

Australian Maritime Safety Authority calls off search & rescue (SAR) as no further realistic prospect of finding any more survivors. On the final day of

#### Asian Shippers Face Rise in Ocean Container Freight Rates

All Asian shippers will have to pay higher freight charges to European container ship operators from September 2012. From September 1, Denmark-based Maersk, the world's

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#### Tankship Looted, Released by Pirates in Gulf of Guinea

Tankship 'Energy Centurion' has been released east of Lagos, Nigeria, after theft of 3,000 tons of oil, now heading for a safe port. An official with Golden Energy Management,

#### Liberia Approves Seagull Security Training Package

Maritime Training specialist, Seagull, has secured Liberia's approval for its unique Security training package. Liberian approval comes little more

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American Flagship Project challenges President Obama to explain why his Administration has blocked America's entry into the \$40 billion-a-year foreign-dominated cruise sector.

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