



Leveraging America's Lifeline to Offshore Energy to Propel the U.S. Wind Industry

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We are America's Lifeline to Offshore Energy



Advocate for the offshore marine transportation and service industry and its employees.



Seek to advance the highest standards of worker safety and environmental protections.



Develop and promote ideas that advance the common good and interests of our members.



Strong supporter of the Jones Act and its national, homeland, and economic security benefits.



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For more than 45 years, OMSA has been telling the industry's story of strength, safety, and security.

We have a great story to tell:

OMSA members founded an industry and grew with this industry from fishing vessels, to purpose-built, to innovative liftboats, to complex multi-purpose subsea construction and accommodation vessels.





“it may be tentatively assumed that the Gulf of Mexico is a potential source of salt-dome oil. Whether or not it will be economically feasible to explore these waters for the domes that must exist is a question for the future to answer.” – Geologist Orval Lester Brace, 1941

By 1949, 44 wells had been drilled in the GoM. OMSA members do not want to be recorded by posing the same questions of offshore wind.



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OMSA Announces Formation of Wind Committee

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Offshore Wind Tax Credits Could Be Included in a Fall Tax Extenders Package

Lobbying efforts are underway to persuade Republicans from coastal states with a heavy oil-and-gas industry presence that offshore wind development means jobs.

JUSTIN GERDES | AUGUST 01, 2019

Trade associations are mobilizing to persuade lawmakers in both chambers, including Republicans from coastal states with a heavy oil and gas industry presence, that offshore wind development means jobs.

Groups including the National Ocean Industries Association and the Offshore Marine Service Association — as well as AWEA — are “actively lobbying

Stronger Together

NOIA, OMSA Partner to Advance U.S. Vessel Opportunitie in the Emerging Offshore Wind Sector.

By Timothy Charters and Aaron :



Smith Charters

In 1941, geologist Orval Lester Brace stated “it may be tentatively assumed that the Gulf of Mexico is a potential source of salt-dome oil. Whether or not it will be economically feasible to explore these opened for offshore energy production in 1966, th work was conducted by many of the men, machine companies that had cut their teeth in the Gulf of M This innovative and pioneering spirit continues U.S. offshore oil and gas industry today. Many of tl sel-based, drilling, production, and servicing innov made in our global industry come from the Gulf of co. This success has caused our industry to remain p ily focused on oil and gas development, instead of ap our innovative nature to other offshore industries.



July 9, 2019

Dear Members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation:

As your constituents and businesses in the State of Louisiana who see the em American offshore wind industry as an expanded business opportunity, we write to encourage you to ask the Secretary of the Interior to release the final wind energy areas (WEAs) in the NY Bight and to do so as quickly as possible.



Congress of the United States
hington, DC 20515

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1769

August 16, 2019

To require the Secretary of Energy to establish an offshore wind career training grant program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 10, 2019

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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/ of the Interior
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: today regarding offshore wind development and the expanding role it can play in creating jobs,