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## **Blue & Gold Fleet Wins The 2014 Roger Murphy National Marine Safety Award**

SAN FRANCISCO – (March 5, 2014) – Blue & Gold Fleet was awarded the 2014 Roger Murphy National Marine Safety Award at the Passenger Vessel Association's conference in Texas. This award recognizes companies who demonstrate safety in the marine environment, and embody the principles and techniques of the safety training required in the passenger vessel industry. Blue & Gold Fleet's company-wide safety management system has resulted in the safe transportation of 2.8 million passengers who ride both the ferry and excursions services on the San Francisco Bay, one of the most congested inland waterways in the country.

"This recognition is what our mission at Blue & Gold is all about and what we spend hours of practice and training on," said Carolyn Horgan, President of Blue & Gold Fleet. "We have proudly created a proactive safety culture." This became evident in the summer and fall of 2013, when the San Francisco Bay Area endured two transit strikes and a five-day closure of the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge. During those 13 days, Blue & Gold Fleet had 18 vessels in operation and carried over 200,000 passengers, an increase of three times the normal load, and all without incident.

"This company-wide reduction of incidents and claims cannot be attributed to any one person, but reflects Blue & Gold employees' commitment to safety," said Director of Operations Patrick Murphy.

The award, established in 2003, is named after the late Roger Murphy, a long-time proponent of marine safety and training, and founder of the precursor to the Passenger Vessel Association Safety and Security Committee. Roger Murphy was also the founder of Blue & Gold Fleet.

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### **About Blue & Gold Fleet**

Blue & Gold Fleet is the premier provider of ferry and water excursion services on San Francisco Bay, offering the famous one-hour Bay Cruise Adventure and RocketBoat, the ultimate high-speed thrill ride along the city's waterfront. The company provides regular ferry service to Sausalito, Tiburon, Angel Island, Vallejo, Alameda/Oakland, Harbor Bay and AT&T Park on game days, as well as motorcoach tours to some of Northern California's picturesque sites. For more information, visit [www.blueandgoldfleet.com](http://www.blueandgoldfleet.com).