

Joseph P. Starck, Jr.
President
The Great Lakes Towing Company
Great Lakes Shipyard
Cleveland, OH

- Born in Buffalo, NY and grew-up on the shores of Lake Erie.
- Graduated in 1990 from State University of New York Maritime College, in Fort Schuyler, NY with a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Naval Architecture.
- Sailed as 3rd Assistant Engineer aboard an MSC Coastwise Tanker.
- Was hired by The Great Lakes Towing Company to work in the Company's shipyard in May 1991.
- In 1992 he was transferred to Runyan Shipyard in Pensacola, FL where the company had acquired a ship repair facility engaged in Government vessel repairs, primarily serving naval vessels.
- After returning to Cleveland in late 1995, he was assigned as the Company's On-site Representative for the construction of five (5) new state-of-the-art "Tractor Tugs" the company was having built in Lockport, Louisiana and Seattle, Washington. The tug construction program concluded in 1999.
- Through the new tug construction process, he spent a significant amount of time performing on hire and off hire surveys, chartering, and vessel purchase and sale activities.
- He obtained an MBA from Case Western Reserve University in 2002.
- In 2004, the Company expanded its shipyard operations and entered the new construction business by purchasing the assets of a small barge builder, and began fabricating truckable barges and workboats.
- From 2005 until 2012, he was instrumental in the redevelopment and expansion of the Cleveland shipyard facility, demolishing the old buildings and shops, cleaning the property of environmental issues, and building new state-of-the-art facilities, including installation of a 770-ton Marine Travelift, the largest of its kind in the Great Lakes Region and the 3rd largest in the world.
- The Company moved from its longtime offices in the Terminal Tower to the completely new facility on the Old River Channel in late-2006.
- Since 2007, Great Lakes Shipyard has built more than twelve (12) new tugs and workboats, and a multitude of barges.
- He was named president of Great Lakes Shipyard in April 2009.
- He was named president of The Great Lakes Towing Company in December 2010.
- He is a Member, American Bureau of Shipping; and is on the ABS Special Committee on Small Vessels. He is also a Member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.
- He is a member of the board of the Friends of Max Hayes High School.
- Married, with five (5) children and lives in Lakewood, OH.