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Dear Mr. Rasmus,

I'd like to express my thanks to you and your folks for a very successful drydock and yard availability this past summer.

As I was in 2004, I continue to be impressed by the professionalism and skill shown by everyone who worked on the project.

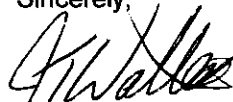
In particular, Joe Craine again excelled in determining and recommending courses of action for the various particular projects while Joe Starck demonstrated a great deal of expertise in administering a government contract.

I was also impressed by the craftsmen and technicians who actually did the work. They showed a great deal of interest in their crafts and were motivated to provide the best product and service possible.

Chris Henderson and Tim Grimes did a terrific job of keeping everyone organized and coordinated. And please convey my thanks to Pete Groh for his assistance with local procurements.

It will be my pleasure to recommend Great Lakes Towing Shipyard to anyone in the industry.

Sincerely,



Joseph T. Walters  
Captain, R/V KIYI

cc: Dr. Mark Vinson, Chief, Lake Superior Biological Station  
Dr. Kurt Newman, Chief, Western Lakes Branch, Great Lakes Science Center  
Captain Tim Cherry, Manager, GLSC Large Vessel Safety Management System