

# UMWA

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### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

GREG GENZ - UMWA's past president and current board member has the spotlight on him this February. Greg grew up with a strong connection to the river. From a young age, he was drawn to the possibilities the water held. Greg has had a very diverse career on the river; from wharf rat, to deckhand, all the way to marine manager. Greg has a very extensive and impressive resume. But that's not all Greg has to offer! He is a father, a husband, and a fantastic friend.

He stays connected with the public, particularly the youth, by working part time as a safety boat driver for Wilderness Inquiry's Urban Wilderness Canoe Trips.

In addition to all of the passion and work he provides for UMWA, he is the Vice-President and co-founder of Friends of Pool 2, board member of Friends of the Minnesota Valley, President of Red Wing Marine Museum, Ad Hoc member of the Red Wing Harbor Commission, and Navigation Communication Director for the Lansing, Iowa bridge replacement project.



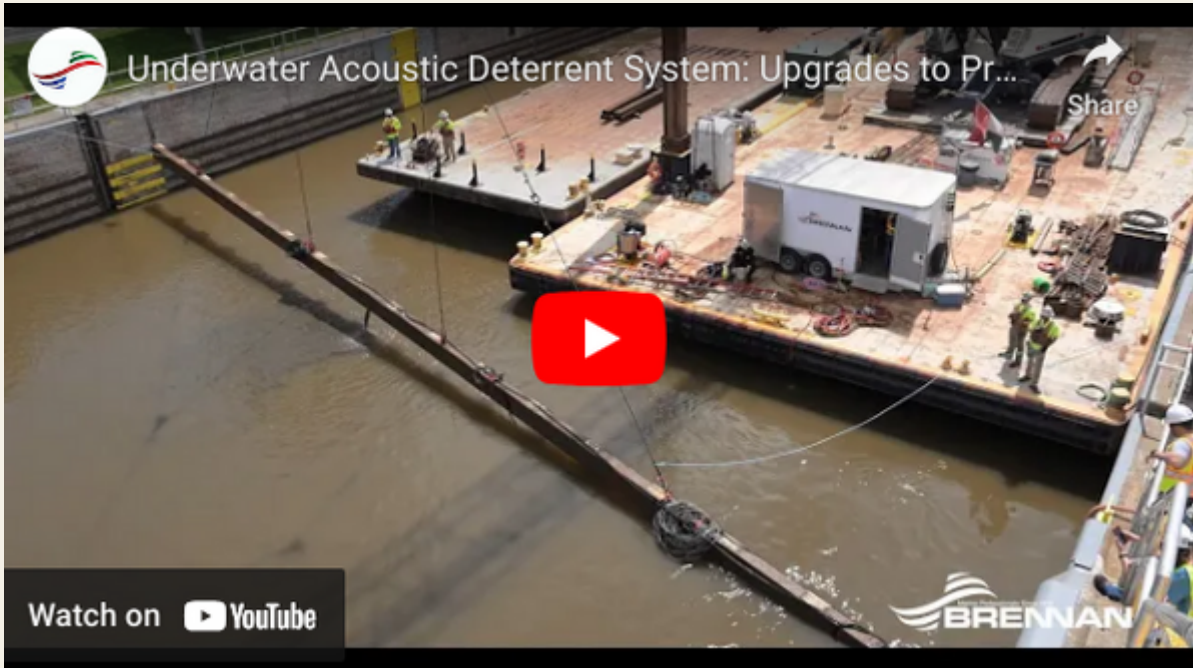
### NEWS & UPDATES

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

- JF Brennan, of LaCrosse is a long time member and one of our biggest supporters. The deterrence of the Asian/Invasive carps is an important issue to the Upper River. If only something would have been done twenty years ago at Lock 19, we would have been in better shape. Lock 19 has a 42' hydro dam and the only way those carp could have moved upriver was through the Lock.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efkZAs1UUzc>

- The city of Wabasha, Minnesota has teamed up with the U.S Army Corps of Engineers to manage the Mississippi River's dredged sand. This sand was removed from the Wabasha area of the river, and it will eventually be available for public and private use in the Wabasha area. Mayor Emily Durand said "There is a significant amount of freight that is moved along the Mississippi and that cost of moving that freight, as well as the ability to move it on the river versus our highways, it affects everybody. It affects farmers, it affects the entire region and it affects the food chain". Find out more at: <https://www.kttc.com/2024/01/23/city-wabasha-us-army-corps-engineers-team-up-manage-mississippis-dredging/>



**"Every moment is a fresh beginning" – T.S Eliot**

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