

BIO for: Dr. Joseph A. Orgeron



Dr. Joseph Orgeron was raised on the bayous of south Louisiana during the era of the 'Rise of the Cajun Mariner'. Graduating from South Lafourche High School in the slump of the 1980's oil-downturn, he opted to pursue an education in something OTHER than the family business of offshore oilfield service vessels.

Opting to study physics at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, he went on to earn his doctorate in Applied Experimental Physics from the University of Texas at Dallas.

His first 8 years of employment was with M&M/Mars in New Jersey as a Commodity Scientist where he ran neural-net/artificial-intelligence models to predict crop forecasts, currency pairs, and advertising effectiveness models for in-house commercial buyers & brand managers. But, by 2001 he yearned to move back to the bayou and into the family-owned offshore vessel business at Montco Offshore. As Special Projects Manager, he focused on projects utilizing their fleet of offshore liftboats outside of the normal oil & gas industry, such as specialty offshore construction, scientific coring jobs and ultimately into the burgeoning US offshore windfarm market on the East Coast.

Beginning in 2009 with the geotechnical coring for Block Island, America's first offshore wind farm, he was fortunate enough to also be involved in the foundation installation and the Jones Act compliant feedering of components for the final turbine installation phase. He has since stayed active in this market and has attended countless offshore wind conferences, spoken on numerous panels, and his experiences has kept him in close contact with windfarm project developers, turbine manufacturers, European installers, cable-layers, and various offshore-use stakeholders.

In July 2020, he was elected as Louisiana State Representative for District 54 representing the people and maritime industries along Bayou Lafourche from Hwy-90 down to Port Fourchon & Grand Isle. He serves on the House Natural Resources committee and on BOEM's Gulf of Mexico Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force that focuses on opening the gulf to offshore wind leases.

He is currently the Co-Founder (along with his older brother Lee) of **2nd Wind Marine, LLC**. with the intent of building a pair of "SuperFeeder" vessels to assist solving issues with windfarms installations logistics related to the unique US marketplace.

Lastly & most importantly, he is a proponent of an 'All of the Above' energy strategy and remains a vocal advocate for Louisiana offshore energy jobs as well as coastal restoration and resiliency improvement projects for his hometown area.