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## PRESS RELEASE

### *Nelson Spencer, Jr. Named Waterways Journal Publisher*

**ST. LOUIS, Mo. – Jan. 12, 2015 –** Nelson “Spence” Spencer, Jr. has been named publisher of *The Waterways Journal*, succeeding H. Nelson Spencer, his father, who will become chairman. He becomes the third generation Spencer to man the helm of the 128-year-old weekly trade journal. H.N. “Ray” Spencer, who died in 1992, was publisher from 1965 to 1979.

The younger Spencer also takes on the publisher’s role for the company’s other publications, the periodicals *HeartLand Boating*, *Marina Dock Age* and *International Dredging Review (IDR)*, the latter two of which he was instrumental in acquiring; and the directories *Inland River Guide*, *Inland River Record* and *Quimby’s Cruising Guide*. As for the corporation, he will be president and chief executive officer.

After graduating from DePauw University and working for a law firm in Denver, Spence joined *The Waterways Journal* staff in advertising sales and then also as business manager. He created and now manages the company’s Inland Marine Expo (IMX) trade show, which has proven to be a great success. Booth space for the second annual event is already close to being sold out.

His father, who has been with *The Waterways Journal* for almost 45 years and is a recipient of the Seamen’s Church Institute’s “River Legend Award,” will remain active in the business.

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#### **About The Waterways Journal, Inc.**

*The Waterways Journal, Inc. (WJ) was founded in 1887 to serve the print media needs of steamboats and marine professionals along the rivers of the United States. The company has since expanded to serve additional markets, including the dredging industry, marina and waterfront facility owners and recreational boaters. WJ currently publishes Waterways Journal Weekly, Inland River Record, Inland River Guide, International Dredging Review, Marina Dock Age, HeartLand Boating and Quimby’s Cruising Guide, an annual guide for recreational boating on the Mississippi and its tributaries. Find out more at [www.wjinc.net](http://www.wjinc.net).*

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