

Biography – Matt Woodruff  
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As Vice President of Public & Government Affairs for Kirby Corporation, the nation's largest tank barge operating company, Matt Woodruff spends much of his time working on industry issues and with industry associations. He also serves as media liaison for the company. A maritime lawyer by background, Matt has spent his career representing maritime interests.

He is a 1982 graduate of Texas A&M University and a 1985 graduate of the University of Houston Law Center. He has spoken in a variety of venues on subjects relating to our waterways, maritime law, marine salvage, security and pollution.

Matt presently serves as President of the American Maritime Partnership, a coalition of over 450 organizations representing the domestic maritime industry. He is the Southern Region Chairman of the American Waterways Operators. He is the Vice Chairman of the Inland Waterways Users Board, and is a past chairman of the Waterways Council, Inc. He is currently an officer or director of several other industry groups. In the past, he has served as President of the Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association, President of the Texas Waterway Operators Association, and Chairman of the Clean Channel Association of Houston.

Matt is active in civic and community affairs. He is mayor pro tempore of the City of Hedwig Village and a current director and past chairman of the Galveston Bay Foundation. He is a member of the C Club of Houston and is an active volunteer and director for a statewide search and rescue organization. He retired as a Commander from the U.S. Naval Reserve, where he served as an intelligence officer.