



DAVID L. McDONALD
Executive Director
Port Manatee

Since 1992, David McDonald has served as Executive Director of Port Manatee. During that time, Mr. McDonald navigated Port Manatee to financial prosperity, posting six consecutive record revenue years since 1996, and solidified Port Manatee as the fifth largest of Florida's 14 deepwater seaports.

Mr. McDonald has served for ten years as the Chairman of the Florida Ports Council, comprised of the state's 14 deepwater seaport directors. He also served as the Chairman of the Florida Port Council's Environmental Management Committee for four years and currently serves as Chairman of The Florida Ocean Alliance Committee.

In 1996, the American Association of Port Authorities bestowed upon Mr. McDonald accreditation as a Professional Port Manager (PPM) – one of the nation's first five to be so recognized.

Mr. McDonald is in the third year of a three-year term serving U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters on the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council. In December 2003, Florida House Speaker Johnnie Byrd, R-Plant City, selected Mr. McDonald to serve on the statewide Strategic Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council.

Mr. McDonald received his Masters in Business Administration from the University of South Florida in 1983 and his Bachelors degree from Florida International University in 1975. In July 2007, Mr. McDonald celebrates his 32nd anniversary with Port Manatee, where he began his maritime career as a dockworker. During his tenure with the port, he has served as Port Manatee's railroad yardmaster, operations manager, marketing director and assistant port director.

He is a Bradenton, Florida resident, where he and his wife Sandy have raised four children. He remains active in local civic organizations, including the Manatee Economic Development Council and Bradenton Kiwanis Club.

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