

**The Company of Master Mariners of Canada  
&  
Marine & Environmental Law Institute**

***PRESENT***

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***SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENT CONCERNS  
and the  
CRIMINALISATION OF SEAFARERS***  
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**Saturday November 13, 2004  
Dalhousie Law School, room 104  
6061 University Avenue, Halifax  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**8:30 - 8:45 - Introductory Remarks**

**8:45 - 9:30 - The "Fourth Pillar": a Seafarers Bill of Rights**

*Overview of the draft consolidated Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 & the ILO's Seafarer's Identity Documents Convention (revised) 2003 -*

**Speaker:** *Dr. Moira L. McConnell, Director of the MEL Institute, Special Advisor, Maritime Sector, International Labour Office.*

9:30 - 10:00 - Discussion

10:00 - 10:15 - Beverage Break

**10:15 - 11:15 - The Criminalisation of Seafarers - A Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Dr. Moira L. McConnell

**The Problem: Overview and an update on action in the International Maritime Organization**

**Speaker:** Captain Angus McDonald FNI, Past Master, Company of Master Mariners of Canada

**The Seafarers' Perspective: Overview of the ITF response**

**Speaker:** Mr. John Parsons, ITF Regional Representative

**The Human Impact and the Criminalisation of Seafarers**

**Speaker:** Rev. Donald Lawton, Chaplain, Missions to Seafarers.

11:15 - 11:45 - Discussion

11:45 - 12:00 - Closing Remarks

Maritimes Division members please note that this Workshop at Dalhousie University replaces the Professional Session which would have been scheduled for November 10 at the Maritime Museum. Please

plan to participate in the discussions on these major issues affecting seafarers today. There will be no charge, not even for the coffee.

\*\*\* **PLEASE NOTE** \*\*\*

**THERE WILL BE NO PROFESSIONAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER  
THE SEMINAR ON SATURDAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT DALHOUSIE  
REPLACES THE USUAL MEETING**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NOTE: this is the December meeting**

### **DECEMBER MEETING**

**WHEN: 1730 Hours on 8 December 2004**

**WHERE: Armdale Yacht Club**

**SUBJECT = OPEN MEETING & REPORT FROM NATIONAL AGM**

Meal selection will be included in *From The Bridge* which is due out soon

### **SHOE BOX CHRISTMAS**

**Missions to Seafarers**

Time to start filling the shoebox for those foreign seafarers that visits Halifax over the Christmas season.

Gloves, hat, scarf, personal items and a memento of Halifax / Nova Scotia in an unwrapped shoe box

You can drop off the shoe box or items for the Mission to put in shoe boxes and wrap

#### **MARINER'S BALL**

27 November in the Commonwealth Room of the Westin

Nova Scotian Hotel

Reception 1830; Dinner 1930

Dance to the Mello Tones from 2100 to 0100

Tickets \$ 60.00 per person

Tickets orders due by 19 November

#### **REMEMBERANCE DAY**

**MERCHANT NAVY MEMORIAL**

**NORWEGIAN MEMORIAL**

1230 hours, 11 November

or at your local memorial

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**MINUTES OF THE  
PROFESSIONAL MEETING**

**13th October 2004**

**at the Armdale Yacht Club**

An open dinner meeting took place at AYC and was attended by 25 members. A very enjoyable meal of salmon and roast beef was served at 1830. The dinner finished about 1930 at which time Capt John McCann, acting on behalf of the absent Division Master, started the open session.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

- ◆ Capt McCann announced that Capt Don Wayne, currently a patient in the VG hospital, will shortly be moving to the Camp Hill site. Members are encouraged to visit.
- ◆ The Mariner's Ball is tentatively set for Saturday 27 November.
- ◆ A letter was received from the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust (HMCS SACKVILLE)) encouraging our membership as individuals to join this very worthwhile foundation and to pass the word to any others who we think may be interested. It was noted that many of our members already belonged. Favourable comments came from around the table.

#### **MEETING NOTES**

- ◆ Capt Wynford Goodman from Belledune, New Brunswick was in attendance. He was in town for the two day regional CMAC being held in the Casino Hotel. In addition to passing greetings from the International Harbourmasters Association, in about 20 minutes, Capt Goodman itemized the discussion from day one of the CMAC as follows:
  - Much publicized, new Maritime Transport Security Regulations (MTSR) that are bringing about significant changes in out ports;
  - new ballast water regulations and procedures;
  - increasing fines for pollution offences
  - recent Bay of Fundy traffic lane alterations to protect marine mammals;
  - 2001 CSA revisions; and
  - changes in Canadian cargo regulations conforming to IMO rules and formats;
- ◆ Capt Angus McDonald announced that he and a small team from our Division would attend the upcoming national council meeting at Saint John at the end of October. He indicated that the following issues are expected to be raised:
  - establishment of the Company as a foundation;
  - a scholarship fund;
  - affiliate membership;
  - desire of the Newfoundland group to form a separate division; and
  - plans for a local conference
- ◆ Capt McDonald also called for comments on a national initiative to formalize a type of "mentoring" within the Company by which experienced officers could assist and guide junior officers in their career development. Much discussion followed, the conclusion of which was that such a system, though commendable, would be very challenging to implement outside the close circumstances of an operating ship or training institution.
- ◆ Capt McDonald finished with an announcement that next month's meeting would take the form of a seminar on the subject of SECURITY, ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS, AND FAIR TREATMENT OF SEAFARERS to be held at the Dalhousie Law School on Saturday forenoon 0830 -1200, 13 November.
- ◆ Capt Earl Wagner noted that Merchant Navy Day, held on Friday, 3 September, was a clear success. A poignant parade and flag raising ceremony held before the mast in the Grand Parade was followed by a City Hall reception hosted by Mayor Peter Kelly. Immediately afterward, a hot chowder lunch was hosted by HMCS SACKVILLE.
- ◆ Capt Wagner announced that the annual Merchant Navy commemoration ceremony would take place at 1230 on Remembrance Day at the Sackville Landing MN monument.
- ◆ Capt McCann adjourned the meeting at 2030.

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#### **DECK LOG**

This is a very short blast of the *Foghorn* as *From The Bridge* will follow very shortly. This edition of the *Foghorn* is to advise members of the change of venue and date of our November meeting.

The session at Dalhousie Law School looks very interesting, especially when there appears to be such an increase in the number of mariners being put in jail for an ever-increasing number of sometimes-frivolous reasons. At least being in jail removes the prospect of drowning.

A ship docked in Alexandria, Virginia and a group of the officers, including the 17 year old cadet and the master took a taxi over a bridge to Maryland to go for an evening out in Washington DC. The police were looking for someone (not them) and were stopping vehicles on the bridge. As there was a young male with a group of men who were obviously not his relatives the police hauled the lot to jail but later let all but the master free. The charge was for taking a minor across a state line. The master was released when he could prove he was the cadet's legal guardian. Criminalisation can take many forms. What would have happened if it had been the deck boy in the taxi. Could that charge be laid if the deck boy was taken across the state line in the ship?

*Tom Kearsey*

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## **Marine Ball 2004**

**Date - Saturday November 27, 2004**

**Location - Commonwealth Room, Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, N.S**

**Please plan on attending this Marine Industry premier social event.**

Reception - 1830 hrs  
Dinner - 1930 hrs  
Dancing to the Mello Tones - 2100 - 0100 hrs  
Door Prizes  
Tickets - \$60.00 per person

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Marine Ball 2004 Ticket Order Form

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You can make arrangements to pay

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