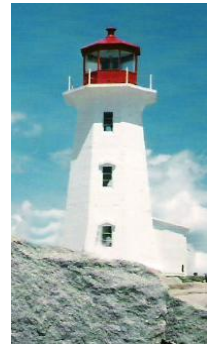




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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING
19 th MAY 2006 LUNENBURG See Notice on Page 2
ADVANCE NOTICE OF DIVISIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2000 hours Wednesday the 13th September 2006 Maritime Museum of the Atlantic
BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC SERVICE
Sunday the 7th May 2006 1230 hours INSIDE Maritime Museum of the Atlantic A plaque will be unveiled 'Munchies' to follow

**MINUTES OF THE
PROFESSIONAL MEETING**

12 April 2006

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

The meeting was opened with 15 members and guests present. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and adopted.

Captain Wagner provided an update on the Captain Samson Memorial Plaque. The Nautical Institute will accept and display the plaque. Some

financial support for any shortfall from donations may be required to cover the costs. See last edition for address to send donations.

Captain Heath has accepted work in Sydney, the other Sydney, the one in Australia so Captain Rae has been appointed to Council in his stead.

Captain Cormier has transferred to the Maritime Division from Vancouver and Captains Carter and Hunt have rejoined the Division. Welcome back and to the Maritimes.

There is a Hydrographic Conference to be held in this area in June. Captain McDonald will attend and submit a report in a later edition of From The Bridge. Captain Calvesbert and will also report on these proceedings in From The Bridge. This Division and National will cover the cost of registration.

The May meeting is set for Lunenburg, making it easier for South Shore members to attend one meeting per year. It was proposed that the May 2007 meeting be held at the Coast Guard College as part of Sydney's Ports Day. More details to come.

The Tall Ships will be in Halifax in volume in 2009 with a smaller representation in 2007.

Our financial situation is good, dues paid to National and a balance remaining in the account. There are 12 dues outstanding but there are applications in the system.

The speaker, John Hennigar-Shuh was then introduced and he spoke eloquently and passionately on the redevelopment of the waterfront from Summit Place (Green Toad building) to Cable Wharf (Murphy's on the Water) and the expansion of the Museum. There will be infilling and extension of wharves in the area involved. The HMCS SACKVILLE will be put undercover in a drydock for better display and preservation. The Museum will be expanded from 60,000 square feet to 250,000 square feet so there will be more space for new and innovative presentations of the present and new displays.

The Battle of the Atlantic will be given more space. The prominence of Nova Scotia in the later days of sail will also be expanded. There will be more on the Cunard Steamship Company's impact to Nova Scotia. A maritime research centre will be developed to incorporate the library and archival material. There

are and will be limits on what size of boats can be built and or preserved in the museum setting. There will be expanded boat building and preservation areas in the new facility. There will be more 'hands on' and interactive activities than was possible before to meet the expectations of today's public.

The Harbour Festival / CSS ACADIA Festival in which interpreters dress in appropriate costumes played the part of mariners working on the CSS ACADIA will be extended this year. The public were very receptive to the 'live aboard' experience rather than the hydrographic science aspects of the ship. The class distinctions between the crew, officers and hydrographers, particularly the Senior Hydrographer was of interest to the public. The Museum needs volunteers to play the parts, so if any reader wants to become an actor now is your chance. The need is for people who can donate some time to tell people what it would have been like to live and work onboard. Any props, uniforms and artefacts would also be most welcome. A turning gear will be fitted to the steam reciprocating engine so it can be seen in motion using mirrors as the public will not be able to go below the lower deck.

The development project is in the early planning stage and is expected to cost about \$200 million Canadian, with Federal, Provincial and private funding. There will be underground parking (the land under the Robertson Building is infill from before the building was constructed and it is tidal – just sniff at high tide!). The goal for completion is 2010, the Centenary of the Canadian Navy. The Museum must develop time lines for moving and storing artefacts, developing the new displays and returning to the new facilities. (Somewhat like a dry dock schedule) During all of this work they must maintain a presence in their community on the waterfront.

There will be changes to the area where the RCN Sailor is carrying his hammock, the MN Monument and the Norwegian Monument and the area between them. There will be a pool shaped like the North Atlantic with the positions of ships sunk in WWI marked in it with the Memorials aligned along one side by the Summit place.

Steinar Engeset, Norwegian Consulate, spoke of the Convoy Cup and the possibility of an International Memorial to the Battle of the Atlantic being placed in the Sackville Landing revised area, sponsored by 13 of the Allied Nations. He also spoke of a new initiative to have a Convoy Peace Prize presented annually, alternating between Halifax and New York, in honour of those lost at sea. Mr. Engeset spoke very passionately of the significance of Halifax and the contribution of the lifeline formed by the merchant ships to victory in Europe. If the battle of the Atlantic had been lost how different the world would be today. The significance of the maritime history and its presentation to draw tourists was also noted.

Submitted by Tom Kearsey

MAY MEETING

Rooms have been set aside for CMMC members at the Brigantine Inn, cost \$ 49.00 Friday (May 19th) night. You can stay for the same rate over the weekend.

The meal is at the Old Fish Factory Restaurant in the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic, cost \$ 25.00 per person, taxes & gratuities included. Meal starts at 1800 hours.

Call Sarah at 902-634-3300 to book a room and or the meal.

Following the meal Alan Creaser will give an illustrated talk on his recent voyage in the South Seas on *the PICTON CASTLE*.

CALL THE MATE



To defer costs the Canadian Army has obtained sponsorship from a cosmetic company with distinctive coloured cars for their top sales persons.

As a consequence, military vehicles have undergone a change to a pink colour scheme. Stay tuned, a well known fast food chain is to sponsor military uniforms.

DECK LOG

If you looked at the tax forms sent in the brown envelope they contained different questions to those in the replacement forms mailed out. If you got forms from a Post office they asked different questions to the other two.

From The Bridge will be on the news stands soon. It contains all the marine and CMMC news fit to print.

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