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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
<p>CMMC National AGM Halifax Friday, Saturday & Sunday October 2nd through 4th Meetings and Social Events open to local members See agenda on page 7</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING Wednesday October 14th 2000 Maritime Museum of the Atlantic Council Meeting 1900</p>

MINUTES OF THE PROFESSIONAL MEETING REPORT OF THE PROFESSIONAL DINNER MEETING ROYAL NOVA SCOTIA YACHT SQUADRON WEDNESDAY 09 SEP 09

Council Meeting

At 1750, the Council met in the Commodores Conference Room. Capts Gates, Calvesbert, McDonald, Stow, and MacAlpine and the Secretary were present so a quorum did not exist. Nevertheless, the subsequent meeting and event schedule for the 09/10 season was set out as follows:

14 Oct - Regular Meeting MMA
11 Nov- Regular Meeting MMA, Capt McDonald to speak on the Merchant Navy at War
9 Dec - RNSYS Christmas Dinner meeting with Spouses and Guests
13 Jan - Regular Meeting MMA
10 Feb - RNSYS Dinner Meeting
10 Mar - Regular Meeting MMA
14 Apr- Division AGM MMA
Saturday 1 May – Battle of the Atlantic Merchant Navy Ceremony MMA
Friday 21 May - Lunenburg Dinner Meeting
9 Jun – Cocktail party onboard HMCS Sackville

The program for the Halifax National AGM was reviewed. It will be advertised separately so that local members may have all the detail and be able to take advantage of sessions and social events.

The Saturday evening Halifax Feast Dinner Theatre show “High School Reunion – the Musical” is the main social event of the AGM. Currently there are over 30 AGM attendees and spouses signed up with room for more local members.

Capt MacAlpine gave a brief Treasurer’s report indicating that our current bank account stands at about 13K but with a planned, regular gift to MMA not yet delivered.

The Council finished at 1835 and joined the main membership prior to dinner.

Dinner Meeting

At 1850, 18 members and the guest speaker sat down to a dinner in the RNSYS dining room. During a break in the meal service, Capt Gates gave an overview of the National AGM schedule, encouraging members to take part.

At 2030, Navy Capt Craig Walkington, the Halifax coordinator of the Canadian Navy’s 2010 Centennial began a presentation of the overall plans for next year’s celebrations. By way of a Powerpoint slide show, he overviewed both the local and national events scheduled for next year, noting that the recent Halifax Queen’s Colour Presentation and HMC Dockyard 250th Reenactment during Tall Ships started a sequence of events leading into the Centennial.

Capt Walkington covered many aspects of the 2010 program, most notably the late June Fleet Review when a senior member of the Royal Family is expected to take part. Much of this information is available on the Navy Centennial website at navy.forces.gc.ca/centennial.

When Capt Walkington described the Centennial Bell project, Capt Maginley responded with additional information on the search for artifacts from those vessels of other Canadian Marine Services which had provided wartime service directly to the Navy.

Capt Maginley, a published expert on the national marine fleets, had already been engaged by the navy Centennial staff to assist in this particular project.

When Capt Walkington finished his formal presentation, there were other questions and observations. Capt McDonald asked whether Admiral Walter Hose, a significant early player in the Navy's development, would be acknowledged and whether a merchant ship such as the Liberty ship John Brown would be appropriate for the Fleet Review. Capt Walkington took these questions seriously and promised a response.

The Naval Centennial discussions having been completed at 2110, Capt Walkington was thanked and the Dinner Meeting was concluded.

***POET'S CORNER
COMMISSIONAIRES***

I am the model of a BIO commissioner
Pardon me; I guess the O's no longer in position there.
Though we are charged to guard this place from theft and criminology,
While we watched Bedford Institute, they stole the Oceanography.
"I hope you all have parked between the lines,
And observed the many parking signs.
'Cause if you don't play cricket
We will give you a ticket.
You are fortunate we do not levy fines.'
So honour your commissioner, an upright man beyond compare,
To break a rule he wouldn't dare, at least if Sergeant Smith is there.

This is the last of the Bedford Institute poems concerning the science of the sea. I believe the author of these interesting verses was Warren Forrester.

NAUTICAL NEWS WEATHER AND SPORTS

SHALLOW RIVER POLICE

The river Cam runs through Cambridge in England and there are 260 licensed punts for hire in Cambridge, each is licensed to carry 12 passengers and each punt can earn up to about \$ 300 an hour. The shallow draft boats are propelled by a pole and there have been 31 reported incidents during the past three years. Boats have been sunk and bolt cutters have been used to set craft adrift. Cambridge City has hired three Punt Police who can report incidents but have no power of arrest. What is a panu?

VISITOR FROM WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY

On August 10, 2009, Captains Rick Gates, Jack Gallagher, and Jim Calvesbert had an early breakfast with Dr. Jens-Uwe Schroder, Associate Professor at the World Maritime University from Malmo Sweden. After breakfast Captains Calvesbert and Gallagher accompanied Dr. Schroder to meetings with: Capt. Mike Voight (also a CMMC member), Director of Maritime Services for the Canadian Coast Guard in Dartmouth; Harvey Vardy who is the Coast Guard Supervisor at JRCC Halifax; and, Dr. Ron Pelot of Dalhousie University with the Marine Activity and Risk Investigation

Network (MARIN) project. Dr. Schroder spent three days in Halifax and then went on to Ottawa and Washington where he was collecting information for an IMO project investigating Search and Rescue research efforts regarding Passenger Ships in the Arctic. This visit resulted from Capt. Gallagher's participation in a World Maritime University exercise based on the one that he had prepared for Maritime Division's 3rd Arctic Seminar which was held in April of this year.



Jens with Mike Voight at the Coast Guard



With Harvey Vardy at JRCC



With Dr. Ron Pelot of Dalhousie University



Lift boat *SEAJACKS KRAKEN* preparing for work in Halifax at the *VENTURE* platform

SHORT SNAPPERS

- Government brainstorming consists of officials sitting round to determine who outside government is to blame.
- On the 10th August 1675 the Naval Observatory in Greenwich was founded.
- On 28th August 1911 the first gyro compass on an American naval vessel was installed on the USS *DELAWARE*.
- It is better to be lost and know it than be certain about where you are and not be there.
- Life is uncertain - eat dessert first
- Are you a polevautet? No I am German and my name is Hans
- Halifax is keeping good company, Singapore's container traffic in July 2009 fell 18% compared with July 2008 while Honk Kong slipped 14.5% on the same period. The throughput at Singapore in July 2009 was a paltry 2.22 million TEUs while Hong Kongs was 1,93 million TEUs.

CALL THE MATE



Escape hatch reported to be on a less than one year old Canadian flag vessel
The 'escape hatch' must be for getting into the space, not out as there are dogs to hold it shut.
Let us hope they had a big hammer suspended from the top rung inside so they could summon assistance!

CANADIAN MERCHANT NAVY VETERANS DAY

In 2003, Canada declared September 3rd each year to be Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans Day to honour those civilian sailors who made great sacrifices at sea. While services were held across the country, the local CMNV Association held a wreath laying ceremony on Sackville landing at both the Canadian and Norwegian Memorials. It was a beautiful, late summer forenoon. With the CMNVA Colour Party led by Norman Crewe, the service coordinated by Capt Earle Wagner and prayers led by Mission to Seafarers Chaplain Reverend Allan Fry, honour was paid to those sailors and ships that were lost.

After the wreath laying, the colour party moved out on the wharf alongside HMCS Sackville where flags were hoisted on the old corvette's halyards to remember Allied countries that were engaged in the campaign at sea. The Canadian Red Ensign, the Stars and Stripes, the Union Jack, the Flag of Norway and the CMNVA flag were all hoisted. Sackville's mast is not normally so well adorned.

Afterward, some sixty veterans, family, friends, Convoy Cup Foundation members and media gathered in Sackville's Mess for a most enjoyable and memorable reception jointly hosted by the Foundation and the Sackville Mess.

The Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans are also honoured each Battle of the Atlantic Weekend in early May when the Company of Master Mariners of Canada conducts a ceremony in the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.

The poem and photos are the work of Mr. David MacLean, a long-time friend of Capt Peter Garnham, one of the veterans present at the event.



Merchant Navy Memorial 2009

*we all stood in the bright sunshine,
in silent respect for the 91 lost Canadian
merchant ships, and those of other nations;
thousands of lost souls,
so long ago.*

*the sailors sharp in navy and medals,
with ash white hair
and variegated complexions;
the cruise ship tourists, brown and casual.*

*flag bearers solemnly led
the single file parade;
a straggle of old men,
the average age spiralled upwards
in the helix of the morning sun.*

*five flags were raised in turn
over K181, flower class corvette,
herself a proud relic,
and each saluted with respect.*

*stories of sailors in the mess below;
sanguine, choleric, melancholic, phlegmatic.*

*stories of Malta, spitfires,
scared skinny boys,
bosun's call, rate of fire, death, life,
that the greatest casualty of war
was truth.*

*eyes teared, and eyes sparkled,
the sadness of remembrance,
the defiance of remembrance.*

*they were patient of their impatience,
deprecating of their decrepitude.*

*the steward offered
five full shelves of beer,
one of fizz, for the civilians.*

*the words of rodriguez' father,
nothing lasts a hundred years,
being resisted with failing strength.*

*the stairs were narrow,
the steel was painted over,
the old girl looking to rest;
these tiring men ever on guard.*



The Weekend of October 2-4, 2009 will comprise 2 National Council Meetings, the Annual General Meeting, the Foundation Meeting, and entertainment.

The 164th National Council Meeting of the Company of Master Mariners of Canada will be held at the Delta Barrington Hotel on Saturday October 3rd 2009 commencing 0900 hours local time.

- 1a. Acceptance of the minutes of the 163rd National Council Meeting.
- 1b. Acceptance of all teleconference business conducted and all teleconference material distributed in the year 2009.
- 2.a. National Council status requirement for National Master, Deputy. Capt. Turner
- b. Proposal to allow Naval Officers full membership. Capt. Gates
- c. By Law committee proposed guide for dues collection. Capt. Wallace
- d. Strategic Plan and Action Plan report for approval. Capt. Calvesbert.
3. Election of officers.
National Master, Deputy National Master, Assistant Master, National Secretary, National Treasurer.
4. ***Speaker: Captain Donald Moore Jr., National Secretary/Treasurer, Council of American Master Mariners "CAMM and the Company (CMMC) "***
5. Other business.
(*Lunch on your own at local eateries*)

The 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Company of Master Mariners of Canada to be held at the Delta Barrington Hotel, Halifax on Saturday October 3rd, 2009, will begin at 1500 hours following the meeting of The Foundation which begins at 1330 hours.

The 165th National Council Meeting of the Company of Master Mariners of Canada will be held at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron on Sunday October 4th 2009 beginning at 0900 hours.

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the 164th National Council Meeting.
2. Business arising out of those minutes.
3. C.M.M.C. Securities Position.
4. Review of operating statement and proposed budget.
5. Approval of honorariums.
6. Dues and nomination fees.
7. Proposal from the Hon. Company of Master Mariners (UK). Capt. Turner
8. ***Speaker: Captain Tom Bradley. Immediate Past President, Council of American Master Mariners (CAMM) . "Information Gathering and Cooperative Publishing".***