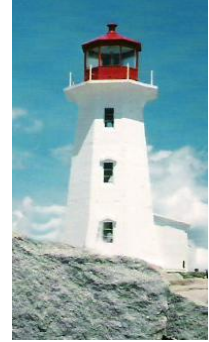




**THE FOGHORN**  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEXT MEETING**

1800 Wednesday 10 October  
ARMDALE YACHT CLUB  
DINNER MEETING  
(Call ahead 477-7650  
for menu choice)

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**TO SEA IN STEAM AGAIN**

Mr. Gus Bourneuf, retired Vice-President of American Bureau of Shipping will share some of his experiences as a volunteer in the engine room of the Liberty ship, S.S. "JOHN W. BROWN" on a recent trip from Baltimore to Portland and Boston and back. Mr. Bourneuf, who has ancestral connections with Nova Scotia is coming here on holiday. At the "SAFER SHIPS AND COMPETENT CREWS Conferences organized by the Maritime Division in 1996 and 2001, Mr. Bourneuf presented papers on Bulk Carrier Safety the Enhanced Safety Standards for Bulk Carriers and Tankers, adopted by the big Classification Societies. The "JOHN W. BROWN" visited Halifax in 1994 and again in year 2000. Built in 1942, she is still steamin'.

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**MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**12 September 2008**

**Maritime Museum of the Atlantic**

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Before the AGM, the Division Council met at 1910 in the MMA conference room to prepare. Cpts Calvesbert, Gates, MacAlpine, Stockdale, Hutchins, McDonald, Pitts and the Secretary were in

attendance.

At 2005, with 12 members present, the Division Master (DM), Capt Calvesbert, called the AGM to order in the MMA theatre. On a historical note, the DM observed that a Halifax Herald column referring to events 30 years ago reported that the CMMC held its first Halifax AGM in 1977. The then National Master, Capt Allan Cabot, chaired the meeting from our Master's Chair, formerly of the Halifax Master Mariners Club and still in use for this 2007 AGM. Records indicate that current members Cpts McDonald, MacAlpine, Stockdale, Spinelli, Wagner, Herbert, Lee and Honourary Member Capt Gold attended that evening in 1977.

The DM then proposed a minute's silence to honour members who have died since the previous AGM. Capt John Hurst, Capt Wilson Stuart, Capt Ronnie Morris and Capt Peter Heathcote were named.

Capt Calvesbert declared the 30<sup>th</sup> AGM open and the Secretary read the minutes of the 2006 AGM. After acceptance was proposed by Capt MacAlpine and seconded by Capt McArthur, the 2006 minutes were adopted as read.

The Secretary then delivered his Report, a summary of the Division's 06/07 schedule with some attendance details. There were 8 regular meetings including 4 dinner meetings. The latter were better attended with an average of 22 members present while an average of 15 made it out to regular meetings at the MMA. Additionally, there were 5 special events which were well attended and later commented upon in the Master's Report. Capt Gates moved that the Secretary's Report be accepted, Capt Potts seconded, and the motion was carried.

Capt Calvesbert delivered the Division Master's Report, which overviewed the highlights of the past year.

Capt MacAlpine presented the Treasurer's Report, copies of which were handed out to all present. He reported on membership and financial activities for 2006. Membership remained steady at 112. The bank balance increased over 2006 to a year end \$12,365, primarily due to revenue from the very successful 2005 conference. An internal audit was carried out on the Treasurer's 2006 Financial

Statement by Capts McArthur and Stockdale who also agreed to conduct the 2007 audit. Capt Gates moved and Capt Potts seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The DM called on Capt McDonald, longstanding Chairman of the Nomination Committee, to present the list of candidates for election. Councilors completing their two year term were Capts Gates, MacAlpine, Grandy and Barry. However, Capts Gates and MacAlpine agreed to stand for re-election. Capts Barry, Grandy and Ball did not re-offer.

Capt Hall and Cormier resigned from Council due to changes in their employment circumstances.

Capt Peter Stow, Anthony Potts, Christopher Conner, Randy Pitts and Alan Knight have offered to serve on Council and Capt McDonald read a brief biography on each. Capt McDonald then solemnly intoned three times whether there were any more nominations. No more nominations were made.

As the number of sitting members and nominees made up a full Council of 10 members, balloting was not necessary but only AGM approval. This was given.

The DM then read the names of the entire new Council as follows:

- Capt Calvesbert
- Capt Gates
- Capt Potts
- Capt MacAlpine
- Capt Rae
- Capt Stockdale
- Capt Stow
- Capt Pitts
- Capt Conner
- Capt Knight

The DM welcomed the new Council then invited them to adjourn for the election of the executive councilors for the upcoming year.

At 2015, the DM reconvened the meeting for the announcement of the new executive. The elected officers were:

- Capt Calvesbert, Division Master re-elected
- Capt Gates, Deputy Master re-elected
- Capt Potts, Assistant Master newly-elected
- Capt MacAlpine, re-elected

Capt Calvesbert welcomed the new Council and thanked the outgoing councilors for their active support to the Division.

OTHER BUSINESS

The DM announced that the 2008 AGM would take place here in the Maritime Museum on Wednesday, Sep 10, 2008

Capt Stockdale moved and Capt Kearsey seconded that the AGM be adjourned. Motion carried at 2125.

Council.

Jim Reddy

Secretary  
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***POET'S CORNER***

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**A POEM TO POON LIM**

Alone on Sea

Alone I lay on a wooden raft

Alone I stay in the dark

Alone I pray to survive

Alone I may not survive

Alone I look out the sea

Alone I wake up on the sea

Alone I seek out for help

Alone I may not survive

Alone I eat my dry food

Alone I drink the salty water

Alone I sit in the cold

Alone I may not survive

Alone, yes, alone I stare at the storm

Alone, yes, alone I live on the sea

Alone, yes, alone I wait for the rescue boat

Alone, yes, alone I may not survive

Alone, yes, alone I pray to be safe

Alone, yes, alone I call out for help

Alone, yes, alone I get on the boat

Alone, yes, alone I was rescued

Alone, yes, alone I lived on sea for months

Alone, yes, alone I walk ashore unaided

Alone, yes, alone I continue to hold the Guinness World Record for survival at sea

Author unknown

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To park or not to park,  
and when  
even with a handicapped sign

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## MARINE NEWS, WEATHER & SPORTS



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### MERCHANT NAVY DAY

September the 3<sup>rd</sup> was a holiday this year so there were many people on the waterfront on a nice warm and sunny occasion for Merchant Navy Day. The flag ceremony was followed by the service at the Merchant Navy Monument. The Division takes over the watch for this ceremony from the Merchant Navy Veterans Association who have organised it since its inception a few years ago.

Photographs from member P. Dunford



Norman Crewe leads the Colour Party



Norman Crewe.



L to R Norman Crewe, Earle Wagner and James Burke.

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### PETER SCHELTE

The Swiss company Allseas Group has ordered a twin hull vessel measuring staggering 360 X 117 meters, that is 1,181 feet long by 383.8 feet wide. The vessel will be used for the construction / dismantling of offshore structures and has a lift capacity of 48,000 tons and a crane capacity of 25,000 tons. The vessel will be named *PETER SCHELTE* and is expected to be delivered in 2010. The power will be provided by nine MAN 32.44CR engines giving a power output of 94.6 MW for the thrusters, hotel and crane needs from a total of 196 cylinders. These are four stroke medium speed engines. There will be twelve 360° thrusters for dynamic positioning.

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### WHAT IS BAD COULD ALSO BE GOOD?

Global warming may enable aquatic invasive species to get a toe hold in our waters that, up until now, have found the waters too cold. On the other hand, could the warmer waters destroy some of those species that have already got a hold in our waters?

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### SHORT SNAPPERS

- Employers in the UK are reporting they have to provide instruction in the three Rs to new employees who have just graduated from school with all the necessary credentials.
- A study in the UK came to the conclusion that women in office jobs are almost twice as likely to die from drinking too much as the rest of the population. Members of the Merchant Navy were also twice as likely to die from alcohol related causes while middle ranking male civil servants were only 1.9 times more likely to die from these causes. [Does that place merchant mariners in civil service jobs in greater risk?]

- Continuing with UK news. One or both of the parents of one in four babies born in the UK in 2006 were immigrants. IE 25% of children born in the UK do not have both parents from the UK.
- Samsung of Korea has been awarded a \$1.34 billion US contract to build eight container vessels for a European owner. Delivery is scheduled for 2012. Nice work if you can get it. How can they afford it?
- Maersk has taken delivery of another of the 11,000 teu container vessels. This one has been named the *ELLY MAERSK*. There has not been any disasters, so far, during this vessels short life, unlike her sisters which have had fires and mechanical glitches.

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### **LEGAL LOCKER**

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#### **Head Line**

Maritime commerce depends on documentation which can be forged. Containers which can be opened and plundered then proceed onwards with little chance this fact being noted until the container is opened at customs or its destination. One expert stated there are five ways to open a container without breaking the seal. Changing the seal number can cause a container to vanish from the system entirely.

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### **PUFFING, POTTY & PETROLEUM PROBLEMS**

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#### **Head Line**

A Chief Warrant Officer of the USCG cutter *RUSH* ordered oil to be dumped overboard when it was in harbour in Honolulu. He has been charged with one count of obstruction of justice and one of making a false statement. Someone tipped the authorities that a by pass line had been fitted around the oily water separator. If convicted these charges could result in jail term of up to five years.

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### **DECK LOG**

As another season of Divisional meetings gets under way with a seminar in the works, our monthly meetings and other technical activities in the works the need for physical, moral and personal support for the Divisional Master and those who make things happen is needed. Get involved even if you do not have the time.

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### **CALL THE MATE**



*MIGHTY SERVANT* being re-floated



What is the meaning of the signal the tug showing?



The ferry in the picture is the *NEPTUNIA*, built in Austria in 1977 as the *STENA TOPPER*, she became the *DARNIA* the next year (working in Scotland), later became the *NORD NEPTUNUS* then the *NEPTUNIA*, still going in Greece in 2007.

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