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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING

2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2000 Hours, Wednesday

13 September 2006

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

The Division's year in review
Election of Officers
Treasurer's Report

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2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14 September 2005

Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

Prior to the AGM, the Division Council convened from 1850 to 1930 in the MMA conference room to prepare the AGM 2005 agenda.

At 2005, the Division Master, Captain Ball, called the AGM to order in the MMA theatre with 21 members present.

The minutes of the last AGM (2004) were read as printed in the current Foghorn. It was proposed by Captain Ady and seconded by Captain Calvesbert that the minutes be accepted. Motion carried.

The Secretary then delivered a brief report on the past year's regular meetings including attendance statistics. Of significance, it appeared that dinner meetings, normally held at the Armdale Yacht Club attracted more members than MMA meetings. Proposed for acceptance by the Secretary and seconded by Capt Wagner. Accepted.

Captain Ball gave the Division Master's Report reviewing the highlights of the past year, the detail for which is included in regular Foghorn issues. Accepted without motion.

Captain MacAlpine presented the Treasurer's

Report including the year-end 2004 financial statement, copies of which were presented to the members and will be attached to these minutes. In essence, the Treasurer reported the Division to be in good fiscal condition with receipts exceeding disbursements and a year end bank balance of more than ten thousand dollars. It was proposed by Captain Gomes and seconded by Captain Barry that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

The Treasurer went on to move that the Division continue to retain the firm of McNeil, Porter, Hetu for our regular accounting reviews. The motion was seconded by Captain Gates and carried.

At this point Captain McDonald rose to propose that a show of appreciation be made to Treasurer Captain MacAlpine for his continuing excellent work in maintaining the Division's financial affairs. Members were in complete agreement and a hearty applause followed.

The Division Master then presented three certificates as follows:

Mr. Jim Reddy - new associate member and Secretary;

Captain William Evans - new full member;

Dr. Jack Spencer - Certificate of appreciation for support to The Company - to be awarded at the upcoming security conference.

Captain McDonald was called upon to begin the nomination and election process for the new Council. Captains McCann (Deputy DM), Hunt and DeBruyn have resigned. Captains Ball (DM), Grandy and Duncan have reoffered. Captains Gene Barry and Rick Gates have offered to stand. There were no new nominations from the floor and Captains Barry and Gates were elected to the Council.

At 2030 the new Council retired to elect the executive. At 2042 the Council returned to the AGM to announce the following new Council Executive and membership for 2005/2006:

Division Master Captain Claude Ball

Deputy Master	Captain Jim Calvesbert
Assistant DM	Captain Rick Gates
Treasurer	Captain Donald MacAlpine
Secretary	Mr. Jim Reddy
Captain Phil Grandy	Captain Robin Heath
Captain Richard Cobanli	Captain Barry Scott
Captain Michael Duncan	Captain Gene Barry

The Division Master then set the date for the next meeting as Wednesday, 12 October at the Armdale Yacht Club.

Before the AGM closed, Captain Wagner rose to give an update on Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans Association affairs. He spoke on HRM plans to reconfigure and develop Sackville Landing into a maritime memorial site. He also spoke of the very successful CMNVA reunion just held in Halifax. Captain Wagner then described the challenges faced by the CMNVA as numbers and resources diminish. Currently work is underway with other parties to share responsibility for the annual waterfront ceremony so as to secure its future.

A potential new member was present and introduced, Captain Denis LeTarte.

The 2005 AGM adjourned at 2100.

POET'S CORNER

THE LADS WHO WENT AWAY

By P. Young

They left their ploughs and homely fields

To heed the call of war,

They thought their home and village life

Were well worth fighting for.

And some returned to work again

With horse and the plough,

And some returned with burned out souls;

What price their glory now?

And some, they never did return,

But lie in foreign fields,

Where sun and rain and seedtime

No harvest for them yields.

The horse and plough have long since gone,

Old village ways gone too,

But the freedom that they fought for

Is their gift to me and you

**THE CONVOY CUP REGATTA
HALIFAX/DARTMOUTH
15-17 SEPTEMBER**

This September, the biennial Convoy Cup Regatta will be run for the third time, this year in conjunction with the Halifax HarbourFest. The weekend regatta includes sailing and boating events with a theme of honouring the veterans both seamen and airmen, naval, airforce and Merchant Navy, that made the sacrifices in the World War II convoys that supported the Allied Victory and resulted in the country we enjoy today.

The following events include an open invitation to our veteran members. Ordinary members would also be welcome.

Friday, 15 Sep - Dartmouth Yacht Club, 1800 - 2100, REGISTRATION and RECEPTION including entertainment;

Saturday, 16 Sep - Halifax waterfront/HMCS SACKVILLE, 1030 - 1200, OCEAN RACE START and VETERANS' RECEPTION onboard;

Sunday, 17 Sep - Halifax waterfront SAILPAST HMCS SACKVILLE, 1500 - 1600, followed by tour boat transport to Dartmouth Yacht Club for 17-1830 AWARD CEREMONY

Additional detail is available from Jim Reddy at 462-3089.



Spray from the fire boat



The sail past

SHORT SNAPPERS

+ As pilots are now being taken to and from ships by helicopter should the helicopter show a white over red light to inform others of its activity?

+ Maersk selling out to Secunda Marine? Not in total but the cable laying vessel *OCEANIC PRINCESS* is being sold by Maersk at the end of its present contract by the end of the year 2006. Secunda will rename the vessel *VOYAGER SEA* (not to be confused with the cruise liner *VOYAGER OF THE SEA*) and convert it to an oil well stimulation vessel for charter to Pemex. The sale removes Maersk from cable laying vessel operations.

LEGAL LOCKER

I'M FEELING GREAT

A sports car collides with a farm wagon pulled by a horse. The farmer sued for injuries received. Under cross examination the farmer admitted telling the police at the scene he was un-hurt. "How is it that you now claim you were seriously injured when the car hit your wagon," asked the lawyer?

"The policeman shot my horse because it had two broken legs, then he shot my dog because it was cut open and its guts were hanging out. When he asked my how I was I thought it wise to tell him I never felt better," replied the farmer.

The New World Voyages of William Dampier

William Dampier (1652-1715), British explorer and sea captain, is one of the most highly regarded map-makers and navigators of all time. Dampier was born in Somersetshire, England and went to sea by age 16. Between 1675 and 1678 he became involved with buccaneers along the Spanish Main in Central America. These adventures, told in his own books, are corroborated in the writings of two of Dampier's shipmates, Basil Ringrose (whose journal was included in Esquemeling's *Buccaneers of America*, printed in 1685); and the surgeon Lionel Wafer, whose own account was published in 1699. Dampier's most unusual associate, however, was probably Alexander Selkirk, a member of the crew of the 1703 voyage who was marooned by his own wish on Juan Fernandez Island. Selkirk, whose story was retold by Daniel Defoe in *Robinson Crusoe* (1719), was eventually rescued by Dampier on his last voyage.

Dampier led several voyages of mapping and exploration around the world. Findings from the first expedition, published in 1697 as *A New Voyage Round the World*, produced a commission from the English Admiralty in 1699 to explore the South Seas. The results included many new charts of coastlines and currents around Australia and New Guinea. Dampier discovered and named New Britain, and also

discovered the Archipelago in Northwest Australia now named for him.

In his New World voyages, Dampier provides some of the earliest descriptions of native cultures as well as coastlines, rivers, and villages. One of his accounts concerns the [Miskito Indians](#), a group of tribes living along the Caribbean coast of Honduras



Waiting for the ship to come in
Right dock, wrong day or wrong dock, right day

and Nicaragua who associated with both traders and pirates.

CALL THE MATE

DECK LOG

Just a short toot of the *Foghorn* to notify you of the AGM in September. The good stuff is in *From The Bridge*, which will hit the news stands soon.

I hope you are having a good and safe summer. No drinking and boating, it is against the law in many cases.



Survival System's Lifeboat training tower by

Woodside ferry terminal as the fog dissipates



Pier interior of 21 being gutted to make way for a convention centre. The Pier 21 Society have yet to recognise that the Nova Scotia Nautical Institute was in this part of the building. All the sheds on the docks, the railway station and Hotel were heated with the cooling water from the Lower Water Street power station (now a film studio). Tufts Cove power station very economically heats the waters of the Narrows and Bedford Basin.



A close up of the demolition work. The Nautical Institute was on the second floor. Where the cross braces are was an open space above the deckhead of the rooms. The deck was built to take freight but this section of the building had a raised deck so the pipes could be run without having to drill holes through about 9