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CMMC NL Division 2009 – 2010 Executive



L to R: Capt. A. Zaki (Div Secretary), Capt. A. McNeill (Divisional Treasurer, National Councillor), Capt. A. Patterson (Divisional Master, National Councillor), Capt. K. Hye-Knudsen (Deputy Div. Master, National Councillor), Capt. J. Parsons (Asst. Div. Master, Special Events Coordinator, National Councillor), Capt. J. Ennis (Asst. Div Master /Membership)

The CMMC NL Division held its **Annual General Meeting on Saturday January 31, 2009 at the Crow's Nest Officers Club** and re-elected the above team. This year it was a bit more interesting as we received more nominations for some of the positions. Of course some withdrew their name from the list while others kept their name.

We had a good attendance at the meeting. Various reports were submitted and the Treasurer's accounting was audited by two

of the members. Below is a picture of the attendees:



After the meeting members enjoyed the refreshments provided.

January 22, 2009

The Division took part in the 161st National Council Teleconference. The call was taken in Capt. Chris Hearn's office at the Centre for Marine Simulation. The meeting started at 2000 hrs. The meeting was attended by Captains Klaus Hye-Knudsen, Chris Hearn, Jim Thorpe and Zaki.

The Guidelines for Cadet Membership developed by the Division was well received. The Mentoring Programme Committee members are Captains Deidre French, Perry Stares, Peter Richards and Peter Adams (as Chair).

The Division's Strategic Planning Committee members are Captains Doug Smith, Barry Noel, Roger Bath and Robert Jenkins (as Chair). The meeting was adjourned at 2145 hrs.



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January 27, 2009



Captain Jim Thorpe passed away suddenly today. He was one of the most active, obliging, proactive and a go getter. He was always available to help whenever and wherever it was needed. We miss him terribly. Funeral service was held on Thursday January 29, 2009 and all available members attended.

January 31, 2009

Annual General Meeting of the Division.

February 24, 2009

A general meeting of the Division was held at the Crow's Nest. This was the **first** of our regular monthly meetings scheduled to be

held on the last Tuesday of every month at the Crow's Nest. The meetings take place at 1900 hrs. The first fifteen minutes was used for the regular business. The main item on the agenda was a presentation by Captain Robert Jenkins (of **Charles Taylor Adjusting**) on the Experiences of Hurricane Katrina, Gustav and Ike. The meeting was attended by 3 final year students of the Nautical Science.



At the meeting Capt. Fabian Lambert was presented with the CMMC Membership Certificate by Capt. Klaus Hye-Knudsen.

March 18, 2009

A follow up meeting was held with the final year Nautical Science students in the Student Lounge of the Marine Institute. The last meeting was in September 2008. During the opening remarks Capt. Patterson mentioned the tragic Cougar helicopter crash. There was a 3 minute silence in honour of those who perished in the crash. Seventeen of the 18 members on board died.



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The MI Student Council was kind to keep the bar open for the meeting. Pizza was provided by the Division. Cadet Membership Certificates were presented to the 2 Cadet Members.



L to R: Susan Anthony, Capt. Patterson and Anita Lambe.



This is a group picture of the attendees. Missing from the picture are Captains John Ennis and Andrew McNeill.

March 27, 2009

The Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University held a Memorial service in memory of those who perished in the tragic Cougar helicopter crash on March

12, 2009. The service was held in the Hampton Hall at MI. The following members of the CMMC NL DIV attended the Memorial Service: Captains A. Patterson, Christopher Hearn, Peter Adams, Jim Parsons, Roy Gibbons, Albert McDonald and Zaki. Cadet Member Susan Anthony also attended.

March 31, 2009

NL Division's monthly meeting (presentation) took place at the Crow's Nest Officers' Club at 1900 hrs. Capt. A. McNeill gave a presentation on "**Seismic Operations in the High Arctic**". The High Arctic seismic operations were carried out in support of Canada's ratification of the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention (UNCLOS). Fifteen people attended including two guests.

April 2, 2009

Final Year Nautical Science Technical Paper presentations. Several members attended this presentation. There were 6 groups of students and they provided some interesting presentations. This took place at the Hampton Hall at the Marine Institute.

April 16, 2009

CMMC National held an Extra Ordinary meeting (Teleconference). This was to approve the CMMC National Strategic Plan. Some improvements were proposed and accepted. The final version is expected to be out in the very near future.



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April 28, 2009

NL Division's monthly meeting (presentation) took place at the Crow's Nest Officers' Club at 1900 hrs. Mr. Stephen Green of AMEC and Mr. Bill Carter of the Marine Institute gave a presentation on "Smart Bay and other Smart approaches for the Mariner". The "Smart Bay" is a partnership project of the Marine Institute, AMEC and ICAN. The location of the project is Placentia Bay, NL. The aim of the project is to provide *better information for better decisions*. Placentia Bay is the second busiest in Canada after Vancouver. Approximately 1,200 tankers and 320 million babbles of oil move in the Bay per year. The number of attendees were 19 including the 2 presenters.



Lloyd Cassidy the fourth Cadet Member receiving Cadet Membership Certificate from Capt. Patterson, Div. Master.

April 30, 2009

The CMMC National Council meeting (162nd) *teleconference* took place at 2000 hrs

local time. The Division took the call at VMT, Divisional Master's office. Present were Capt. Patterson and Capt. Zaki. The next teleconference is scheduled for July 16th 2009.

May 26, 2009

NL Division's monthly meeting (presentation) took place at the Crow's Nest Officers' Club at 1900 hrs.



Capt. K. Hye-Knudsen and Capt. P. White



P. Whit, K. Hye-Knudsen, S. Muise, R. Hynes & S. Anthony
At the meeting Capt. Hye-Knudsen presented Capt. P. White his CMMC Membership Certificate. Cadet members also



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were presented with Cadet Membership Certificate. Capt. Christopher Hearn gave a very interesting presentation on the “Practices of Cable Laying”. All attendees really enjoyed it. A total of 15 attendees were there (full members, cadet members and guests).

June 12, 2009

The Maine Maritime Academy’s training ship “State of Maine” arrived in St. John’s today. The trip was organized by the CMMC NL Division (the late Capt. Jim Thorpe had a lot to do with this). The ship departed on the 15th morning. The vessel held a reception onboard for some invited guests including the Mayor of St. John’s.



L-R: Capt. Patterson (Div. Master), Capt. L. Wade, Mr. Glenn Blackwood (Executive Director of MI), Mayor of St. John’s, Dennis O’Keefe and Capt. Parsons (Special Events Co-ordinator).

The CMMC NL DIV held a reception for the officers of “State of Maine” and Divisional members at the Crow’s Nest Officers’ Club on **Sunday the 14th**. Among the invited guests was Ms Dawna Vivian (wife of Late Capt. Jim Thorpe). Ship’s officers, members and Cadet Members paid tributes to Late Capt. Jim Thorpe.



Capt. Wade, Ms Dawna Vivian and Captain Patterson

June 30, 2009

The Division held a dinner meeting (the last meeting before Summer holidays) at the Woodstock Colonial Inn on Topsail Road, Paradise. Capt. Deidre French was presented with her CMMC Certificate. A new idea was presented by Capt. Chris Hearn. The idea is to organise a Nautical Skills Competition for the Nautical Science students. Capt. Hearn to present this at the next meeting.



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Capt. Deidre French and Capt. A. Patterson

Captain Allan Norman Cabot, FNI, CMMC

Capt. Allan Cabot, a founding member and a life member of the CMMC passed away on **August 30, 2009** in Vancouver, BC. He was 100 years young in October 2008.

Capt. Cabot was elected as Vice President of CMMC in 1971 and in 1973 he was elected as President. In 1975 a committee of 7 was set up with Capt. Cabot as Chairman to negotiate the amalgamation of CMMC and the Canadian Institute of Master Mariners (Vancouver, Ottawa/Hull, Montreal and Great Lakes). At this time Capt. Cabot was elected as the First National Master. He held this position until the end of 1977 and became the National Secretary. Capt. J. M. Mann of Great Lakes Division succeeded Capt. Cabot as National Master. At this time there was increased interest and the following divisions were formed:
11 January 1977 Maritimes Division

21 June 1977 Newfoundland Division
3 June 1978 Fundy Division.



Capt. Allan Cabot and Capt. Zaki, NL Div. Master (picture taken during the National AGM held in St. John's in 1991)

Condolences were sent to one of Capt. Cabot's daughters on behalf of NL DIV

September 13, 2009

The CMMC NL Division held a reception at the Crow's Nest Officers' Club for the officers of the visiting sailing vessel Ocean Watch.





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The sailing vessel “Ocean Watch” was engaged in an Around The Americas, Ocean Environmental Awareness Project. The Marine Institute hosted their stay in St. John’s, NL. Nine members of the Division attended the reception.

September 24, 2009

The CMMC NL Division held the Annual Mentoring Programme BBQ at the Marine Institute. It was a very successful event.



Twenty Nautical Science students took part in it. The majority of the students were from the Final year and some from the Second year. Eight members of the division, one cadet member and one Faculty (SMS) member attended. The Final year student groups gave a brief outline of their topics for the technical papers.

September 29, 2009

Regular monthly meeting of the Division was held at the Crow’s Nest Officers’ Club.

At this meeting a CMMC Membership Certificate was presented.



Capt. Sean Quinlan accepting Certificate

Capt. Hearn presented his first draft of “Nautical Skills Competition”. The main item was the presentation by Dr. Brian Veitch on “Survival Craft Research and Development”.

October 1, 2009

Maritime Human Resource Solutions one day seminar was held in the Hampton Hall at the Marine Institute. Details are posted on the website: www.mastermariners.ca .

The NL Division would like to thank the following supporters:

- The Marine Institute
- St. John’s Port Authority
- Overseas Shipping Group
- Det Norske Veritas
- Algoma Central
- Lloyd’s Register North America Inc
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- City of St. John's, NL
- ACOA
- C-Mar Canada
- Human Resources, NL Government



Captain Ivan Lantz was the Keynote speaker at the Seminar

October 2, 3 & 4, 2009

The National AGM of the CMMC took place in Halifax at the Barrington Hotel. Unfortunately our Division was unable to send a representative. However the Divisional Master, Capt. Patterson spoke with Capt. Peter Turner, the National Master received the highlights of the meeting. The Dues are to be increased by \$20.00 (from \$140.00 to \$160.00). This increase will go directly to the National.

October 27, 2009

Tuesday October 27th Regular monthly meeting of the CMMC NL Division was held at the Crow's Nest Officers' Club. The

main item was a presentation by Capt. Roy Gibbons on "Fishing Vessel Safety: Vessel Design and Operator Risks – where we are and how we got here". It was an excellent presentation. Capt. Rick Strong was presented with his CMMC Membership Certificate.



November 10, 2009

Remembrance Day Ceremony was held in front of the Marine Institute at 1100 hrs. The Division, as in the past took part in the wreath laying ceremony.





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November 24, 2009

Tuesday November 24th at 1900 hrs the Division's Regular monthly meeting was held at the Crow's Nest Officers' Club. The main item was a presentation by Mr. Craig Haley of CCG on "Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT)". Canada is Chairing the LRIT implementation group at IMO. His presentation was informative and interesting. Capt. Troy Nolan and Capt. Fabian Mulrooney were presented with their CMMC Membership Certificate.



December 18, 2009

Capt. Zaki was given a retirement party by CMS. It was held at the Marine Institute. He will depart from MI at the end of January 2010. Capt. Chris Hearn, Capt. Patterson and Mr. Glenn Blackwood (Chief Executive of MI) made comments at the party.



Mr. Glenn Blackwood presents a gift

December 19, 2009

2009 Christmas Dinner was held at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel. Capt. Patterson congratulated Capt. Jim Parsons having achieved his PhD. Now Capt. Parsons is Captain, Doctor Parsons.

Capt. Patterson awarded 25 year (CMMC Membership) Lapel Pins to Captain Ed Anthony and Capt. Zaki. Capt. Sid Hynes who could not make to the dinner was the third member to receive same. Some pictures of that are here.



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Capt. Patterson presents 25 year Lapel Pins

We wish you all a Merry
Christmas
and a
Very Happy, Prosperous
New Year

We are looking forward
to 2010, and a
Great Year
For our Division