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Newsletter of the Company of Master Mariners
of Canada NL Division

January 1, 2014

Happy New Year to you all



Pictures of New Year fireworks in St. John's
courtesy of Mr. Mark Stares

January 9, 2014

The Steering Committee of the Nautical Skills Competition (NSC) met to discuss the final points before the deadline of the Competition. This 2014 NSC is the third Annual NSC of the CMMC NL Division to be held with cooperation and support of the Marine Institute.

The meeting was chaired by Ms Maria Halfyard who is an Associate Member of the Division and, who is in charge of organizing the NSC.





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The above two pictures were taken at the meeting which was held in the boardroom of Virtual Marine Technology (VMT). Captain Anthony Patterson who is the Deputy Divisional Master of the NL Division is the CEO of VMT.

Following the meeting a special briefing meeting with the students took place at the Marine Institute. This was well attended by the first, second and third year students. In addition to the students Ms Maria Halfyard, Capt. Chris Hearn (Divisional Master), Capt. Anthony Patterson (Deputy Divisional Master) and Capt. Zaki (Secretary) were there.



Students who attended the briefing

January 25, 2014

The Nautical Skills Competition started at 0800 hrs at the Marine Institute of Memorial University. This Competition is organized by the NL Division with tremendous support from the Marine Institute.



There were 8 teams from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd year Nautical Science programme students. There were 5 Events, namely Navigation, Ship Handling, Seamanship, Cargo Work and Dynamic Positioning. The winning team received the Captain Jim Thorpe plaque together with \$1,000.00 for each of the team members.

Please check the 2014 Nautical Skills Competition Newsletter for all the news and pictures.

<http://www.mastermariners.ca/newfoundland/Nautical.php>

January 28, 2014

The 2014 Annual General Meeting of the Company of Master Mariners of Canada NL Division took place at the Historic Crow's Nest Officers Club.



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The meeting was well attended by those who were off duty, onshore on time off. For the first time since 2005 we did not receive any nominations for any of the six Council Positions namely Divisional Master, Deputy Divisional Master, Treasurer, Assistant Deputy Divisional Master – Membership, Assistant Deputy Divisional Master – Special Events and the Secretary. So that meant that the membership fully supports what the Council is doing and did not want any changes at this time. The Council was re-elected by acclamation.



A group picture of the attendees at the AGM

February 25, 2014

The regular monthly meeting took place at the Crow's Nest Officers Club. This meeting was a very interesting meeting as we had two gentlemen from the Transport Canada talk on the findings of the Tanker Safety Expert Panel. Captain Clement Murphy and Mr. David Yard were the two. Captain Murphy said that Mr. Yard is the expert on this subject.

They brought with them the report produced by Captain Gordon Houston and his team. Also they had a power point presentation with them. Here is the link to the report:

http://www.tc.gc.ca/media/documents/mospr/transport_canada_tanker_report_accessible_eng.pdf

The link to the power point presentation is here:

<http://www.mastermariners.ca/newfoundland/2014events/2014tankersafety.pdf>



L-R: Capt. Murphy, Capt. Hearn & Mr. Yard



L-R: Mr. Christopher Reglar receives Cadet Membership Certificate from Capt. Chris Hearn



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Capt. Roy Marsh received Membership Certificate from Capt. Chris Hearn

March 2014

The CMMC NL Division members have provided some financial support to the Memorial University of Newfoundland's SailBOT team.

“MUN SailBOT is a team of multidisciplinary Memorial University students who design and build autonomous sailboats. Each year the team tests their vessel and code against other universities at the International Robotic Sailing Championship. The competition serves as a theater in which ideas can be exchanged, as all teams are working towards the common goal of solving real world problems through robotics. MUN SailBOT is seeking financial support from your organization in order to pursue our new development goals and attend the upcoming competition in San Francisco, CA.

Since it's founding in 2009, the team has successfully designed, built and tested a six-foot autonomous sailboat (*The Arctica*), which has competed in three competitions

within North America. The first competition in Annapolis, MD proved our design and led to an overall fourth place finish. Since the first competition, the MUN SailBOT team has competed in Vancouver, BC and Boston, MA, each time improving upon the *Arctica's* hull, mechanical systems and her code to continue to compete at a high level”.

You may wish to check this link:

<http://munsailbot.blogspot.ca/>

March 25, 2014

The CMMC NL Division monthly meeting took place at the Crow's Nest Officers' Club. Capt. Chris Hearn, Capt. Jim Parsons and Capt. Anthony Patterson who have taken part at IMO meetings gave presentations. They have been and are involved in committee meetings related to Ship Design and Construction, Marine Training, Ice Navigation etc. for a few years.



L-R: Capt. Chris Hearn (Divisional Master CMMC NL Division, Capt. Jim Parsons (Special Event Coordinator CMMC NL Division) and Capt. Anthony Patterson (Deputy Divisional Master CMMC NL Division)