



# The PORT LOG

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## VANCOUVER DIVISION MEETINGS

1. The Divisional Council meeting is held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1200hrs.  
**All Members are welcome at these meetings – come and participate in any discussions.**
2. Every Tuesday is brown bag lunch from 1030hrs to 1330hrs. (except during summer months when the office is manned on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays). Come and join us.

## VICTORIA GROUP MEETING

The third Wednesday of each month at 1200hrs – contact Ratch Wallace - 250-995-0202 if you wish to attend.

## VANCOUVER ISLAND MEETING

The fourth Tuesday of each month – 1100hrs - 1300 hrs. in the Harbour Commission office – Front St. Nanaimo BC

## PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

1. A REMEMBRANCE SERVICE WILL BE HELD at Sailor's Point, the Esplanade, North Vancouver at 1030hrs November 11<sup>th</sup> 2007. Please join us.

## 2. TECHNICAL DINNER

Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2007

Place: The Mission to Seafarers  
401 East Waterfront Road, Vancouver BC

Speaker: Captain John Horton

Topic: Voyages of Captain Vancouver

1730hrs: Happy Time – No Host Bar

1800hrs: Dinner

1900hrs: Power Point Presentation by Captain Horton

Cost: \$25.00 - Ladies & Guests are most welcome.

### RSVP:

David Bremner – 604-738-0161- email -theda@telus.net

Tony Crowther – 604-542-9156

e-mail – tonycmariner@shaw.ca

Members are asked to make reservations and give notice of cancellation by Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 to avoid charges for meals not used.

## 3. CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2007

Time: 1830hrs to 2230hrs

Place: The Mission to Seafarers  
401 East Waterfront Road, Vancouver

### Menu for Xmas Dinner

Caesar Salad, Garden Salad

Roast Turkey

Pineapple Glazed Ham

Potatoes, Wild Rice, Mixed Vegetables

Trifle and Pastries

Coffee or Tea

Buffet – No Host Bar – Wine served with dinner

Tickets - \$30.00 per person (number limited – book early)

Raffle - - Free Parking

RSVP by Dec.6<sup>th</sup> 2007 (no cancellations after this date)

For tickets/reservations contact:

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Dorothy Hickman - 604-298-9456

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### 3. FORTHCOMING EVENTS - 2008

#### Pub Lunch

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008

Time: 1200hrs.

Place: Le Bistro Chez Michel  
60 Semisch, North Vancouver

Contact:  
David Bremner, 604-738-0161 - email: theda@telus.net

### 4. TECHNICAL DINNER

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008

Place: The Mission to Seafarers,  
401 East Waterfront Road, Vancouver

Topic: "Working with the big & heavy stuff in the  
Offshore Oil Industry" – a presentation by  
Tony Crowther, Marine Warranty Surveyor

1730hrs: Happy Time – No host Bar

1800hrs: Dinner

1900hrs: Presentation by Captain Tony Crowther

Contact:  
David Bremner 604-738-0161 –email theda@telus.net  
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**LADIES & Guests are most welcome at all events**

### THE CAPTAIN G.O. BAUGH FUND

This year we will again be awarding two scholarships of \$1000.00 each. In 2006, two scholarships of \$1000.00 were given to Quinn Macey, a 2<sup>nd</sup> year cadet at British Columbia Institute of Technology, Marine Campus and Marie-Helene Roy at Institute Maritime du Quebec.

The fund was set up in 1979 in memory of the founder of The Company, Captain Gerald Ormsby Baugh, OBE, ExC, RD, RCN (RTD) and at the end of 2007 we will have awarded \$49,550 in scholarships to cadets at Marine schools across Canada.

With the present low rate of interest on invested monies the fund is completely dependent on donations and bequests from our members and I would ask members of Vancouver Division to consider making a small donation along with their dues to enable us to award two scholarships again in 2008.

*Captain DJ Bremner  
Chairman, Trustees  
The Captain G.O. Baugh Fund*

### DUES for 2008

At the 155<sup>th</sup> National Council Meeting on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 2007 the following dues schedule was approved.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>DUES TO DIVISION</u>	<u>TO NATIONAL</u>	
Full & Companion	\$140	\$40	\$100
Senior & Associate	70	20	50
Corporate	190	60	130

Note: The increase will go to the National Office to offset the increasing costs of the operation of The Company, now approximately \$86.00 per person per year.

### THE MASTER'S REPORT OF THE NATIONAL AGM MEETINGS-Oct. 13/14 2007

I attended the Annual General Meeting and the associated National Council Meetings at Hamilton on October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. We started with a Council Meeting at 0830 on Saturday. After acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting there was a motion to accept all the business conducted at the teleconferences.

During discussion of business arising from the minutes the first item was that of Cadet Membership. Although some Divisions had reservations on this there was a general consensus that we must move to encourage young potential officers and Masters to become involved and that we must have something in our future program of use to them. A vote was then taken and it was accepted unanimously that we should amend the By-laws to allow Cadet Membership.

The new Company Brochure was discussed next and there was unanimous agreement that it is well produced and thanks were proposed to Captain Frank Nicol for his work on this.

The next item was the election of National Master & Officers. It was proposed that the slate remain as is for the coming year and this was accepted unanimously and will be presented at the AGM for acceptance. During the discussions it was noted that Captain Frank Nicol and Mrs Nicol wish to step down at the end of December and replacements are sought for the position of Membership Chairman and Membership Secretary. Captain J. Parsons (Newfoundland) and Captain Jim Calvesbert will look into ways to upgrade the web site to contain a National Membership Data Base which can be kept up to date by Divisions. Local Membership Chairman duties should be updated to include this. Captain Andy Whitelaw and Captain Peter Ireland stated that they wish to step down as National Treasurer and National Secretary at the end of the present year (2007/2008). It was decided to look for "Shadow" persons to gradually work into these positions with a view to eventually undertaking them. /p.3

Following this - at 10:00am discussion turned to our Strategic Planning exercise. Captain Al Soppitt gave a presentation on this and summarized the material he had received from the Divisions. It was suggested that we should give seminars on membership and information forums of interest to potential members. The web site should contain matters of interest and value to members. Dues should be increased to cover these added activities. Increasing our membership is our immediate concern and we must find ways to raise our profile.

Our strategy should be:

1. Increase our Full & Corporate Members by 10% this year.
2. Develop a communications strategy by January 2008 by
  - a) Enhancing the Web Site
  - b) Developing an Action Plan
  - c) Putting the Membership Application Form on line.
3. Raising our Profile externally by conferences & seminars.
4. Arranging Divisional Access to Web Site for updating the Membership base.

At 1400, following lunch the Annual General Meeting of the Company of Master Mariners of Canada Foundation was held. Captain John Green (Great Lakes) opened the meeting and thanked those who had got the Foundation up and running.

Captain Kathy Rogers distributed a Financial Statement that was accepted unanimously. This was followed by the election of Directors. There being no change in the Divisional Masters the Directors remain the same. Two scholarships, each of \$2000, were awarded last year to E. Green and B. Smith from BCIT and Memorial University. This was followed by a discussion of the Assessment Criteria and the list of approved schools, presently four in number.

At 1500 the AGM of The Company convened. After acceptance of the minutes Captain Peter Turner, National Master gave his report and highlighted our acceptance as a member of the International Federation of Shipmasters Association and his attendance at their annual general meeting in Belgium. Next year this will be held in Germany.

Captain Tom Brooks (Capital Division) stated that they had worked on the web-site and had participated in the Canadian Marine Advisory Council and the Veterans Association.

Captain Frank Hough (Great Lakes) stated that their membership was steady and that they donated to Broadreach and held a cruise with proceeds to The Foundation.

Captain Jim McCann (Fundy) reported that they had good turnouts at events and membership was steady.

Captain Jim Calvesbert (Maritimes) reported their membership at 113 persons and that they had held seminars on Arctic Climate Changes and Current Arctic Issues. Finances are healthy.

Captain John Spencer (Montreal) reported a membership of 45 but there are some difficulties with participation of members and funding at present.

Captain Jim Parsons (Newfoundland & Labrador) stated that this has been a year of growth with a total membership of 19. They held a Mentoring barbeque at the school, have an Events Coordinator and have put on a seminar and given technical papers.

Captain David Bremner (Vancouver) presented his report which is attached at the end.

Captain Bob Osborne reported on the Vancouver Island Division and the visit of the National Master. He took the salute on Veteran's Day.

Captain John Green (Education Chair) commented on various matters of interest, - Vessel Security Officer Certification, MED changes and funding support, Marine Personnel Regulations, & Certification & Voyage Descriptions. Georgian College now has an updated simulator.

Captain Peter Ireland (Secretary) gave details of Bylaw changes and said our Conferences were successful.

Captain Andy Whitelaw (Treasurer) presented the audited reports for 2006. There was an increased surplus this year mainly due to the funds raised by Vancouver Division towards the cost of the AGM. He also reported on the Captain G.O. Baugh Memorial Fund and presented a financial report. Two scholarships, each of \$1000, were awarded last year but may have to be cut back to one this year unless more donations are received. Captain Bremner, Chairman of Trustees reported that schools have been contacted with applications forms for students to fill in and submit for this year.

Captain Whitelaw presented the Membership Report on behalf of Captain Nicol. Total membership stands at 469 members - an increase of 11 over that of 2006. It was noted however that this does not really mean due to new members, being largely due to re-acceptance of late-payers of dues - an annual problem.

This was followed by the election of National Master and Officers. The proposal from the National Council - i.e. no change from 2006 - was accepted unanimously. The slate for 2007/2008 is:

National Master - Captain Peter Turner  
Deputy National Master - Captain Miriam Van Roosmalen  
Assistant National Master - Captain Ratch Wallace  
Treasurer - Captain Andy Whitelaw  
Secretary - Captain Peter Ireland

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Karen E. Grover was re-appointed as auditor.

Next AGM will be held October 4, 2008 at St. Johns, Newfoundland.

The 155<sup>th</sup> National Council commenced Sunday morning, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007

The question of the Membership Chairman was discussed and it is hoped to fill the position by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Under business arising it was asked if statistics re the number of each certificate issued annually are available. Captain Tom Brooks will look into this.

Captain Whitelaw then presented the securities report and it was accepted unanimously. He then submitted his operating statement and proposed budget for 2008 which was accepted unanimously and followed this with a list of honorariums. This is unchanged from last year and was accepted unanimously.

The next item was the dues for the coming year. There was considerable discussion on the need to increase the dues to an appropriate level. On account of the membership into IFSMA and attendance at the AGM the average annual cost per member for the operation of The Company stands at \$86. This is well above the dues paid by our seniors, who are our biggest and increasing class of membership. This cannot continue. We can mitigate this to some extent by increasing our membership and this is our priority this year. After a lengthy discussion a vote to increase the dues \$10 for Full and Companion Members, and \$5 for Senior, Associate and Corporate Members was taken. Two Divisions stated they were unable to support the motion that was passed by a majority of 6 to 2. The increase will go entirely to the National Office to offset the increased cost of operations.

The next subject was a discussion of an Ethics Code. Captain Calvesbert gave details of some research he had done into this with respect to similar organizations. The general opinion was that such a code would be difficult to administer. The question of conduct might be more appropriate in a "Vision Statement". Following discussion it was felt that action was not warranted at this time and that we should not attempt to draw up a Code.

Under Other Business the Strategic Plan was further discussed and Captain Soppitt will put together a Plan of Action and will try to visit Divisions and discuss this with them.

Captain Wallace gave a summary of the new Certificate structure and proposed that that Master Near Coastal be accepted for Full Membership. This was agreed unanimously.

Captain Brooks brought up the representation of The Company by individuals. They will draw up some guidelines that can go into the Procedures handbook.

Captain Osborne brought up the fact that we are now 40 years old as an organization and original members such as Captain Alan Cabot should be recognized in some way. Captain Bremner will supply names and Captain Turner will send an appropriate letter.

Date and time of the next Council Meeting – Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 1530hrs Pacific Time by teleconference.

*Captain DJ Bremner*  
*Master, Vancouver Division*

## **THE MASTER'S REPORT - Vancouver Division October 13/2007**

I am happy to report that Vancouver Division has completed another successful year financially and continues to operate with the active co-operation and efforts of the Divisional Council. During the year we held 10 Council meetings and discussed matters such as:

- a) membership in the International Federation of Shipmaster's Association,
- b) the Criminalization of Seafarers,
- c) proposed changes to the bylaws,
- d) expediting the procession of certification,
- e) the updating of our web page and
- f) a Strategic Planning Exercise.

During discussions on how to get members interested in the working of the Council we decided to try and make our members more aware of special subjects being discussed at upcoming meetings and make them aware that our meetings are always open to all members. The first such event was held in February when the topic was the Criminalization of Seafarers. The meeting was attended by a fair number of members and we will try and do this again when an item of interest is being discussed.

A special meeting to discuss a Strategic Planning Process was held in August and was attended by 23 members. A basic input, prepared by six members of the South Vancouver Island Group, proved to be an invaluable aid to a wider discussion re additional comments towards our final submission. I thank the South Vancouver Island Group for their work on this and their attendance at the meeting.

Our South Vancouver Island Group consists of 27 members who are very active. They hold monthly lunch meetings and organize technical events.

On the Social/Technical side we held three technical dinners. We had presentations by Sid Heal on Canadian Maritime History, Ann Brevig & Martin Vennesland on "9 years on the 7 seas on yacht Nor Siglar" and a

presentation on the raising of the submarine Kursk by our member Captain Don Rose. We had our annual combined dinner with the Transportation Club in May. We also held two pub lunches in New Westminster and North Vancouver. These were generally well attended.

We continue to have some problems with the collection of dues of members in arrears. Unfortunately we had to send out a number of letters and to suspend three members pending termination for non payment

Due to the passing of four members and the resignation of two members our number of members has gone down but we were happy to welcome three new members and one previous member who rejoined after a short absence.

*Captain DJ Bremner  
Master, Vancouver Division*

### CANADIAN COMPANIES ORDERING BIG

Two shipping companies based in Vancouver, British Columbia have been negotiating contracts with Asian yards for more ships. Tanker specialist Teekay Shipping has ordered four 109,000-dwt shuttle tankers from South Korea's Samsung Heavy Industries for delivery in 2010/11. The firm may also soon order a similar number of 160,400 cubic meter capacity LNH carriers to operate as part of a consortium that also includes Japan's MOL and NYK. If built – and Samsung would again appear to be the most likely builder – the ships would be chartered out to Angola LNG for a period of twenty years.

Vancouver's Seaspan is also contemplating another order in South Korea, this time with Hyundai Heavy Industries for up to eight 12,500-TEU post-Panamax container ships for delivery in 2011, with China's COSCO seen as the most probable charterer.

*Pacific Mariner,  
September 2007*

#### COMPANY REGALIA FOR SALE

- Ties - \$25.00
- Blazer Badges - \$20.00
- Lapel Pins - \$5.00
- Mugs (with Crest - \$9.00
- Crest ( without Plaque) - \$20.00
- Business Cards - \$14.00 per 100
- (plus postage)

### OUR RENOVATED OFFICE



### THE ROGUES GALLERY



**Captain G.O. Baugh, OBE, ExC., RD, RCN, (RTD.)**

### THE FOUNDER'S PICTURE & VANCOUVER DIVISION'S CERTIFICATE OF JOINING THE NATIONAL COMPANY

**Our office at the Mission to Seafarers was recently renovated by Captain Jack Bishop.**