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DIVISIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Members are welcome to attend –

VANCOUVER DIVISION MEETING

1. The Council meeting is held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1200hrs.
2. Every Tuesday **is brown bag lunch from 1030hrs to 1330hrs.**

VICTORIA GROUP MEETING

The third Wednesday of each month at 1200hrs – contact Mike Gray - 250-477-0743 if you wish to attend.

VANCOUVER ISLAND MEETING

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

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TECHNICAL DINNER EVENT – April 26th 2007

Time: 1730hrs to 2230hrs.

Place: The Mission to Seafarers

401 East Waterfront Road, Vancouver

Speaker: Mr Syd Heal

Topic: Canadian Maritime History

NOTE. Syd is known nationally and internationally as a maritime historian and has written 17 books on this subject. His presentation will include a very interesting slideshow showing vessels from the past, featured in his books “A Great Fleet of Ships”, “Canadian Forts & Parks” and “Inbound to Vancouver”.

1730hrs - No Host Bar

1800hrs - Dinner

1830hrs - Presentation by Mr Heal

Cost - \$25.00

Ladies & Guests are most welcome.

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JOINT TECHNICAL DINNER WITH THE TRANSPORTATION CLUB

Date: Thursday May 10th 2007

Place: Westminster Club

713 Columbia St., 7th Floor New Westminster, BC

Time: Social Hour: 1730hrs

Dinner: 1830hrs.

Guest Speaker: Mr. David Bedwell

Executive Vice President

China Ocean Shipping (Canada) Inc.

Topic: Challenges of the Container Carrier

Tickets: Members - \$35.00 Guests - \$39.00

For Reservations Contact:

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BATTLE OF ATLANTIC SERVICE

This will be held on Sunday May 6th 2007 at the Sailor's Point Memorial in North Vancouver. The Merchant Navy Veterans will gather at the foot of Lonsdale at 1000hrs. and march to the memorial for the service.

THE VANCOUVER CONWAY CLUB'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL REUNION

Date: May 31st, 2007 to June 2, 2007

Place: Coast Plaza Hotel & Suites
1736 Comox Street, Vancouver

If you wish further details call up
www: vancouverconwayreunion.ca
or phone Don Tranter - 604-929-2880
e-mail: donaldtranter@telus.net

THE MASTER'S REPORT

I am very pleased to report that we continue to attract new members to Vancouver Division. This year, so far, we have added three new persons and one other person has rejoined after a short exodus due to personal reasons.

As mentioned in the last Port Log the council has been discussing ways to get members more involved in the operation of the Division by holding open meetings in conjunction with a Council meeting. The first such event was held on February 20th. Fourteen members attended the council meeting and then participated in the open discussions that followed. There was a lively exchange of views on the subject of the Criminalization of Seafarers, the present dues structure and the pros and cons of introducing a Cadet Membership. At 1800 the meeting adjourned in time for a "happy hour" prior to the dinner that was attended by 28 persons. The evening concluded with a film presentation on the "Raising of the submarine Kursk" provided by our members Captain Don Rose and Captain Phill Nelson.

On February 21st I was very happy to join members of the South Vancouver Island Group for their monthly lunch meeting. This was held at the Union Club in Victoria, a very pleasant meeting place. The lunch was very enjoyable and it was nice to exchange thoughts with the members present

On March 15th seventeen members and seven ladies attended a very pleasant pub lunch at the Bistro Chez Michael in North Vancouver. The ladies had their own table sufficiently apart from the salt laden atmosphere of the small anti-room where we gathered.

On Tuesday 20th March I had the pleasure of attending the induction of Reverend Nick Parker as the Senior Chaplain, The Missions to Seafarers. After the installation in which the Chaplains of the other denominations participated, there was a reception and it was attended by many members of the maritime community. We wish Nick a long and happy time in his new role.

Our next event is a technical night of April 26th and we hope for a good turnout as we have an excellent presentation by an excellent speaker. Syd Heal is a well known publisher, author and journalist. Full details are given on page 1 of this newsletter.

Following this we have the annual joint dinner with the Transportation Club on May 10th. This is always a pleasant and interesting evening at the Westminster Club in New Westminster. Full details are given on page 1 of this newsletter.

Finally we are looking into ways to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Captain George Vancouver. We are discussing this with the Marine Surveyors of BC and the Naval Officers Association of BC and I will advise you any decisions that are made.

I am also pleased that one of our members, Captain Dave Whitaker, has offered to be the Editor of "From the Bridge". I thank him for taking on this daunting task and urge all our members to support him with articles of interest and marine news of any interest to The Company.

*Captain DJ Bremner
Master, Vancouver Division*

FROM THE BRIDGE

Note: A CHANGE IN DELIVERY SYSTEM

The distribution of the newsletter by post is time consuming and at the January teleconference the National Council asked, and it was agreed, that each Division should be responsible for distributing postal copies to its members. A small group will be set up to take a copy off the web-site and then arrange for copies to be printed, stuffed in envelopes and posted to members who wish to have hard copies.

To reduce costs as much as possible we would appreciate if those members who have computers continue to read the newsletter on the web-site and make any copy they might wish.

Members who for any reason require a hard copy should contact Mrs. Dorothy Hickman or myself. Members without computers will continue to receive a hard copy.

We will try to ensure that the hard copy will be available shortly after the newsletter appears on the web site but the process will take a little time and we ask that you bear with the delay.

NEW MEMBERS

Captain Erika Bourgault

A native of Victoria BC, Erika commenced her sea career with BC Ferries. She was accepted into the Deck Cadet Apprenticeship Program at BCIT's Pacific Marine Training Institute and sailed with Teekay Shipping while obtaining her certificate. She returned to BC Ferries in 2006. We are very pleased to welcome her aboard.

Captain Christopher Gardiner

A native of Jahore Bahru, Malaysia, Chris has an extensive background in the charter and small passenger vessel operations. He owned and operated his own charter business for many years and sailed with Harbour Ferries and Crescent Beach Boat Builders. After a spell on RoRo ferries with International Shipping Partners, Miami he joined his present employer and is now Senior Master of the Royal City Star.

The charter boat industry has been a growth industry in recent years and his knowledge and experience of this segment of the marine field will add greatly to the fund of knowledge we have within Vancouver Division.

Captain David H. Jones

David, a native of Temiskaming, Quebec, commenced his sea career on RCMP patrol vessels. Joining Canadian Coast Guard in 1963 he sailed on their ships and progressed through a number of senior positions as Chief Vessel Traffic Management, Manager Fleet Systems, Vancouver, Manager Arctic Operations and Director General, Northern Region.

We welcome him on board. His wide experience of Canadian waters will be of great benefit to The Company.

Captain Janice Kenefick

We are very pleased to welcome Janice back after a short hiatus due to personal reasons. She has been a member since 1985 and was National Secretary from 1990 to 1993. We are delighted to hear that she will be providing some material for "From the Bridge". With her long background in journalism I look forward to her participation in "The Bridge".

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CRIMINALIZATION OF SEAFARERS

The material below was sent to me by Captain Jim Calvesbert, Master of Maritimes Division as part of our ongoing discussions on the above subject. We welcome any comments on this topic.

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EU POLLUTION DIRECTIVE BECOMES LAW

Battle by industry and workers' groups in vain, writes Justin Stares in Brussels and Sandra Speares in London.

March 2007 Lloyds List

The controversial European Union ship-source pollution directive comes into force on Sunday

Labelled "outrageous" by shipowners for introducing sanctions including imprisonment following accidental spills, the directive takes "Full Effect" in the 27 EU states.

To the European Commission the law will offer seafarers greater protection, not new risks, whereas both industry and unions fear it will discourage the young from seeking a career at sea.

A large coalition of industry and workers' groups failed to block the passage of the Bill.

"Europe will at long last have a sufficiently dissuasive system of penalties to prevent and deal with maritime pollution more effectively," the commission said.

"We must get tough on illegal discharges and gross negligence must be fought at all cost," said EU transport commissioner Jacques Barrot.

"The threat of criminal penalties hanging over polluters' heads will help protect our coast."

The law will apply to all ships calling at EU ports, irrespective of flag.

It is, however, being challenged in the European Court of Justice on the grounds that it infringes the Marpol Convention.

Given the diverging interpretations of the effect of the law its true impact will only be known when it is applied following the next pollution incident.

A coalition of industry bodies led by independent tanker owners' association Intertanko is seeking clarification from the European court on the legality of the directive.

The court is being asked to rule on four questions including:

- Whether it is lawful for the directive to impose criminal liability on foreign flag ships within the exclusive economic zone of a member state or limit Marpol defences in these cases.
- Whether the phrase "serious negligence" in the directive infringes the principle of legal certainty.
- Whether the imposition of criminal liability for discharges resulting from serious negligence contravenes the law of the sea convention or hinders the right of innocent passage.
- Whether it is lawful to exclude Marpol defences for discharges within the territorial sea of a member state.

PORT OF VANCOUVER TACKLES AIR POLLUTION

Ships calling at the Port of Vancouver will soon pay lower fees if they burn cleaner fuel. In his annual speech to the Vancouver Board of Trade, Captain Gordon Houston, President and CEO of the Vancouver Port Authority, noted the revised fees are only one of a number of initiatives being planned to ensure the port grows in a sustainable manner. "We are committed to growing this port in a way that safeguards our air, land and water, while also providing unprecedented economic opportunity for our citizens," said Houston. "In the coming months and years you will see the port expand on initiatives like this as we work to become an environmental and community leader."

Effective April 1, 2007 ships that burn cleaner fuel will pay less when they enter the port than those that merely meet regulations. In some sectors, such as the cruise industry, this is likely to result in reduced fees, while in the container, bulk and break-bulk sectors, fees will increase unless efforts are made to burn cleaner fuels. Other initiatives underway at the port include supporting an International Maritime Organization Sulphur Emission Control Area for North America (a step that would cut sulphur emissions from ships by 50 percent), adopting third-party environmental audits of operations, working toward 24/7 transportation of goods to relieve traffic congestion during peak use times, and enforcing a "no idling" policy on port lands to reduce emissions from trucks lined up to load or deliver goods.

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LIST OF PAST MASTERS OF THE VANCOUVER DIVISION

Captains:-

G.O. Baugh	1967 – 1972
A.N.Cabot	1973 – 1974
C.F.Altree	1975 - 1977
J. Hetherington	Sept.1977 – 1978
S.S. Martin	Sept.1978 – 1979
B.R. Wilson	Sept 1979 – 1981
C.E. Burrill	Sept 1981 – 1983
D. J .Bremner	Sept 1983 – 1984
E. Monteiro	Sept 1984 – 1986
C.E. Macauley	Sept 1986 – 1987
J.A. Arnott	Sept 1987 – 1988
P.M.J Ireland	Sept 1988 – 1989
P.R. Charter	Sept 1989 – 1990
G. Drewery	Sept 1990 – 1992
S. Best	Sept 1992 – 1993
G.E Murrell	Sept 1993 – 1995
A.S. Monaghan	Sept 1995 – 1997
G.S. Mann	Sept 1997 – 1999
D.J Bremner	Sept 1999 – 2001
E. Winter	Sept 2001 – 2002
T. Dekkers	Sept 2002 – Dec.)
G. Harris	Jan 2002 – 2003
DJ Bremner	Sept 2003 - 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)

MEMBER'S DUES - 2007

Our treasurer advises that there are still a number of members who have yet to send the Division their dues. These members are asked to do so as soon as possible and remember to update the dues form with any new information.

We thank the members who have already paid up.

