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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. (except during summer months when the office is manned on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays)**

VICTORIA GROUP MEETING

The third Wednesday of each month at 1200hrs – contact Mike Gray - 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

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING VANCOUVER DIVISION Saturday, September 15th 2007

Place: The Missions to Seafarers
401 East Waterfront Road, Vancouver
Time: 1030hrs.

A light lunch will be served

To confirm your attendance please contact -
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IMPORTANT SPECIAL MEETING Saturday, August 19th 2007

Place: The Mission to Seafarers
401 East Waterford Road, Vancouver
Time: 1200hrs.

This is a special meeting to discuss the Strategic Plan with our members prior to our final submission to the National Council at the time of the AGM on October 13 2007. We ask for your comments or suggestions as to ways to improve our perception to possible new members and methods to improve our services to our members.

A light lunch will be served – there is ample free parking at the Mission.

Come and give the Division Council the benefit of your experience and thoughts.

To confirm your attendance please advise:
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THE MASTER'S REPORT

Now that summer is here, although it was difficult to recognise it with our June weather, we are now on our summer hours at the office in the Mission to Seafarers. During June & July the office will only be manned on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

We had a very successful technical night on April 26 when the after dinner speaker was Syd Heal, a well known local ship historian and the author of many books on this subject. With a slide show of ship's pictures he described many ships pictured in his books and the history behind them. We had a good turnout and 25 members enjoyed his presentation.

On May 10th there was our usual annual joint dinner with the Transportation Club in New Westminster. There was an excellent turnout with close to 100 attendees, including a good number of our members. Following dinner Mr. David Bedwell, Executive Vice President, China Ocean Shipping (Canada) Inc. gave an excellent presentation on the Challenges of the Container Carrier.

For May 24th our member Captain John Horton offered to make the Steveston Lifeboat available for a lunch cruise on the Fraser River. The uncertain weather did not encourage this event and we had to cancel it due to lack of interest. The irony was that May 24th was one of the few really nice days for quite a while.

On April 2nd I attended a meeting of the Maritime Coalition on Education, a group organized by the Chamber of Shipping and having some 22 groups within the Marine Industry. This group is looking at the education and information requirements of the marine industry and recently commissioned a study of the manpower requirements of the marine field in the coming years. One of our members, Captain George Adams is the present chairman of the group.

On May 6th I attended the Battle of Atlantic Service at Sailor's Point in North Vancouver. In spite of the inclement weather there was a very good turnout. Captain Ieuan Lampshire-Jones and Captain Ray McKay who both participated in the battle, laid a wreath for the Division.

On June 2nd I was pleased to attend the International Meeting of HMS Conway Club dinner which included a good number of members of Vancouver Division. This was a very pleasant evening and I enjoyed talking to a number of old salts from other countries.

On June 11th I attended the 150+1 lunch at the Terminal City Club. This lunch is sponsored by the Vancouver Port Authority & Terminal Systems Inc. and raises funds for the Mission to Seafarers. There was a good turnout of about 50 representatives of the Marine Industry.

On June 18th I was pleased to attend the opening of a display of paintings by our member Captain

John Horton. This display is associated with the 250th anniversary of the birth of Captain George Vancouver on June 22nd. A proclamation by the province was read out and a copy of this will be taken to Kings Lynn in England by John who will be participating in a number of events planned there in honour of Captain Vancouver.

On April 19th I participated in the National Councillors teleconference. Captain Peter Turner, National Master confirmed that The Company had been accepted into the International Federation of Shipmasters Associations and will have one vote in their meetings. He asked and received permission to attend the Annual General Meeting in Antwerp. This was in keeping with the decision at our last AGM that we become more visible and active in marine circles. Several amendments to the bylaws were discussed and Divisions were asked to make submissions on these to the Bylaw Committee.

The subject of planning for the future of The Company was discussed and it was decided that we carry out a Strategic Planning Study. Captain Al Soppitt of Fundy Division will head up a task group to develop a Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) and Divisions were asked to appoint a representative to work with him and co-ordinate any input from the Divisions. Finally, it was decided that Divisions will take over the posting of copies of From the Bridge after the publication of the May issue.

On April 24th there was a meeting of the Vancouver Division Council. This echoed much of the material raised at the telconference. Vancouver Division prepared a submission on Senior Dues, Companion Membership and Cadet Membership that was sent to the Bylaw Committee. We were very pleased to hear that Captain David Whitaker of our Division was accepted as the new editor of From the Bridge and we will assist him in any way that we can. Strategic Planning was discussed and what might be required from the Division.

On May 22nd there was a Division Council Meeting. Captain Bishop reported that the accounts for 2006 had been audited and copies will be distributed in this issue. These show that we had a small surplus for the year and more or less broke even. The Strategic Plan was discussed and it was decided to distribute to our members some material we had received on this subject.

Our latest Divisional Council Meeting was held on June 26th. Again discussions took place on the Strategic Plan and Captain Phill Nelson has agreed and was elected to head up the input from Vancouver Division and to co-ordinate it with Captain Soppitt. Some initial input has been prepared but this is in the early stages. This was followed by a discussion on the date of our AGM. Our National Master will be in this area during the week ending Saturday, September 15th and would like to attend our AGM. The AGM had been previously

set for that date and had to be advanced when the date of the National AGM was changed to accommodate the seminar in Hamilton to be put on by Great Lakes Division. It was agreed that with the concurrence of the National Council we will hold our AGM on Saturday 15th at 1030 in the Missions to Seafarers. On this subject we are always looking for members who would like to become involved in the operation of the Division. We are also looking for new ideas to improve our usefulness to our members. I would sincerely ask anyone interested to contact me by phone or e-mail. I would be happy to explain how we operate and how you can help.

Finally, I would recommend that you visit our newly refurbished office. I must thank Captain Jack Bishop for suggesting the changes and for his work in making it a more attractive and more efficient office.

*Captain DJ Bremner
Master, Vancouver Division*

THEY WILL SAIL NO MORE

Captain Antonia Petersen

Vancouver Division was sorry to learn of his passing on June 2nd. Tony was a long time member of The Company having joined us in July 1975. Born in Middlesborough, England he joined the Merchant Navy and sailed with R.S. Dalgliesh Shipping & Constantine Shipping until coming to Canada in 1955. He joined Northern Transportation Company and was instrumental in the early supply of material to the Arctic via the Mackenzie River. Coming to Vancouver he spent several years as a compass adjuster with Kelvin Hughes and then operated his own maritime business until his retirement in 1992. We send our deepest sympathies to his wife and family.

Captain William McMunagle

Vancouver Division was sorry to hear of his passing. A native of Edinburgh, Scotland he attended HMS CONWAY and joined Clan Line. Obtaining his Master's Certificate he came to Canada and joined the Royal Canadian Navy. Bill was a long time member of The Company having joined in 1976. Although mainly resident in Victoria he joined Ottawa/Hull Division (now Capital Division) and was National Master from October 1980 until October 1981. He often attended the South Vancouver Island Luncheons. We send our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

WE ERRED!!!!

In our last issue our new member was wrongly named David Henry Jones. His correct surname is JOHNS. Also we misspelled the first name of Captain Lampshire-Jones. The correct spelling is IEUAN. We apologize to them for these errors.

GREAT IMAGES OF A TIME WHEN SHIPS LOOKED LIKE SHIPS

Cargo Ships: A Color Portfolio is a **marvellous exercise in nostalgia – containing well over 100 excellent photographs of the sort of ships that made the British Merchant Navy lead the world in the 1950s and 60s.**

Drawing extensively from the photographic portfolios of Mick Lindsay and Kenneth Wightman, this book provides a vivid look back at the pre-container era to a time less than a lifetime away, in which shipping was so very different from today.

Each of the ships featured in the book comes with brief technical details, background on their significance and a potted history of their commercial life. There's also a scene-setting introduction by David Williams and Richard de Kerech, noting the significance of this period for British shipping and the radical changes that were starting to affect the industry at the time. As they note, these photographs offer a tapestry of surprising variety - including pre-war designs, SD14s, turbine steamships, turbo-electric cargo liners, an engineer cadet training ship, and reefers. They also reflect on the way in which the photos show the vibrancy of the old docks, now replaced by "yuppie" housing developments and remote terminals handling specialised cargoes.

All of this is fascinating stuff, and the combination of the concise and thoughtful text images makes for an excellent examination of a milestone era for the British Merchant Navy.

***Cargo ships: A Colour Portfolio by David Williams and Richard de Kerbeck (ISBN 978071 1031616) costs £14.99 and is published by Ian Allan –**

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To order:

Postal address: Midland Counties Publications
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***** *Captain Lampshire-Jones has sent for this book and got the additional information from the publisher.*

May 2007- Nautilus UK Telegraph

BIGGEST SIMULATOR GETS A \$1M REFIT

A US \$1m refit of the world's largest bridge simulator has been completed by Kongsberg Maritime Simulations (KMS).

The project involved the complete overhaul of the bridge equipment, integration of new software and new image generators on the 4-ton full mission system at the Centre for Marine Simulations (CMS) at Memorial University in St. John's Newfoundland.

Installed in 1992, the original Kongsberg Maritime simulator is one of the most sophisticated in the world and is mounted on a moving platform (built by CAE for use on Boeing 747 aircraft simulators) actuated in all six degrees of the freedom of motion by hydraulic rams. The platform is surrounded by a 7m high projection screen with a 360 degree horizontal view.

*Captain Lampshire-Jones
Vancouver Division*

*Feb. 2007
Nautilus UK Telegraph*

ALTERNATIVE WATCH ROTA CUTS FATIGUE

A US-BASED shipping company is pointing to the success of an alternative watchkeeping system in cutting the problem of seafarer fatigue.

Ocean Shipholdings says it had been using a scheme developed by the German ministry for technology and research to replace the traditional four-on/eight-off pattern with a system of two-hour and six-hour watches.

'This scheme allows onboard personnel to work four hours' overtime each day, while fully complying with the requirements of STCW and the American Oil Pollution Act of 1990' said Captain Robert Sheen, VP operations.

"Initially, there was some hesitation – especially from old officers – to start standing these types of watches" he added. "This was due, in large part, to the six-hour watch segment. However, once these individuals actually experienced the benefits of the long, uninterrupted rest period, they quickly adapted to the new system."

Writing in the latest issue of the international maritime human element bulletin Alert!, Captain Sheen says the alternative watch system was deployed on the company's five 32,500 dwt product tankers, where it has worked 'extraordinarily well' and helped to improve the quality of life at sea.

It is now fully supported by crew members, he adds, who "report being better rested, have a more 'normal' work experience, and feel that they have enough time off to accomplish their personal tasks without compromising their rest."

The new issue of Alert! – which can be seen on the web-site www.he-alert.org - is devoted to the topic of fatigue, with a series of articles examining the problem and how it can be addressed.

The bulletin stresses that fatigue is frequently identified as a cause of accidents and 'fatigue management' is essential.

* The Nautilus Federation has launched a major new research project to investigate problems with the regulations for recording seafarers' work and rest hours.

Prompted by the recently-published Cardiff University findings that some 40% of British officers at least occasionally under-record their hours, the study aims to examine why the system is not working and what can be done to improve it.

Members can take part in the initiative by completing the survey form online – www.nautilusuk.org
All replies will be treated in the strictest confidence.

*Captain Lampshire – Jones
Vancouver Division*

Nautilus UK Telegraph

FROM THE BRIDGE

Note: A CHANGE IN DELIVERY SYSTEM

Commencing with the next issue, the first under our new editor, Captain David Whitaker, we will be posting copies to our members not having e-mail. 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. 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.

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 members who have already paid.

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