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David Bremner, Ratch Wallace, Brian Johnston

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 only manned on the 2nd & 4th 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 YOU CALENDARS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING VANCOUVER DIVISION Saturday, September 6th 2008

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

A light lunch will be served.

Confirm your attendance by September 4th to:

Phill Nelson: 604-472-1226,
email: pnelson@comc.cc
or Dorothy Hickman: 604-298-9456
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THE MASTER'S REPORT

The good weather has finally made it to BC and I wish all members a long and pleasant summer.

We are now into our summer operation during which the office will be manned on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. i.e. July 8, & 22nd and August 12th & 26th. We will return to our weekly Tuesday manning after that.

On April 12th we held the second of our special technical events to discuss the changes introduced by the new Canada Shipping Act. Our Deputy Master, Captain Phill Nelson gave a presentation outlining some of the changed requirements and its effect on ship operations.

At noon we paused for a break and enjoyed a nice lunch prepared by Dorothy Hickman, Bonnie Nelson and Thelma Bremner. I thank them for looking after our "physical" needs so well.

After lunch Captain Nelson introduced Captain John Yeung, Manager Compliance & Enforcement, Transport Canada Marine Safety, who gave an excellent presentation on the new certificate structure and explaining the difference between STCW, Domestic and Limited Certification. He distributed charts laying out the requirements for the many certificates now being issued.

I thank Captain Yeung and Captain Nelson for a most interesting event.

May is usually the month we have the joint dinner with the Transportation Club. Unfortunately we received rather late notice of the actual date and both the Deputy Master and myself had scheduled other activities. However, I understand that a fair number of our members attended and enjoyed a presentation by one of our members, Captain Chris Badger, Chief Operating Officer, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

Incidentally Chris has been fairly busy of late having just taken part in The Three Peaks Challenge, raising money for the International Sailors Society of Canada. A team of three, Chris, Peter Swanston, a well known local marine lawyer and Corrine Doolan from Seaspans took the challenge to climb Ben Nevis (Scotland), Helvellyn (England) and Snowdon (Wales). They were among many teams from various countries taking part. For the last two mountains the weather was so bad the teams were restricted to climbing approximately half way to the summit.

On June 17th I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Western Marine Community. This group of some 30 marine groups meets regularly with members of the governments to exchange views on matters of concern to them. Many of these are also concerns of The Company e.g. Criminalization of Seafarers, Migratory Birds Convention Act and Pollution Regulations.

Our Deputy Master, Captain Phill Nelson gave a report on the activities of the Pacific Coast Marine Review Panel (PACMAR), a group of some 30 marine firms originally set up to supply input to the government regarding the introduction of marine service charges for Coast Guard users.

We are now halfway through the year and although most members have renewed their membership and paid their dues there are a fair number who have yet to do so. We will be sending out second notices to these members and I hope for a quick response to ensure that they remain members in good standing.

*Captain DJ Bremner
Master,
Vancouver Division*

MEMBERSHIP IN THE NAVAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

I understand a special resolution was proposed and passed at the AGM March 1st 2008. that now allows Merchant Navy Officers to be full members of the above association. Anyone wishing further information should contact the Naval Officers Association of BC.

NEW INSIGNIA

The new ball-caps have now been received and are available through the Divisional office.

The caps are stylish with metal badges and are available in blue or black. The price is \$20.00 per cap

Please place your order as soon as possible as I understand that the caps are very popular and the initial supply is diminishing rapidly.

To order contact:

D. Bremner – 604-738-0161 or email: theda@tellus.net
Dorothy Hickman – 604-298-9456

CAPTAIN RALPH JONES

The Canadian Merchant Service Guild was saddened to learn of the passing of Capt. Ralph Jones on the 26th of April 2008. He had served twelve years as president of the Western Branch of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild. After stepping down as President he continued to be active as a Trustee of the same branch until his passing. Capt. Ralph Jones was a well known and highly respected mariner on Canada's West Coast.

Capt. Jones started his sea going career at the age of fourteen during the second world war in the Merchant Marines. Even after being torpedoed on two different occasions he remained in the Merchant Marines until the end of the war.

After the war, Ralph worked ashore for a few years as a mechanic and bull dozer operator. However, shore work was not for Ralph. He went back to sea as a Deckhand for Island Tug and Barge. He sailed on tugs that had wooden hulls with steam power and later on ones with steel hulls and diesel power. Ralph worked his way up through the ranks from Deckhand to Mate and Master on tow-boats. After a number of years working as Master on tow-boats Capt. Ralph successfully completed the BC Coast Pilotage examinations. On the 1st of November 1971 Capt. Ralph was licensed as a British Columbia Coast Pilot. For almost two decades, he safely piloted foreign registered deep sea ships along the British Columbia Coast until his retirement on the 30th of April 1991.

Capt. Ralph will be long remembered by his family, friends and fellow mariners.

*Captain Don Rose
Director
Vancouver Division*

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

I. <u>ASSETS:</u>			
Royal Bank Balance Dec.31/07	3018.60		
Investments	3755.04	2 Canada Trust GIC's	
Inventory	643.18		
Fixed Assets	<u>1.00</u>		
TOTAL ASSETS	7417.82		<u>7417.82</u>
 II. <u>MEMBERS EQUITY</u>			
Retained Earnings Dec.31, 2006	7727.54		
Net income (Loss)	(309.71)		
Adjustment	<u>(.01)</u>		
	7417.82		<u>7417.82</u>

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES - 2007

1. REVENUE:

REVENUE 2007	
Membership Dues (2007)	11,440.50
Initiation Fees	150.00
G.O. Baugh Fund	477.00
CMM Foundation	490.00
Social Functions	4102.50
Sale of Regalia	122.60
Donations Nov.11 & Battle of Atlantic	410.00
Bank Interest	.54
Marine Surveyors Insurance	
Reimbursement Costs "From The Bridge"	250.00 67.30
Reimbursement Costs R.Wallace Conference	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	17,560.44

2. EXPENDITURES

Membership Dues - National	7865.00
Initiation Fees to National	75.00
G.O. Baugh Fund	477.00
CMM Foundation	490.00
Social Functions	3692.91
A.G. Meeting Luncheon	65.92
Nov 11 & Battle of Atlantic	623.51
Regalia Purchases	0.00
Donation to Mission	1800.00
Office Supplies	269.77
Office Insurance	875.00
Honorarium to Secretary	800.00
Port Log	178.22
From The Bridge	131.33
W.C.M. Membership	100.00
R. Wallace Conf.	100.00
Bank Charges	22.50
P.A. System	<u>300.00</u>
Total Expenditures	17866.16

3. RECONCILIATION OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE

Bank Balance. Dec.31, 2006	3324.32
Total revenue for 2007	<u>17560.44</u>
	20884.76
Total Expenditures 2007	<u>17866.16</u>
Bank Balance Dec.31, 2007	3018.60
NET LOSS FOR 2007	(305.72)

4. INVESTMENT INCOME:

Investment Value Dec.31, 2006	3638.75
Investment Value Dec.31, 2007	<u>3755.04</u>
INTEREST EARNED	116.29

5. REGALIA INVENTORY:

Inventory on Hand Dec.31, 2006	763.46
Inventory on Hand Dec.31,2007	<u>643.18</u>
DECREASE ON INVENTORY	120.28

6. INCOME & LOSS STATEMENT

Excess of expenses over income	(189.43)
Inventory decrease	<u>(120.28)</u>
ACTUAL LOSS	(309.71)

TRANSPORTATION TO OUR EVENTS

We realize that some of our members may no longer have means of transportation to our various meetings but would still like to attend them. This was discussed at our last council meeting and Captain Tony Crowther volunteered to coordinate a system of transportation pickups. We would like to expand on this to enable us to arrange pickup and we ask that anyone interested in being picked up let Tony know. Also we would like to know of anyone who would like to act as a pickup driver.

Contact: Tony Crowther - phone - 604-542-9156
e-mail : tonymariner@shaw.cca

REPORT OF THE 158TH NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING – 3RD JULY 2008

At the meeting several topics were discussed.

1. Strategic Plan. There has been little progress on this recently. Captain Soppitt is heading this up and will be contacting the various Divisions regarding this. Divisions are asked to appoint a local contact for these discussions. Our Deputy Master has been in contact with Captain Soppitt.
2. Web Site. The start up of this newly designed site is being organized through the Newfoundland Division with Captain Carlesberg as backup. The site is now ready to be taken into use. Several requirements are necessary to ensure privacy concerns. Such information will require to be encrypted locally by the Divisional webmaster before entry on to the site and that information would only be available to the National Webmaster and the Divisional webmaster. Captain Tony Crowther has volunteered to be the Vancouver webmaster and has been in touch with them.
3. Fair Treatment of Seafarers. Our National Master, Captain Peter Turner has sent letters outlining our concerns to the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Fisheries. A letter was received from the latter acknowledging the concerns. Captain Turner's letter to CAMM on this subject was published in their magazine. Captain Turner said this was one of the subjects under discussion at I.F.S.M.A. An American Group, The Centre for Seafarers Rights, is very active in this field and there is an upcoming United Nations Conference on this.
4. Company Representation at Meetings. Captain Patterson of Newfoundland & Labrador Division said that they are getting several requests to sit on panels and represent The Company. There is an urgent need to have in place some system to set out Company positions on various subjects. Captain Ratch Wallace, reporting on his attendance at the AGM of The Council of American Master Mariners(CAMM), outlined how the various chapters

can put forward "Views" to their National group. These are then discussed at the AGM and voted on. They then become "Positions" and are entered into a "Positions Folio" and can be used as required. They can be amended or discontinued through time. He suggested that a similar system could be set up here. He said that he had noticed how similar our two organizations were and that there was considerable desire to continue our relationship. His report was distributed to all Divisions. Captain Angus McDonald suggested we should have some guidelines ready for discussion and acceptance at our forthcoming AGM.

5. AGM Arrangements. Captain Patterson gave details of their arrangements. They hope to have a good attendance at their Seminar on "Maritime Resource Solutions".

UPCOMING EVENTS

**THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF CANADA
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR DIVISION
WILL PRESENT A SEMINAR ON
THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2008**

**Focusing on Maritime Resource Solutions
At Hampton Hall**

**Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University
Ridge Road, St. John's, Newfoundland**

Proposed topics for the day long seminar include:

- Policy, Licensing & the Seafarer
- Recruitment & Retention of Seafarers
- Financial Incentives for Seafarers
- Physical & Mental Impacts of Seafaring
- Impacts of the ISP Code on Seafaring

For further details see The Company Website:

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NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The 41st Annual General Meeting of the Company will
be held on Saturday October 4th 2008 at 1500 hrs. at
St. John's Newfoundland.

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
- Ball Caps - \$20.00
(plus postage)

THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF CANADA
VANCOUVER DIVISION

NOTICE OF MEETING

To - All Members of the Vancouver Division

In accordance with Section 11.8 of our By-laws, please be advised that the 33rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Vancouver Division of The Company of Master Mariners of Canada, will be held on **Saturday, September 6, 2008 commencing @ 10:30 hours**. The meeting will be at the **Mission to Seafarers premises at 401 East Waterfront Rd Vancouver BC V6A 4G9**.

Members who are unable to attend may use the following Proxy to indicate whom they wish to act on their behalf.

Captain D. Bremner
Master,
Vancouver Division

PROXY

I, _____, of the Vancouver Division, a Member of The Company of Master Mariners of Canada and entitled to one vote hereby appoint _____ of Vancouver Division, a Member of the Corporation or failing him, _____, another Member of the Corporation, to attend and vote for me at the General Meeting or Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Corporation or of a Division (as the case may be) to be held on the **6th day of September 2008**, and every adjournment thereof, with all the powers I should possess if personally present, hereby revoking all previous proxies.

Dated the _____ day of _____, 2008 .

Signature of member.

*Please complete and return to Divisional Secretary a.s.a.p.
CMMC - 401 East Waterfront Rd. Vancouver BC V6A 4G9*