



From the Bridge
*The Newsletter of the Company
of Master Mariners of Canada*
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The Company of Master Mariners of Canada is a professional association for those qualified to command. It was established to encourage and maintain high and honourable standards within the nautical profession, further the efficiency of the Sea Service, and uphold the status, dignity and prestige of Master Mariners.



**THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF
CANADA**
**NOTICE OF 48th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE MEMBERSHIP**

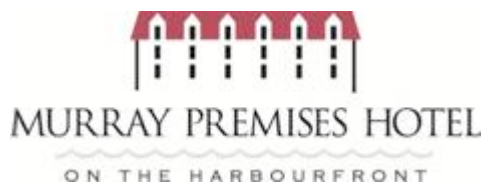
The 48th Annual General Meeting will take place at: -
THE MURRAY PREMISES HOTEL, 5 Becks Cove, St. John's, NL A1C 6H1
Phone: 709-738-7773 at 1500 hours Newfoundland Daylight Time
on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

All members of THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF CANADA are welcome to attend.

Members who are unable to attend may use the proxy form, which appears on Page 9 of this Notice of Meeting (or any similar form) to indicate whom they wish to act on their behalf.

- Note: Proxies should be deposited with the member from your division attending the meeting, at least 7 days before the meeting at which the person named in the proxy proposes to vote. If it is more convenient, you may email your proxy directly to the Secretary. To be counted, proxies must be given to the Secretary prior to the AGM being called to order.

Ivan Lantz
Secretary
lantzivan@gmail.com



The Murray Premises Hotel / St. John's Executive Suites
5 Becks Cove, St. John's, NL A1C 6H1

Reservations for the Company of Master Mariners of Canada AGM
Please contact Beulah Parsons –Paddle
Phone: 709-738-7773 / (866) 738-7773
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When making your reservation please quote **Master Mariners** for the Block rate.

Friday October 2, 2015

17 h 00 to 19 h 00 **Meet and Greet Reception**, One complimentary drink and Cash Bar at the Crow's Nest Officer's Club (crowsnestnl.ca)

Dinner at a local restaurant (Reservations through NL Division)

Saturday October 3, 2015

08 30 to 12 h 00 **Council Meeting (Coffee included)**

12 h 00 to 13 h 30 **Lunch (at own expense)**

13 h 30 to 14 h 30 **CMMC Foundation Annual Meeting**

15 h 00 to 17h 00 **CMMC 46th Annual General Meeting**

18 h 30 **Dinner (One 11 Chop House at the Hotel can accommodate groups up to 20)**

Sunday October 4, 2015

08 h 30 to 11 h 00 **Council Meeting**

12 h 00 to 14 h 00 **Executive Committee Meeting**

14 h 00 **(Possible tour of CMS/MI Facilities or similar)**

Notes

- 1. Shuttle service to/from hotel and possibly airport can be arranged**
- 2. Day tour can be arranged for spouses and partners**

AGENDA

48th Annual General Meeting



of THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF CANADA

The 48th Annual General Meeting held at the
THE MURRAY PREMISES HOTEL, 5 Becks Cove,
St. John's, NL A1C 6H1

1500 hours Newfoundland Daylight Time on
Saturday, October 3, 2015

1. Welcome and Call to Order by Captain Patrick (Rick) Gates, Master
2. Acceptance of the minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting.
3. Business arising from the minutes.
4. Reports from Officers and Divisions including Divisional financial statements:
 - National Master
 - Divisional Masters - Capital, Great Lakes, Fundy, Maritimes, Montreal, Newfoundland & Labrador, Vancouver, and Vancouver Island
 - National Secretary
 - National Treasurer
 - Membership Chair Report
 - Views and Positions Committee Report
 - Education and Professional Development Chair Report
 - Ad-Hoc By-Laws Committee Report
 - Administrator/Trustee for the Captain G.O. Baugh Memorial Fund
 - Foundation Chair and/or Administrator Report
5. Slate of Members for election to the Board of Directors for 2015/2016.
Proposal and Election of Directors for 2015/2016
6. Auditor's report.
7. Appointment of the Auditor for 2015/2016.
8. Other business.
9. Date and place of the 49th Annual General Meeting.
10. Adjournment.

Respectfully,
Ivan Lantz, Secretary.



Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting

of THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF CANADA

The 47th Annual General Meeting
held at the **BEST WESTERN PLUS Brampton**,
30 Clark Boulevard, Brampton, ON, L6W 1X3
1430 hours Eastern Daylight Time on
Saturday, October 4, 2014

1. Welcome and Call to Order by Captain John McCann, Master
In the absence of the Master, the Deputy Master, Capt. Michael Hubbard, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 47th Annual General Meeting of THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF CANADA.
2. Acceptance of the minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting.
The Deputy Master referred everyone to the Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting held at New Westminster, BC on October 5, 2013 that were included in the package for everyone at this meeting. After a brief review, it was moved (Capt. Rick Gates), seconded (Capt. Don Rose) and agreed to approve the minutes of the 46th AGM.
3. Business arising from the minutes.
It was recalled that a discussion took place at the 46th AGM suggesting there should be a standard format for Divisional Reports to the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary reported this task had not been accomplished but a form would be included in the revised Practices and Procedures Handbook.
4. Reports from Officers and Divisions including Divisional financial statements:

National Master

The Master's Report (attached as Add: 1) as submitted by Capt. John McCann was read by the Deputy Master, Capt. Michael Hubbard. The meeting gave a vote of thanks to Capt. McCann for his three years of service as Master and instructions were given to the Secretary to ensure Capt. McCann was aware of this gesture. Capt. McCann's report highlighted the changes in key executive positions during the past three years and left some key objectives to be continued which include keeping the Strategic Plan alive with a focus on recruitment of new members, exploiting social media to reach our membership, updating the website, rejuvenate some weaker Divisions, and ensure all Divisions are active and focused on the strategic directions of THE COMPANY. Capt. McCann also expressed confidence that the new initiative in Professional Development would be a "game changer" for THE COMPANY and future generations of members.

Divisional Masters -

Vancouver Division, Capt. Don Rose (Attached as Add: 2)

The Vancouver Division has 2 new members and one of them, Capt. R. Mangat has become Divisional Deputy-Master. The Division held several social and technical gatherings and assisted with the presentation of Baugh Fund Scholarships to Phoebe Gilday and Jordi Rickaby. The financial statements accompany the report.

*Capital Division, Capt. Michael Hubbard (Attached as Add: 3)
The Division represented THE COMPANY and participated in 8 memorial and remembrance events in Ottawa. They also attended Canadian Marine Advisory Council (CMAC) meetings in November and April. The Divisional financial statement is included in their report.*

*Fundy Division, Capt. Chris Hall (Attached as Add: 4)
Capt. Hall praised the members of Fundy Division for their participation and involvement in COMPANY events and activities. As well as regular meetings, the Division assisted Capt. Hall with the Strategic Plan and provided input to the Views and Positions Chair. Capt. Hall recalled the administrative changes to THE COMPANY and encouraged the Division by stating they made a contribution to THE COMPANY and its relevance within the Canadian maritime community.*

*Maritimes Division, Capt. Rick Gates (Attached as Add: 5)
The Division meets monthly between September and May to hear technical and update presentations. The Division participates in memorial events and is active with the Nautical Institute and its Cadet program at Port Hawkesbury. The Division hosted an Arctic Seminar in 2014. A financial statement accompanies the report.*

*Newfoundland & Labrador Division, Capt. Christopher Hearn (Attached as Add: 6)
Capt. Hearn presented the Master's Report on many activities including the Nautical Skills Competition and the annual Human Resources Conference. The Newfoundland & Labrador Division is actively discussing means to involve THE COMPANY in Continued Professional Development of holders of Certificates of Competency and Capt. Paterson has taken the lead in putting this strategy to paper. Members attended meetings and visits as well as memorial events throughout the year. The financial report of the Division accompanies the report.*

*Great Lakes Division, Capt. Frank Hough (Attached as Add: 7)
The Division had 4 dinner meetings with speakers on technical and historical themes and at one event reached out to the International Shipmasters' Lodge, which resulted in one new member. The Division faces the challenge of members spread over a large geographical area, which complicates meeting arrangements.*

*Montreal Division, Capt. Cliff Parfett (Attached as Add: 8)
The Division has only 13 members and has appointed Capt. Cliff Parfett to be the Divisional Board member. The division had one social event over the past year.*

*Vancouver Island Division, Capt. Geoffrey Vale (Attached as Add: 9)
The Division has 16 members having added 2 this year. Attendance at meetings is poor due to elderly and health issues of some members. Highlights of the year were a visit to BC Ferries Simulator and discussions over the MOL COMFORT incident. Capt. Vale expects any increase in dues may result in loss of members.*

National Secretary (Attached as Add: 10)

The Secretary, Ivan Lantz, prepared meeting notices, agenda's and minutes of Council Meetings 185 through 189. The Notice of 47th Annual General meeting was published in FROM THE BRIDGE as agreed at the 46th Annual Meeting in New Westminster.

National Treasurer (Attached as Add: 11)

The Treasurer, Jack Gallagher was unable to attend the 47th AGM and Capt. Gates from Maritimes Division presented the audited Statements, which are attached. THE COMPANY had a surplus for 2013 of about \$7,000.00 principally due to \$2,500.00 proceeds from the Fundy Division workshop and brisk sales of regalia. Costs for attending conferences, National master travel and IFSMA travel we under budget but the 46th AGM was the most expensive in recent times. Travel for attending AGM is expected to remain a major budget item of concern. Without the additional revenues and under-budget expenses, we would have run a deficit in 2013. Administrative costs are low but travel and AGM costs are expected to remain THE COMPANY's major expenditures.

Membership Chair Report (Attached as Add: 12)

Capt. Kooka, Membership Chair, was unable to attend the AGM but sent a report. Newfoundland & Labrador added the most members again this year. an outstanding issue with membership is the timely dispatch of dues and updating of membership records. Capt. Kooka provided a list of outstanding data requirements for each Division. According to records the following is the current membership standing:

2014 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS REPORT (interim)

date: Sept. 10, 2014

TABLE "A"

2014 membership summary up to August 31, 2014	GREAT lakes	Montreal	capital	fundy	maritimes	vancouver island	vancouver	newfoundland	national	total
full	32	11	7	15	43	4	21	44		177
senior	20	9	11	5	32	10	75	4		166
associate	3	0	0	1	3	1	15	8		31
corporate	1	2			0	1				4
companion	1	0			1	0	1			3
CADETS	0	0			0	0		15		15
honorary	2	2	2		5	3			3	17
life members	1	0	1		2	0				4
total	80	24	21	21	88	18	112	71	3	417

Views and Positions Committee (Attached as Add: 13)

Capt. Peter Turner provided a report on the work of the Views and Positions Committee. Two views were addressed this year; one to the Tanker Safety Panel, Phase 2 on the marine transportation of hazardous and noxious substances and, the other on shipboard training opportunities for Canadian dynamic positioning specialists aboard foreign ships operating under coasting trade licenses. The Committee Chairman also presented a view for development on the matter of Asian gypsy moth inspections of ships by Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Ad-Hoc By-Laws Committee (Attached as Add: 14)

Ivan Lantz reported that THE COMPANY had received its Certificate of Continuance from Industry Canada on August 27, 2014.

Administrator/Trustee for the Captain G.O. Baugh Memorial Fund
(Attached as Add: 15)

Capt. Whitaker provided a report stating the financial standing of the Fund as \$11,657.53 and that they had provided 2 scholarships this past year. The fund received \$2,380.00 in contributions over the past year.

Editor; FROM THE BRIDGE (Attached as Add: 16)

David Whitaker, out Editor of "FROM THE BRIDGE" revealed some of his sources for news articles and his method of chasing down the information. He prints and mails several copies to members as they need hard copies. The Editor deplored the lack of contributions from members; even the idea of an article to investigate would be helpful.

Foundation Chair and/or Administrator Report (Attached as Add: 17)

5. Slate of National Councillors for 2014/2015. (Attached as Add: 18)

Proposal and Election of Council for 2014 / 2015

The Secretary read out the slate of members prepared by the Nomination Committee for election as members of the Board of Directors of THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF CANADA. The slate is as follows:

*John McCann
Michael Hubbard
Christopher Hearn
Jack Gallagher
Ivan Lantz
Geoffrey Vale
Don Rose
Rick Gates
Chris Hall
Frank Hough
Cliff Parfett*

It was moved by Ivan Lantz that the slate of members be elected as Members of the Board of Directors. Rick Gates seconded the motion and the slate was adopted unanimously by the members present.

6. Auditor's report. (Attached as Add: 11)

7. Appointment of the Auditor for 2014/2015.

It was moved by Capt. Gates and Seconded by Capt. Vale that Scott A. Webster, CMA of Dartmouth NS be appointed as the Reviewer of the Financial Statements for the financial year ending December 31, 2014. The motion was adopted.

8. Other business.

There was discussion concerning the shifting of members from one division to another and the recent absence of members employed by the Federal Government. This exchange highlighted the need for networking opportunities to keep track of members.

9. Date and place of the 48th Annual General Meeting.

The Newfoundland & Labrador division was invited to host the Annual Meeting of Members in 2015 to which Divisional Master Capt. Christopher Hearn agreed. The proposed date is October 3, 2015, subject to availability of hotel and meeting place.

10. Adjournment.

Capt. Gary Kassbaum of Great Lakes Division moved the adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully,

Ivan Lantz, Secretary.

The Secretary can provide the complete minutes with attachments upon request.
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PROXY

THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF CANADA COMPAGNIE DES CAPITAINES DU CANADA

I, _____ name of voting member _____, of the _____ Division, a Member of THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF CANADA, and entitled to one vote hereby appoint, _____ name of proxy holder _____, of _____ place _____, a member of The Company or failing him, _____ alternate proxy holder _____, another member of The Company, to attend and vote for me at the **48th Annual Meeting** of members of The Company or to be held at St. John's NL, on the **3rd day of October 2015**, and every adjournment thereof, with all the powers I should possess if personally present, hereby revoking all previous proxies. Dated the ____ day of _____, 2015.

Signature of member

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