



The Nautical Skills Competition of The Master Mariners of Canada NL Division



The Company of Master Mariners of Canada NL Division would like to thank the above sponsors for the great support they have provided to make this valuable competition a splendid success. These young people are going to be the future of the marine industry filling in various positions onboard all kinds of vessels. Once again THANK YOU to all sponsors.



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Captain Jim Thorpe

The 1st place winners of the Nautical Skills Competition (NSC) are presented with a plaque named in honour of Captain Jim Thorpe (R. James Thorpe), who was a member of the Master Mariners of Canada (NL Division) and a valuable mentor to the Marine Institute's Nautical Science cadets. Captain Thorpe's passion for student success was palpable as he proved to be a valuable source of information for the cadet technical reports. He was often found volunteering at the school, sharing memories of his own cadet and sailing experiences with the students. The plaque honours the memory of this lifelong respected and professional mariner.

Captain Jim Thorpe was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, a son of a sailing family, all of whom were active in the Housatonic Boat Club, the oldest yacht club in the state of Connecticut. An avid Yachtsman, he attended Maine Maritime Academy, where he was involved with sailing and club activities. Jim sailed the world with American Export Isbrandtsen Lines as Deck Officer and Navigation Officer, obtaining a USCG license of Master, any gross tons. He also held a distinction of having served on the NS Savannah, the first, and one of the few ever built, commercial nuclear powered ships.

Jim retired to Newfoundland with his family, where he collaborated with the Master Mariners of Canada among other projects. Jim was a mariner of the old school, a community builder, and a loving family man with an active circle of friends. His legacy remains an inspiration to young and seasoned mariners alike. Captain Thorpe passed away in January 2009 in St. John's, NL.



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At the first Nautical Skills Competition held in 2012, his wife Dawna Vivian and his son Lydon Thorpe presented the 1st Place Award in his honour.

Group Picture of the Students and Judges

Our very sincere thanks go to the Judges, some of whom are members of the Division and some are volunteer master mariners.



This year, at the Nautical Skills Competition (NSC) we had 57 Nautical Science students, **ten** high school students, **one** student from Fogo Island, NL and **one** from Ontario.



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The Nautical Skills Competition (NSC) started in 2012 and that makes this one the 9th NSC. It is always held at the Marine Institute (MI) of Memorial University of Newfoundland.

This annual project of MMC NL Division is carried out jointly with the MI. **The MI provides great support by making their facilities available for these events.**

This year the NSC had the following events:

- 1- Navigation / Shiphandling
- 2- Dynamic Positioning
- 3- Offshore Operations
- 4- Seamanship
- 5- Stability / Ballast and Cargo Work
- 6- SAR (Search and Rescue)

As always the NSC is open for the first year, second year and the third year Nautical Science students. These events are continuously improved to make it more interesting and challenging to the students.

These events also give the students an opportunity to take part in some of the activities otherwise they may not get during their required sea training. These events are very educational.

Ms Maria Halfyard voluntarily accepted the Coordinator's position of the NSC from the day the MMC NL Division decided to go ahead with the NSC. She has made improvements to the NSC year after year accepting ideas from the members of the Division.

The NSC Committee has a Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Committee meets several times a year.

The Marine Industry provides strong support to this NSC. Their tremendous support is a major factor in the great success of the Competition.

We can never thank enough to Maria for her dedication and her determination to keep working at this and making it a much appreciated success year after year. We also have to thank two people who provide great support to Maria. They are Ms Jennifer Howell, Enrolment Management coordinator, MI and Dr. Angie Clarke, Director Student affairs, MI.

We would like to thank the two ladies who spent the day at the NSC taking pictures of all the events.



Ms Maria Halfyard

Here are the pictures of various events and the award winners:

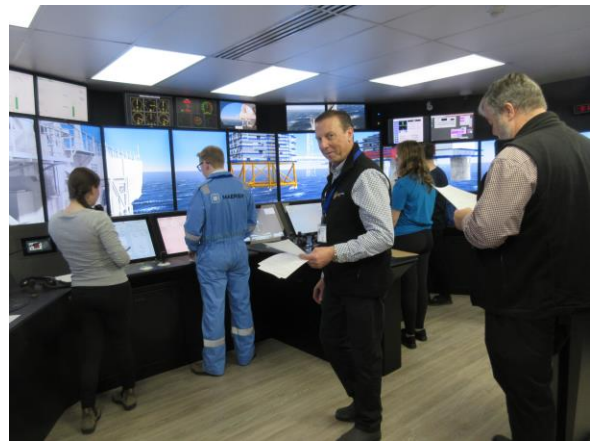


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High School Tuition Awards:



Presented by Captain Jim Parsons (**MMC Foundation**) to Nicholas Spearns, Burin Bay Arm, NL (Student One)



Presented by Captain Jim Parsons (**MMC Foundation**) to Tyler Sheppard, Fogo Island, NL (Student Two)

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Presented by Captain Eben March (**MMC NL Division**) to Nathan Hesketh, St. John's, NL (Student Three)



Participant, Reagan Clements with Captain
Jim Parsons

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Shiphandling (ALGOMA) Team 2 (Anchor Crankers)



L-R: Captain Darnell Normore and Captain Jamie White (Algoma), Michael Pittman, Colin Miller, Daniel Mayhew, Billy Patey, Christopher Tynes, Darcy O'Brien, Nicholas Neil and James Murphy

Spirit Award (Atlantic Pilotage Authority) Team 5 (Beached Buoys)



L-R: Captain Paul Kean (APA), Andre Simoes Re, Arjunbir Bajwa, Shawn Kirby, Matthew Chippett, Matthew Martin and Dylan May

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Problem Solving Award (Maersk Supply) Team 5 (Beached Buoys)



L-R: Andre Simoes Re, Paul Harvey (Maersk Supply Services), Shawn Kirby, Matthew Chippett, Matthew Martin, Arjunbir Bajwa, Dylan May, Lori Phillips (Maersk Supply Services)

Professionalism Award (DFO Subsea) Team 6 (Depth Perception)



L-R: Connor Edwin Oliveira, Robin Blatch, Blake Russell, George Shaw, Michael Tulk, Katie Barker, Captain Eben March (MMC NL)

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Safety Award (Horizon Maritime) Team 3 (The Simple Sailors)



L-R: Colby Young, Christopher Rafuse, Philip Roberts, captain Cliff Gaetz (Horizon Maritime), Drenaud Moncur, Ben Mouland, Levi Hiscock

Honourable Mention (Marine Institute) Team 1 (Barrett's B'ys)



L-R: Jeremy McDougal, Captain Fabian Lambert (MI), Rob Ducey, Foster Penton, Joshua Antle, Noah Moody, Sammy Ledrew, Kirkland Thorne, Riley Collier

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Teamwork and Leadership (Fednav Ltd) Team 8 (The Sextant Pistols)



L-R: Mr. Gary Bishop (Fednav), Victoria Gillett, Robert Mouland, Peter Barron, William Bishop, Reagan Clements

3rd Place Award - \$250 each, Team 8 (The sextant Pistols)



L-R: Captain Eben March (MMC NL), Reagan Clements, Victoria Gillett, Peter Barron, Robert Mouland, William Bishop

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2nd Place Award - \$500 each, Team 2 (Anchor Crankers)



L-R: Captain Eben March (MMC NL), Daniel Mayhew, Billy Patey, Michael Pittman, Christopher Tynes, Nicholas Neil, Darcy O'Brien, Colin Miller, James Murphy

1st Place Award - \$1000 each, Team 5 (Beached Buoys)



L-R: Arjunbir Bajwa, Shawn Kirby, Captain Eben March (MMC NL), Andre Simoes Re, Dylan May, Matthew Chippett, Matthew Martin



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**The Ninth Nautical Skills
Competition was a great one.**

**We look forward to the
Tenth Nautical Skills
Competition
In 2021.**