



# 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.*

### FROM THE MASTER'S DESK

I am pleased to report to the membership that we had a very productive Annual General Meeting hosted by Vancouver Division this October.

As reported at the AGM we have been going through a number of leadership changes and adding more capacity in terms of committees and new competencies and capacity.

Building on the great work of Capt. Greenway as Chair of the Education Committee as well as the CMMC Foundation, Captain Anthony Patterson has taken on the leadership role of Education Chair and Capt. Jim Parsons will lead the efforts as Chair of the CMMC Foundation.

Capt. John Ennis will be the Administrator of the CMMC Foundation. We were pleased to present Capt. Greenway with a Certificate of Appreciation for his contribution to nautical training and education and the Foundation on behalf of the Company of Master Mariners of Canada.

As previously stated we have our Chair of the Views and Positions committee with Capt. Peter Turner.

Capt. Turner has also been our focal point with IFSMA. Your national executive team will remain intact for the next year with Captains McCann, Hubbard, Hearn, Calvesbert, Lantz and Gallagher.

I would like to thank the By-law committee for the work done on the necessary changes to our Letters Patent as required under the Corporations Act which will set the stage for our future governance for years to come.

Going forth, we have established several priorities starting with refreshing our strategic plan that will be led by Capt. Chris Hall and his team made up of divisional members. This will provide us with a key road map going forth notwithstanding that it must be reflective of the membership's desired direction.

As National Treasurer, Capt. Gallagher has been masterful in managing the finances of the Company, which has resulted in no dues increase for 2013. In addition, Capt. Gallagher will lead the review of our website with the idea to develop greater utility for the membership which may include better social media capacity.

Membership, membership, membership, we collectively need to do everything possible to engage and encourage new members. We have a number of membership categories that could be used to bring new members in. I seek/challenge all members to work on increasing membership in 2014.

So with the priorities set for the upcoming year I look forward to working with the National Executive and Divisional Masters in accomplishing our stated goals and objectives which include renewing our Letters Patent, renewing our strategic plan and increasing our membership. Just as important we need to continue to support Capt. Turner and his committee work in developing our views and positions on those issues that impact us the most.

On behalf of the Executive and National Council I wish all members a safe and prosperous Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Captain John McCann. National Master**



**Notice of a Maritimes Division event.**

**Arctic Seminar Series # 4: The Evolving Arctic, Challenges and Opportunities.**

**April 29th, 2014**

**Weldon Law School Building Room # 105**

**Dalhousie University**

**Halifax, Nova Scotia**

The aim of this Seminar is to investigate the progress of development in the Canadian Arctic and the needs to support an expanded shipping season for cruise ships, resource extraction and the potential traffic using the North-west Passage as a shorter shipping route. The Seminar will consider the resources in place for Search and Rescue, Oil Pollution Response, Ice-breaking, Ice-navigator services, re-fuelling, ship repair and places of refuge. Discussions will consider requirements for investments in infrastructure and regulatory regimes to protect seafarers, the fishery and the sensitive environment, resources and communities.

Do the services and regimes of Russia in the Northern Sea Route provide a template for Canadian North-west Passage policy? Should services be government or industry provided or a mixed model?

The recommendations from this seminar will be forwarded to Transport Canada, the Canadian Coast Guard and other relevant government agencies. Recommendations related to research will go to the Halifax Marine Research Institute and the Marine Environmental Observation, Prediction and Response Network. Recommendations which merit attention of the International Maritime Organization will be forwarded to it through the Nautical Institute or the International Federation of Shipmasters' Associations which have consultative status at IMO.

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**Captain G.O. Baugh Memorial Fund Scholarship:** This year two \$1,000 Scholarships were offered to students at nautical schools across the country. The response and the calibre of the applicants was great. Thirteen students applied, four from Memorial in St. John's, NL, four from the Nova Scotia Community College in Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia, one from Georgian College in Owen Sound, Ontario and four from the British Columbia Institute of Technology Marine Campus.

The trustees deliberated over the applications and agreed that the successful applicants were Phoebe Gilday and Jordi Rickaby, both Second Year Cadets at BCIT. An item about this will appear in the February edition of "From the Bridge".

Scholarships were first given out in 1981, and to the end of 2013 a total of \$59,550.00 has been awarded to students.

As we start collecting dues for next year I would like to draw the attention of our members to the Voluntary Contribution of members towards the above fund. The fund is supported entirely by our member's contributions – small amounts under \$25.00 can go towards building up the fund whereas larger contributions requiring income tax receipts come under The Corporation Charity Regulations which require that 80% of these amounts must be distributed as scholarships during the following year. We need your support and I would ask that you consider supporting the Baugh Fund as best you can. This is a worthy purpose.

My very best wishes to all of you for Christmas and the New Year,

Sincerely, **David Whitaker. Chairman, Capt. G.O. Baugh Memorial Fund**