

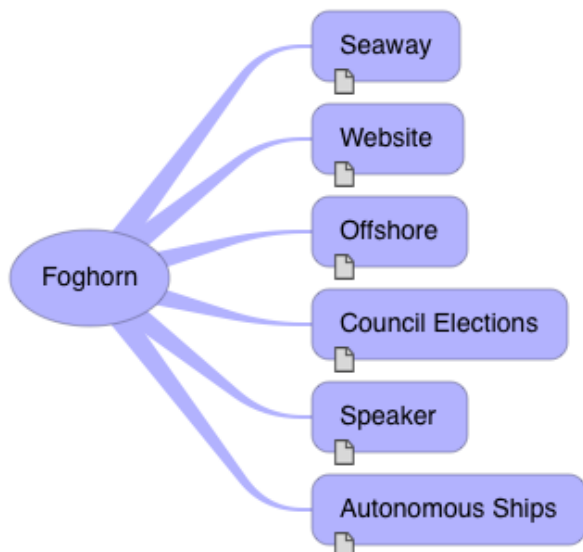


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**From the Master
Capt. Chris Connor**



Seaway

It is always a pleasure to watch a competent ship handler perform their duties in a competent and professional manner. On Thursday of last week I was fortunate enough to be invited to spend the day on the ALGOMA NIAGARA, while the Master was away at the top hat ceremony marking the opening of the St Lawrence Seaway.

The ALGOMA NIAGARA is Algoma Central Corporations newest equinox class self-unloading bulk carriers working on the Great Lakes. Joining at The wall just below Lock 3 we were cleared to enter the lock and commenced the upbound transit.

It was a great pleasure to watch Captain Larry Sherwood maneuver the 740 foot ship into the lock with three feet to spare for and aft and one foot on either side with no drama in a seamanlike manner.

I am looking forward to joining my next ship NACC QUEBEC sometime late this month. In the mean time we have CMMC business to attend to.

Website

Unfortunately, the CMMC website went off the air when the server account was mistakenly cancelled by the account holder. We are taking steps to get the site up and running again and will put in place safeguards to prevent a recurrence of this event. Fortunately we have a back up for the website.

Offshore

The offshore is starting to see signs of life again after the unprecedented downturn over the last four years. Former colleagues of mine in the Oil & Gas sector are telling me that the industry will start to see significant work first in the North Sea and Norwegian sectors. Likewise we see that things are starting to move here in Nova Scotia with BP preparing to spud a one well contract SW of Sable Island. Hopefully this will generate opportunities for our members here at home.

Council Elections

A non-profit organization like the Company of Master Mariners of Canada is highly dependent the efforts of the volunteers. If you are interested in serving the Division please contact me at connor@mastermariner.com and I will make sure you are on the ballot.

The position on council is rewarding but not arduous. Once the council is elected, they appoint the officers to their positions as required. If you have some spare time, this is an awesome opportunity to give back to your colleagues and the Industry.

Speaker

We are always looking for interesting speakers to talk at our professional meetings. Have you done something that is out of the ordinary recently? Why not tell us about it. Alternatively, if you know somebody that would have an interesting topic to speak about do not hesitate to let us know so that we can ask them to speak to us.

Autonomous Ships

Finally, do not miss the opportunity to attend the one day symposium on autonomous ships - Who is in Command? On 25 April 2018 at Dalhousie University. It is possible to register at Eventbrite now and details have been posted on Twitter and will be on the website once it is up and running again hopefully by the 2nd of April at the latest.





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**Capt. Connors and his “new” command
Transiting one of the locks in the Welland Canal**





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Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS

Maritimes Division AGM
1900 Wednesday 11 April
Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

Autonomous and Remotely Controlled Ships
Seminar Dalhousie
Wednesday 25 April

Canadian Merchant Navy Battle of the Atlantic
Remembrance Service
1100 Saturday 5 May
Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony Point Pleasant
Park
1100 Sunday 6 May

Professional Meeting
1900 Wednesday 9 May
Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

Annual Waterfront Reception onboard HMCS
Sackville
mid-late June TBA



2018 Dues

\$200 for Full Members
\$100 for Senior Members
\$20 for Cadet Members

Dues can be sent to
wilkieg@gmail.com for e-transfer,
or to the MMC Maritimes Division
Mailbox: PO Box 315, Dartmouth,
NS, B2Y 3Y5

Capt. Gregory Wilkie is our new
Treasurer/Membership Chair
replacing Capt. Colin Millar. Greg
lives in Halifax, NS and currently
works for the Canadian Coast Guard
in Dartmouth, NS on the CCGS
Corporal McLaren MMV.

Thanks Colin for your great service
during your period or sometimes
trying duty.



NSCC Marine Campus Port Hawkesbury Skills Competition Capt. Todd Gilmour

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You are invited to the following event:

AUTONOMOUS & REMOTE CONTROL SHIPS - WHO IS IN COMMAND

Event to be held at the following time,
date, and location:

Wednesday, 25 April 2018 from
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (ADT)

**Kenneth C Rowe Management
Building**

6100 University Avenue

Room 1020

Halifax NSCanada

Registration

You do not need to print out the ticket, we will have your name and delegate package waiting for you at 08:00. We look forward to seeing you at our event. Please advise in advance if your plans change and you will not be attending as we would like catering arrangements to match attendee numbers.

Introduction

This will be a one day event to be held at Dalhousie University on 25th April 2018 and will include a luncheon and coffee breaks.

The intention of this symposium is to present speakers who are or will be involved in the development of autonomous ships such as government regulatory agencies, classification societies, equipment manufacturers and the marine legal profession.

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/autonomous-remote-control-ships-who-is-in-command-registration-43569582795>

Time / Event /Speakers

0800: Registration (Welcome Coffee & Muffin hosted)
0845: Welcoming - Captain Chris Connor, Divisional Master, MMC Maritimes Division

Session 1 – Technologies and Opportunities

0900: Key Note Speaker - Captain John Lloyd, CEO, Nautical Institute
0930: Nick Burchill - Subsea Sales Manager, Kongsberg Maritime
1015: Coffee Break
1030: TBA

Session 2 - Policy and Regulatory Environment

1115: Donald Roussel - Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Transport Canada, Safety and Security
1200: Lunch Break
1300: Colin Clark - President and Consultancy Manager, Lloyd's Register Applied Technology Group / Martec Limited
1330: Peter MacArthur, CFO Atlantic Pilotage Authority

Session 3 – Challenges

1400: Matthew G. Williams - Ritch Williams & Richards, Insurance & Marine Law
1430: TBD
1500: Coffee Break
1515: Panel Discussion - Selected panelists moderated by Dr. Aldo Chircop, Dalhousie University
1645: Wrap-up – closing remarks by Dr. Aldo Chircop and Captain Chris Connor
1700: Adjourn
1715: Reception – University Club

Event Sponsors:

- Canadian Merchant Service Guild
- Atlantic Pilotage Authority
- Allswater Marine Consultants Ltd.
- Lloyd's Register Applied Technology Group (Martec Limited)



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Battle of the Atlantic Sunday

On Sunday, 06 May 2018, Canadians will gather to remember those brave sailors of the RCN, aviators of the RCAF, and Merchant Mariners during the Battle of the Atlantic Campaign from the 3rd of May 1939 to the 8th of May 1945. More details will be forthcoming.



**After reading the following article,
Capt. Jack Gallagher asks”
Is Canada keeping up with training
in the maritime field?**

SUNY Maritime College Gets \$300 Million to Build New Training Ship

March 23, 2018 by gCaptain



Illustration of the National Security Multi-Mission Vessel that will serve as SUNY Maritime College's new training ship starting in 2022. Image Credit: SUNY Maritime College
The \$1.3 trillion U.S. government spending bill signed by President Donald Trump on Friday includes \$300 million in federal funding to build a new National Security Multi-Mission Vessel to replace the Empire State VI as SUNY Maritime College's training ship, the state maritime academy announced Friday.

In a letter to the Maritime College Community, RADM Alfultis, President of Maritime College,

said the new vessel, which will be the nation's first National Security Multi-Mission Vessel, will be delivered in time for the 2022 summer sea term.

“After many years of work, our dreams of having a new, purpose-built ship to educate and train the nation's future mariners has come to pass,” wrote RADM Alfultis.

“Hundreds of Maritime College faculty, staff, alumni and supports advocated to replace Empire State VI through several letter-writing campaigns. I thank you for playing your part in getting us to this exceptional day in Maritime's nearly 150-year history,” he added.

Maritime's current training ship, Empire State VI, was built in 1962 and later converted to serve as a training ship for Maritime College students in 1989. Of the six training ships in America, Empire State is the oldest and has been in service the longest.

The U.S. Maritime Administration has been working with Alameda, California-based Herbert Engineering for the past several years on the design of the National Security Multi-Mission Vessel (NSMV), the details of which were released to the public last year.

The National Security Multi-Mission Vessel will be an entirely new class and designed specifically for training purposes. The vessel will also be designed to respond to national disasters, as state maritime academy ships have done in the past in the wake of hurricanes Katrina, Sandy, Harvey, Irma and Maria.

The first NSMV, which will be called Empire State VII, will have berthing for more than 700 individuals, or up to 1,000 people for up to two weeks in times of humanitarian need. It will have roll-on/roll-off capability and container storage, with a cargo crane and a side ramp for self-loading. The vessel also features hospital facilities, a helicopter landing pad, training spaces, including eight classrooms, a full training bridge, lab spaces and an auditorium. For propulsion, the vessel will be equipped with stern and bow thrusters, and a flap-type rudder



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to allow the ship to moor without help from tugs. The vessel will not be dynamically positioned.

Maritime College says the first NSMV will cost approximately \$350 million to build.

“This news would not have been possible without the consistent staunch support of our elected officials, especially Representative Joe Crowley, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, and the rest of the New York delegation, as well as the dedication of Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and SUNY Chancellor Kristina Johnson,” wrote RADM Alfultis.

“A new training vessel is an investment in the next generation of mariners – one that will foster the expertise and judgment necessary for America’s maritime community to continue leading the world,” said Chairman Crowley, whose district includes SUNY Maritime College.

“SUNY Maritime is known for its world-class ability to churn out talented engineers by the boatload, but they need a new, world-class vessel to continue to do that into the future,” said Senator Schumer. “This \$300 million investment for a new training vessel will help better train the students of SUNY Maritime and steer them toward an even more successful future.”

“This funding is an important investment to repair and replace the training vessel at SUNY Maritime so that our mariners continue to have the training facilities they need,” said Senator Gillibrand. “I was proud to fight for these funds to be included in the Omnibus legislation because our mariners deserve the most up to date equipment and training facilities to learn the latest and most efficient technologies.”



The NSCC 2018 Annual Skills Competition Capt. Todd Gilmore

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Seafarers 2018 Toast To Spring

Capt. John McCann has submitted an announcement which is contained on the following pages. As usual, we encourage the Master Mariners of Canada to support the worthwhile activities of the Seafarers Mission and its dedicated staff and volunteers.



Don't quit yet, there are more pages following.

Capt. Jim Calvesbert, Editor
jim.calvesbert@gmail.com

A Toast to Spring

in support of



A Toast to Spring *in support of Mission to Seafarers*

Join us **Saturday, April 28, 2018** at the **Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market** for an evening of live musical entertainment, a silent auction and raise a glass in support of the **Mission to Seafarers!**

Celebrate spring's arrival with a selection of wines from **Bishop's Cellar**.



WHEN: Saturday, April 28, 2018

TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market

TICKETS: \$50 each



For more information and to purchase tickets please email **Maggie** magwhitt@ns.sympatico.ca, **Helen** hglenn@bellaliant.com or by phone (902) 422-7790.

www.missiontoseafarershalifax.ca



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Skills

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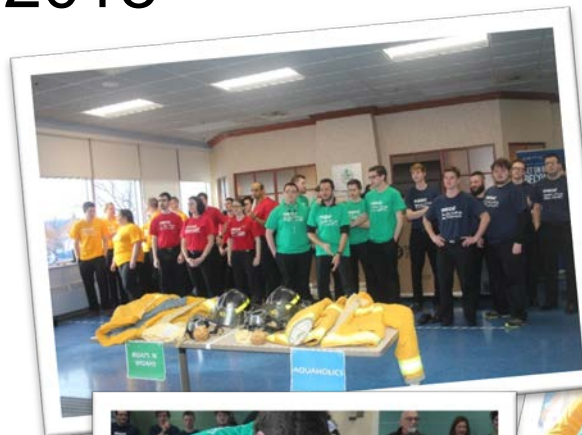
Skills Competition 2018

On March 6 & 7th, the NSCC Nautical Institute hosted their fourth Annual Marine Skills Competition. It was a very exciting few days that consisted of three major events that included the Marine Skills Competition, Gala Dinner and finishing off with the Marine Career Fair.

The Skills Competition kicked off the event bringing much excitement and enthusiasm to the campus. Having four teams of eight comprised of both Navigation and Engineering cadets in all three-four years of study. The teams trained hard relying on each other's expertise to successfully complete all the stations.

To start the competition, the relay station consisted of 16 tables- four different skilled tables for each team. All team members were encouraged to train for each table as team names were drawn the morning of to determine who would compete at each mini station; two team members were allocated per table. Teams had 12 mins per table to complete their tasks.

- The Relay Station consisted of
 - Donning of BA's
 - Electro
 - Seamanship
 - And Flags



The teams then rotated through the

- Interconnected Navigation & Engine Room Simulator
- Presentations on the Marine Industry and the
- Engine Room Shop

Finishing the day off with the Rescue Relay in the Wave Tank.

At the end of each station, teams were evaluated and the results were brought back to our accounting department where the results were securely placed and announced that evening at the Gala Dinner.

The top two teams were awarded a combined prize of \$7200 with first place having their names added to the Skills trophy.



That evening the Gala Dinner hosted over 180 guests from the Marine Industry. The event was filled with great cheer, live entertainment, a three-course meal, and the drum roll was given for the announcement of the top two teams. First place winners went to **No Ship Sherlock, which was led by 3rd year Navigation cadet, Julian Crick and second place went to Rhumb Runners led by 3rd year Engineering cadet, Jennifer MacInnis.**

Captain Todd Gilmore from the Master Mariners of Canada awarded 4th year Navigation Cadet Colin Rumbolt with the Master Mariner Safety Award for successfully performing the Heimlich Maneuver on a fellow cadet and John Attersley from Canadian Institute of Marine Engineering awarded the CIMarE, Atlantic Branch Scholarship to Matthew Devoe for the second year in a row!





New to the Skills Competition this year we also hosted over 80 high school students, who as spectators, were provided with many opportunities to experience a variety of Marine skills by watching the competitions, participating in Try-a-Skill demonstrations and networking with members of the Marine industry.

It was our goal to highlight the Marine programs as first choice careers to our future cadets.

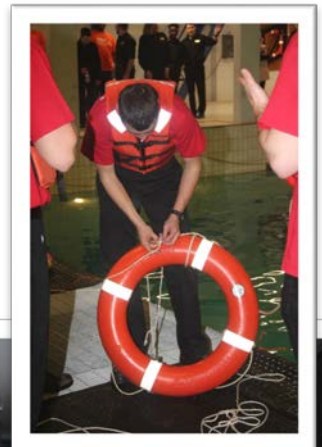
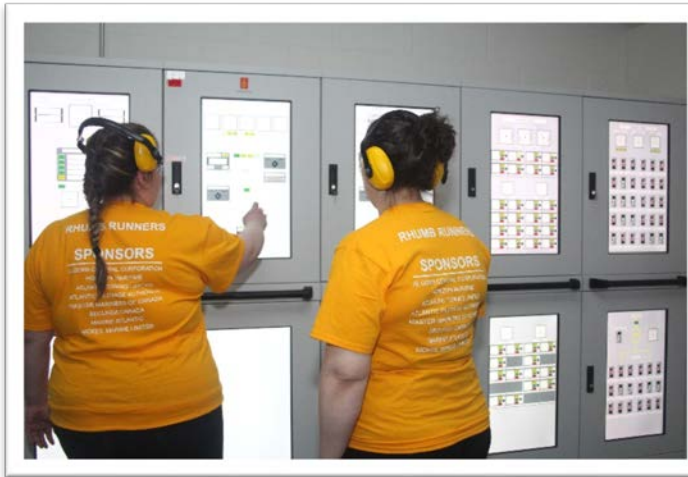
March 7th was dedicated to a Career Fair where the marine industry provided presentations followed by placement interviews and industry booths that were open to both the cadets and the public to attend and inquire within.

The Ships Cook program also once again demonstrated their passion of food and the sea by providing a beautiful High Tide Buffett to the visiting Marine companies during the Career Fair. This five star buffet not only displays the program but their ability to truly go over the top with quality and service.

We sincerely thank all of our sponsors for making this event another success.

- **Algoma**
- **Horizon Maritime**
- **Master Mariners of Canada**
- **Atlantic Towing**
- **Secunda Canada**
- **Atlantic Pilotage Authority**
- **McKeil**
- **Marine Atlantic**

Thank you to all the cadets who participated as volunteers. We could not have successfully done this without you!



Skills Competition Award Winners...

1st Place – No Ship Sherlock

No Ship Sherlock

Abel Stevens

Daniel MacDougall

Taylor Wood

Elliot Hirtle

Julian Crick - Captain

William Campbell

Kaysha MacNeil

Aaron Watson



2nd Place – Rhumb Runners

Rhumb Runners

Taylor Stensrud

Sylvie LeBlanc

Tyler Strickland

Holly MacKinnon

Theodore Roche

Jennifer MacInnis - Captain

Arran Shepherd

Damian Kenney



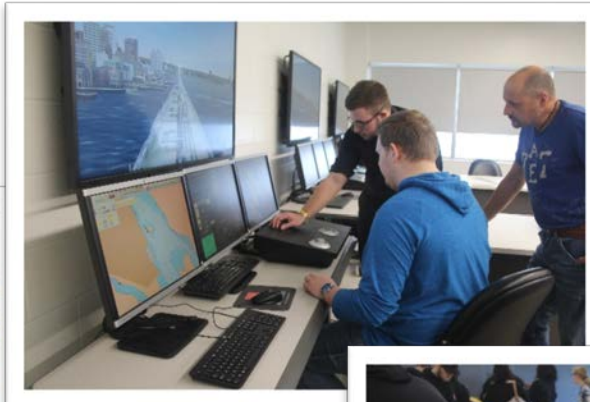
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Try a Skill...



Highschool Students

Career Fair...

