



# The Foghorn

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## From the Master Captain Marshall Dunbar

Here we are already into Fall and you can feel the changes in the weather. Plus, we just experienced the effect of Mother Nature and Hurricane Dorian. Preceding Dorian's arrival, we saw the departure of a large number of ships. They either rode the storm out in sheltered anchorages, headed over to the Bay of Fundy or out to sea and maybe to Europe if that was their destination.

We have also saw the loss of ships and lives with the recent bulk carrier (NUR ALLYA,) car carrier (Golden Ray) and dive boat (Conception) tragedies. Until the causes are confirmed it will be speculation, but they all do seem to be incidents which are with repeated causes.

I would like to send out a request for one of our members to step up and take on the duties of Secretary which is now un-fulfilled with the passing of LCdr Retired Jim Reddy. Please consider this request and look it as an opportunity to help with our Division.

MMC AGM will be held this week and I am proud to be representing the Maritimes Division and expect it will be a good one, especially with the symposium being held in advance of our meetings. A report on the AGM will follow with highlights.



## Upcoming Events

### **NEXT MEETING – DATE CHANGE**

**THURSDAY October 10<sup>th</sup> at 1900  
Maritime Museum of the Atlantic**

The presentation will be on the new Atlantic Canada Standby Vessel Guidelines (AC-SBV) which came into effect in 2016 and replaced the previous Transport Canada TP7920 Standards on Standby Vessels. He will give a brief overview on how the guidelines were developed, emphasize some of the new requirements we brought forward compared to TP 7920 and then point out to some of the issues we are working on for future revisions.

The speaker will be:

Joachim Pektzilikoglou, BSc, MMM, CRSP  
Advisor, Health, Safety & Environment  
OHS & Operational Safety Officer  
Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board



## Sad to report that Mary Smith McDonald, wife of Captain Angus McDonald, had passed away



**September 30, 1930 – September 24, 2019**

Mary, died September 24, 2019, within one week of her 89th birthday. Born in Tarbolton, Ayrshire, Scotland, she was an Arts graduate, Glasgow University (Class of 1951). With her husband and children, she immigrated to Canada in 1967 and lived successively in Montreal, Dartmouth and Halifax.

Mary loved being a teacher and taught in West Africa, Scotland, Montreal and at Bel Ayr and Brookhouse schools in Dartmouth. She was a keen member of the Canadian Federation of University Women (C.F.U.W.), a national women's organization that strives to promote



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equality, social justice, fellowship and life-long learning for women and girls. Mary enjoyed playing clarinet with the Tupper Band and Ron MacKay's Tuesday night band. She appreciated music – including annual attendance at the Kiwanis Music Festival and being a regular subscriber to Symphony Nova Scotia. Mary helped out with the annual Fort Massey Christmas Tea and Sale for many years and really valued the fellowship of the Fort Massey Women's Coffee Group.

Dearly loved and forever missed by her husband, Angus; adult children, Alan (New Zealand), Lindsay, Alison and daughter-in-law, Catherine (New Zealand). Mary was proud of her two New Zealand grandchildren, Finn and Katy McDonald.

Funeral service were held at 11:00 am September 27th at Fort Massey United Church, 5303 Tobin St., Halifax; Rev'd Trent Cleveland-Thompson officiating.

If you would like to make a memorial donation in Mary's name, please consider Fort Massey United Church, the CFUW Halifax Scholarship Fund or Phoenix Youth Programs.

**Rest in Peace, Mary**



## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the HMCS Kootenay Disaster**

On Wednesday, 23 October 2019, Canadians will gather to remember sailors of the RCN who lost their lives while serving onboard HMCS Kootenay.

CFB Halifax, on behalf of COMD MARLANT and the RCM will conduct ceremonies and supporting events with CFB and at Point Pleasant Park.

The ceremony at Point Pleasant Park will begin at 1030 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. Our Division will be represented, but will not be laying a wreath.



*F.W.E. for this edition*

*Captain Jim Calvesbert, Editor*