



The Foghorn

Newsletter of the Maritime Division of the
Company of Master Mariners of Canada

September 2017



**From the Master
Capt. Chris Connor**

I am always a little surprised when I realize that August is half over and our normally short summer is waning rapidly. We are already receiving temperature updates from the editor!

As I write this, I am crossing the Southern Gulf of St Lawrence to visit my ancestral family home in Les Isles de la Madeleine. I can not help but admire the efficiency and competence of the officers and crew in turning the vessel around in Souris. It is a full load. Done in less than an hour. I wonder how long it will be before this service starts to see pressure to replace the Canadian flagged ferry and Canadian officers and crew with cheaper foreign workers. It will start like it always does; with complaints about shortages of qualified crew, etc. The company managers encouraged by their accountants will see only the bottom line. The politicians and bureaucrats will not intervene for many reasons and the traveling public could not care less who is operating the vessel as long as the travel is cheap. It is likely a long way off for this operation but not so far off for others.

The AGM is rapidly approaching. If you are not planning to attend the event (our 50th) in Vancouver then be sure to fill out a proxy so that we can vote on your behalf on the national issues.

Immediately preceding the AGM we are holding a one day symposium on risk mitigation and the indiscriminate use of moratoria by governments and regulators, etc. The subject has become very apropos given the recent announcement by the new NDP government in BC to revisit the recent approval for the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline. To paraphrase the newspaper article they want to prevent tankers from ever reaching their coast! I believe the company will gain quite a lot of

traction with this subject given the timing of recent events.

It has been a busy summer in Halifax. We saw tall ships, Cunard liners, aircraft carriers and all manner of commercial vessels using the port. Traffic is up on the Seaway and the rebound may be starting in the oil and gas sector. The mergers and acquisitions have started anyway.

Horizon Marine has just purchased a very capable construction ship which will be used in the Nova Scotia offshore if the local paper is to be believed.

Local recruiting agencies have been putting out advertisements for non-supervisory and low skilled labour in preparation for mobilizing a MODU into the NS offshore Sector. We will be watching this closely as it develops. The Company is no longer willing to accept vessels with foreign and non-resident crews working under the CNSOPB when highly qualified and skilled Nova Scotia residents remain unemployed.

As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations we are looking for members that are interested in sending us a short video describing what you see as the benefits of belonging to the CMMC. Contact me directly at:

communications@mastermariners.ca

I will sign off now with the request that you think about identifying any local guest speakers that you can recommend and encourage you to invite any potential members or members that have not attended in a while to come out to the meetings this year!

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Announcements

Our September meeting will again be onboard HMCS SACKVILLE
1900 Wednesday 13th of September
at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic Wharf



We will, over the year, be “recruiting” for the Executive and Council in the fashion of our esteemed Capt. Angus. However, if you feel that you have a desire to work on the continuing development of the Master Mariners of Canada, please let any of the Executive know in order that we can discuss this with you and provide you with further insight into the task.

National Annual Meeting

The 50th CMMC National Annual Meeting will be held in Vancouver on the 30th of September. It is preceded by 204th and followed by the 205th National Council Meeting.

This year, a seminar entitled “Mitigating Risk in Marine Transportation: Are Moratoriums Necessary in the 21st Century?” will held conducted at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) Marine Campus.

For those unable to attend, a PROXY is on the last page of this newsletter and can be sent by mail, hand delivered, or e-mailed to Capt. Connor as early as possible but no later than the 22nd of September.



Maritimes Division Council

Our Council currently stands as follows:

Master	Capt Chris Connor
DM	Capt Doug Roe
AM	Capt Jim Calvesbert
Treasurer	Capt Colin Millar (incoming relief this fall)
Council	Capt Todd Gilmore Capt Alan Knight Capt Brad Boutilier LCdr Reddy Secretary



Celebrating 75 Years Serving Seafarers - 1942-2017

The history of the Mission to Seafarers dates back to **1835**, when a young Anglican clergyman realized that the seafarers who manned the ships had no one to minister to them.

Did you know that the Mission to Seafarers is present in 278 ports, in over 71 countries, ministering to over 1.3 million crewmen and women? One never knows what a day at the Mission to Seafarers Halifax will entail. Every year, the Mission helps sick seafarers navigate our healthcare system. This can be a terrifying ordeal especially when illness requires admittance to hospital where they remain long after their ship has sailed. We are a “home away from home” for all seafarers visiting the Port of Halifax.

We invite you to drop by the Mission and see us at work as we care for seafarers from around the world at their “home away from home”, or visit our website www.missiontoseafarershalifax.ca .



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Remember, over 90% of the things we use in our daily lives travel by sea so we encourage you to give thanks for the work of seafarers. It is through the generosity of donors, community partners and volunteers that the Mission's Seafarer Centre on the Halifax waterfront is open and our van roadworthy.



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Rev. Maggie Whittingham-Lamont,
Chaplain



PROXY follows on the next page.

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PROXY
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COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF CANADA
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I, _____, of the _____
Division, a Member of THE COMPANY OF MASTER
MARINERS OF CANADA, and entitled to one vote
hereby appoint, _____, of _____ Division, a
member of The Company or failing him, _____,
another member of The Company, to attend and vote for me
at the 50th Annual Meeting of members of The Company to
be held at North Vancouver, BC, on the 30th day of
September 2017, and every adjournment thereof, with all the
powers I should possess if personally present, hereby
revoking all previous proxies.

Dated the ____ day of _____, 2017

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Signature of Member