



The Deck Log

**Newsletter of the Master Mariners
of Canada (MMC)**

NL Division

July – September 2021

Thursday July 1, 2021

Today here in Newfoundland and Labrador we mark **Memorial Day**. This took place in the morning at the War Memorial in down town. This is the 105th Anniversary of the most significant losses in NL's history. We will never forget Beaumont Hamel and the Battle of the Somme.



Rt. Honourable Dr. Andrew Fury, Premier

This is **Canada Day** and we are celebrating the 154th Birthday while NL is marking the 72nd year as a partner with the Canadian Federation.

Once again for the second time Due to COVID-19 this year also there are no gatherings to celebrate Canada Day. Another big problem this year is the Residential School scandal across Canada. As you know this story is a completely heartbreaking story that prevented many to celebrate Canada Day in the normal fashion.

Monday July 5, 2021

The following from VOCM online news:



(Stena Forth, courtesy Stena Drilling.)

CNOOC Wraps Up Work on Exploratory Well in NL Offshore. The China National Offshore Oil Corporation, or CNOOC has finished drilling Pelles—its first exploration well in the Newfoundland offshore.

The company says now that drilling operations are complete, they are plugging and abandoning the well—something they call standard procedure for all exploration wells. Two international publications earlier this year identified the well as one to watch.

Thursday July 6, 2021

Mary Simon, 30th Governor General of Canada



Mary Simon speaks during an announcement at the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau, Que., on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Simon, an Inuk leader and former Canadian diplomat, has been named as Canada's next governor general — the first Indigenous person to serve in the role. (Sean Kilpatrick/Canadian Press)

"I can confidently say that my appointment is a historic and inspirational moment for Canada and an important step forward on the long path to reconciliation," Simon told journalists.

She is bilingual in English and Inuktitut, but not in French — normally a key requirement for Crown

appointments who are expected to conduct their work and communicate in both official languages.

Friday July 16, 2021

The oldest Canadian Navy vessel in St. John's, NL



The following from VOCM online news:

Century-Old Sailing Vessel Visiting St. John's Harbour (Jul 15, 2021 | 6:51 AM)



She may be the oldest vessel in the Royal Canadian Navy, but the HMCS Oriole, scheduled to pay a visit to St. John's Harbour this week, is still a real show-stopper.

The sailing vessel is a century old, and to celebrate the occasion, she's visiting ports throughout Atlantic Canada.

The 31-metre vessel is scheduled to visit St. John's from Friday, July 16, through to Sunday, July 18.

Tuesday August 3, 2021

Here are some pictures of St. John's harbour on this lovely sunny day.



Thursday August 5, 2021

The 203rd. Royal St. John's Regatta was cancelled due to high winds yesterday. It took place today but due to Covid 19 there were no vendors but there was a virtual garden party. The public was advised and encouraged to stay home and watch the races on TV. Here are some pictures:





Sunday August 8, 2021

Welland Canal

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



The Welland Canal is a ship canal in Ontario, Canada, connecting Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.

It forms a key section of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Great Lakes Waterway. Traversing the Niagara Peninsula from Port Weller in St.

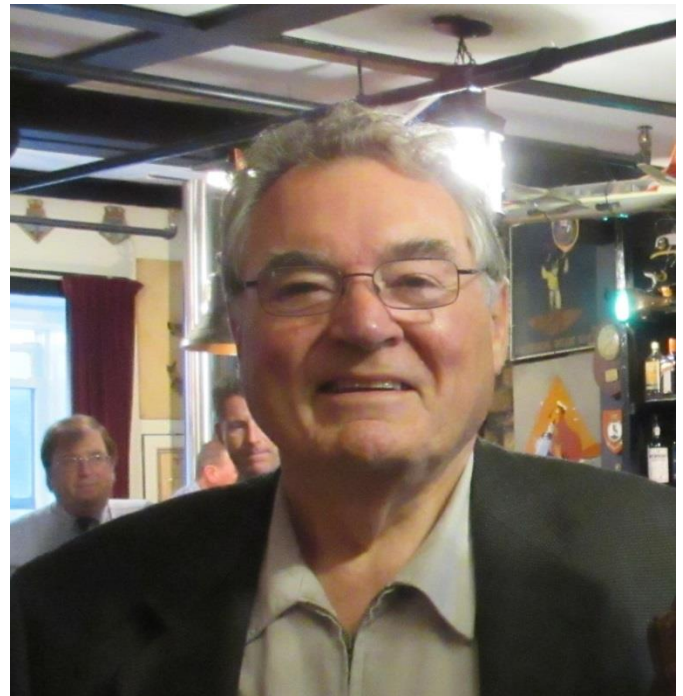
Catharines to Port Colborne, it enables ships to ascend and descend the Niagara Escarpment and bypass Niagara Falls. It is the forth canal connecting these waterways.

The Welland Canal was opened August 6, 1932 and now marking the 89th year.

<https://www.niagarasegway.com/blog/5-interesting-facts-about-the-welland-canal/>

Friday August 13, 2021

Captain Patrick (Rick) Gates passed away



Picture taken in St. John's, NL, 2015

Obituary of Patrick Thomas Gates

GATES, Captain Patrick Thomas Carne, MM, MNI, AFNI: *Lewis Lake, March 26, 1944 – August 13, 2021. A genuine man of the seas. A rare gentle intelligent man of ideas, accomplishments, honesty and integrity ... who loved to laugh, was gracious, generous and always cheerful, passed away peacefully in the arms of his cherished wife, Constance Lynn at home, after a long battle with*

heart disease, so sad for such a beautiful caring heart.

Youngest son of Reginald Carne Gates and Laura (nee Shelton). Predeceased by his first wife, Diane Drummond (Scott) Gates. Survived by his loving wife, Constance Lynn Hall Gates; sister, Veronica Oliver (Gates) (Rex); brother, Anthony Carne Gates (Anne); his worshipping heartbroken cat, Romeo along with numerous nephews and nieces. One of the greatest gifts he enjoyed in his last few years was the gift of family. His marriage to Lynn gave him three stepchildren who came to love him dearly as he did them. Stepdaughter, Lori Lee Robertson (Keith); stepsons, Ronald Scott Speed and Jonathan Derek Hounsell (Nicole).

Born in Dar Es Salaam Tanganyika, he enjoyed an early schooling in East Africa prior to travelling to London, England in 1957, where he furthered his education. He led an eventful life on the sea, visiting many corners of the globe, eventually becoming Master and commanded a number of vessels. Captain Patrick "Rick" Gates immigrated to Canada in 1978. Working days in Canada were spent both on board ship and in senior management positions with Irving Oil, Kentline and lastly The Atlantic Pilotage Authority. He continued his love of the sea, in particular, sailing his beloved Compass Rose on the Kennebecasis River with his best friend Brian Thorne. He retired in 2009 to start up a new company, Gates Marine Consulting Limited.

His name has recently been put forward to receive The Merchant Navy Medal for Meritorious Conduct. He married Lynn in July 2016, they lived a fairy tale life of love and laughter where they shared/garnered many new friends sprinkled in the precious old while travelling the world, enjoying a love of cooking, fine dining and conversation, all the time sharing these loves (and Patrick's famous bread) with their many friends and family.

Some of Patrick's accomplishments include: Captain of the Polar Duke assisting in rescuing survivors of the John Biscoe in 1985; Provincial Master of Master Mariners, Fundy Division;

Master, Master Mariners of Canada, Maritime Division; National Master of Master Mariners of Canada; Associate Fellow of tThe Nautical Institute, London England and a member of the International Federation of Shipmasters IFSMA of London.

In lieu of flowers Patrick and Lynn would appreciate a donation to Sibu Wildlife Sanctuary to aid in the rescue, care and rehabilitation of monkeys burned on power lines in Costa Rica www.classy.org/give/216804/#!/donation/checkout. As per his wishes a Celebration of Life will be held on the dock he had built for his wedding to Lynn at 31 Ransomes Rd. Lewis Lake on August 22 from 4-6 pm.

Arrangements are under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the V.O.N, nurses and doctors of the Cardiology Dept. and Heart Function Dept. Halifax Infirmary, Bridging the Gap Home Care and to the Palliative Care Unit 7A at the V.G. Site.

Captain Ed Anthony, one of our long time members, artwork:



This painting was done from a picture. This is the Queen's Wharf in the early 80's. The two fishermen in the motor boat are probably having a discussion about where all the fish have gone!!!



This painting is named “Coast Guard and Friends”. This was done from a photograph taken near Iqaluit a few years ago.

The following taken from:

Seatrade Maritime News

[Gary Howard](#) | Aug 18, 2021



Eaglestar Marine Holdings announced the appointment of Captain Eezmaira Sazzea binti Shaharuzzaman as the company’s first Malaysian female ship Master.

Captain Eezmaira Sazzea’s first voyage as a Captain began on 13 August 2021 as she took over the command of Seri Bijaksana, a 153,000 cu m LNG carrier.

Captain Eezmaira Sazzea was among the first group of Malaysian women selected to pursue professional maritime training in Akademi Laut

Malaysia (ALAM) when the academy opened its doors to female cadets in 2006. She graduated from ALAM in 2011 with a Diploma in Nautical Studies and has been sailing as an Eaglestar officer for the past 10 years.

St. John’s, NL Pedestrian Mall

Here are a few pictures:



**Here in Canada we have 17 Canada
Port Authorities and two (2) of them
have female Harbour Masters.
Absolutely fantastic!**

The following two items were taken from the internet.



Harbour Master Vicki Gruber in her office at the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority. She is the Manager Port Security and Harbour Master at Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority.

She is a graduate of Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology (Emergency Management) and of Sheridan College (Law and Security)
<https://bayobserver.ca/2021/04/19/vicki-gruber-keeps-order-in-the-port-of-hamilton/>



Melissa Williams is Manager of Marine Operations and Harbour Master for the St. John's, NL Port Authority.

She saw the Marine Institute's (MI) [nautical science program](#), which prepares students for

marine transportation careers, as her ticket to an unconventional job.

In 2016 Ms. Williams became Manager of Marine Operations and Harbour Master at the [St. John's Port Authority](#) – the first woman to hold the job and only the second at a Canadian port authority.
<https://gazette.mun.ca/campus-and-community/unconventional-role/>

September 2021



The Murray Premises building turns 175 years this year. “From fisheries supplies to fine dining and accommodations, the 175 year history of the iconic Murray Premises”

October 2, 3 and 4, 2015, the Company of Master Mariners of Canada (CMMC) held their National Annual General Meeting (AGM) in these Premises, here in St. John's, NL. This was a very lovely and an appropriate place for that.





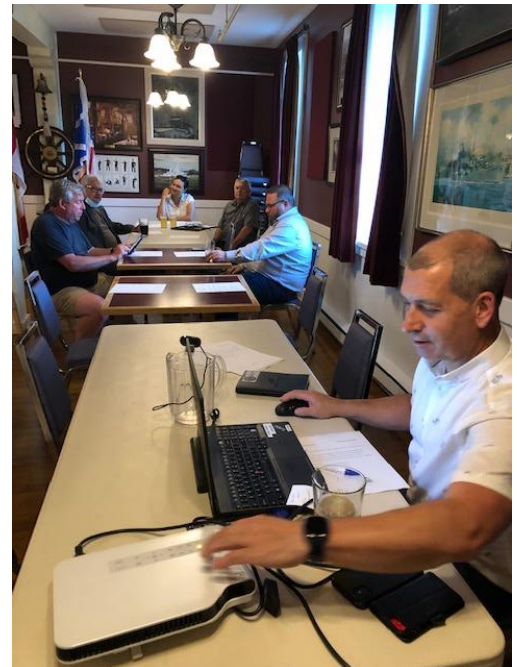
Seated, L-R: Chris Hearn, John McCann, Rick Gates, Jack Gallagher, Mike Hubbard.

Standing, L-R: Tony Patterson, Alec Provan, Chris Connor, Yezdee Kooka, Geoffrey Vale, Chris Hall, Ivan Lantz and Marshall Dunbar



Thursday September 9, 2021

The first general meeting after the summer brake took place this evening in person and virtually. As usual (some) members met at the Crow's Nest while some others were present virtually on Zoom. The Divisional Master Captain Eben March called the meeting to order at 1905 hrs.



Capt. Eben March at the computer



The first order of business was to discuss replacement of Captain Zaki (Secretary of NL

Division) who has held this position since 2004. Captain Ray Dalton was the only person to volunteer for this position. Captain Dalton was unanimously accepted by the attending members (in person and by Zoom) as the new Secretary of the NL Division.

Captain Eben March, the Divisional Master indicated that the next Nautical Skills Competition (NSC) is currently scheduled for January 22, 2022. In June a request was made for a volunteer to take on the NSC Coordinator position. Ms Maria Halfyard has been the NSC Coordinator since we started the competition in 2012. Capt. March indicated that a person has volunteered but waiting for confirmation. Capt. March has been interim chairperson of NSC Committee and he said he may have someone to take over this role as well.

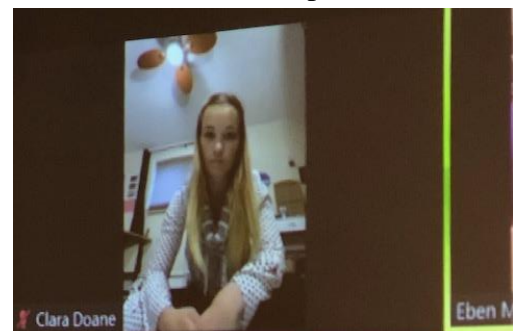
It was tentatively agreed that the Christmas party to be held on Friday, December 17th 2021. Capt. March will determine availability at either the Sheraton Hotel or the Delta Hotel and will inform members when a decision has been made.

Capt. March stated that the national committee is examining changing the fee structure for dues for the organization. There is a proposal to have a monthly payment of \$20 or \$25 to be automatically deducted from the bank account (of members) instead of an annual payment. All divisions will need to confirm that they are able to do this. A question was asked if this change was made would it still be possible to make one annual payment as we currently do. The fee structure will be discussed at the national AGM coming up later this month (September 25th).

There is an open session of the national AGM on September 25th @ 1500 and Capt. March suggested that members who would like to participate could gather at the Crow's Nest. Several members thought this was a good idea.



Here are some screen captures:



September 2021



February 14, 2019, Mr. Glenn Blackwood was presented with an Honorary Membership certificate by Captain Eben March the Divisional Master.

Mr. Glenn Blackwood retired from the Marine Institute of Memorial University September first 2021. He was appointed Vice-President, Marine Institute of Memorial University in 2011. During his years at the Marine Institute he brought in many improvements to the Marine Institute.

Mr. Glenn Blackwood was given Honorary Membership, Company of Master Mariners of Canada NL Division in February 2019. He was a great supporter of the Master Mariners of Canada NL Division's Nautical Skills Competition.



<https://gazette.mun.ca/campus-and-community/a-great-job/>

The 54th Annual General Meeting of the Company of Master Mariners of Canada

This took place Virtually via Zoom on September 25, 2021, 1500 ADT.



Top row, L-R: Farrokh Kooka, NL (Eben, Chris and Glenn), Chris Hall, Jim Calvesbert, Middle row, L-R: Dan McDonald, Dave Dyke, Marshall Dunbar, George Iskandar, Bottom row, L-R: Bret Maukonen, Chris Connor, Ivan Lantz and Cindy Brown

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Master Mariners of Canada, Captain Chris Hall. Captain Hall welcomed all attendees and regular business on the agenda was followed.

Reports from Officers and the Divisions including Divisions financial statements were presented.

The Master Mariners of Canada have the following Divisions: Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) Division, Maritimes Division, Fundy Division, Capital Division, Great Lakes Division, Vancouver Division and Vancouver Island Division.

Maritimes Division has lost some members due to various reasons. Fundy Division suspended all activities due to COVID-19. Vancouver Island Division reported that they have fifteen full members, nine senior members and five corporate members.

NL Division Vice President Captain Eben March reported that the Secretary Captain Zaki have retired last month after holding this position since 2004. Captain Ray Dalton has taken this position.

The NL Division newsletter, The Deck Log, which was looked after by Captain Zaki will now be published by Captain Glenn Fiander.



NL Division members attended the 54th AGM at the Crow's Nest.

L-R: Chris Hearn, Glenn Fiander, Eben March, A. Zaki and Ed Turner.

Captain Jack Gallagher, the Treasurer of the Master Mariners of Canada has retired and Captain Amanda Slade has taken up this position.

Captain Chris Connor will be the new President of Master Mariners of Canada, Captain Eben March will be the new Vice President of Master Mariners of Canada, Captain George Iskandar will be the Second Vice President of Master Mariners of

Canada, Captain Marshall Dunbar also will be a Second Vice President of Master Mariners of Canada. Captain Chris Hall will become Past Master and Captain Chris Hearn will complete his term on the Board.

2022 Master Mariners of Canada symposium is scheduled to take place in Ottawa.

As I complete my last NL newsletter, I would like to thank Captain Glenn Fiander for taking on this job.

A bit of old news for the record:

CMMC NL Division was created on June 21, 1977

NL Division folded on April 6, 1995 and Re-established in October 30, 2004

(Division was folded for 9 yrs and 6 months)

CMMC NL Division Council



Seated L to R: Capt. John Ennis (Asst. Div Master/Membership), Capt. A. Patterson (Divisional Master), Capt. K. Hye-Knudsen (Deputy Div. Master). Standing L to R: Capt. Zaki (Secretary) and Capt. Andrew McNeill (Divisional Treasurer).