



# The Foghorn

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## From the Master Captain Marshall Dunbar



Hello to all and welcome to May 2022. Certainly hope all had a great Easter with family and friends. For those that were at sea, hope the Easter weekend had an enjoyable meal and maybe even a port call for some shore leave.

We had our Maritimes Division AGM via ZOOM on Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>. All elected and appointed persons remain the same with the exception that Captain Tony Potts, who agreed to put his forward for Assistant Deputy Master, and was duly elected. Thanks to all who attended the meeting and to all that continue to guide the Division through interesting times.

I have been fortunate enough to spend the last few weeks in Europe (Spain and Ireland) and you see that they are progressing to open up and remove COVID 19 restrictions. Face masks at airports were recommended and no longer required. Some parts of the transpiration system will require masks to be worn and I am fine with that. Guess the last 2+ years has made all of us cautious and that will last for a while longer until we all feel comfortable, even as some government imposed restrictions are completely removed.

Over the last 2 years, the shipping industry has done a great job in keeping the good of the world moving and slowly allowing seafarers lives (leave, crew rotations, etc.) to get back to normal. Like many industries, some parts have made massive profits while others have been dealt significant financial blows. For the ones that have worked in the profitable side, I hope they see some of the monies, and more importantly, the ones that have lost their jobs are being brought back to work as to allow them to support their families.

Only other comment for this month is that I hope that all seafarers that may have been affected by the conflict in the Ukraine will soon see an end to it so that they can safely return home.

Good Day All,  
Marshall

## Our April Annual General Meeting Highlights

The election of officer took place with the following comprising our 2022-23 Executive:

Master – Capt. Dunbar.  
Deputy Master – Capt. Doug Roe.  
Assistant Deputy Master – Capt. Tony Potts  
Positions which are appointed by the board:  
Capt. Greg Wilkie as Treasurer and  
Capt. Jim Calvesbert as Secretary.

Divisional Council members (elected) are:  
Captains Alan Knight,  
Stu McLea, and  
Ed Kehoe

Again, as a result of the current pandemic, our Battle of the Atlantic will be cancelled for 2022. We will, however, participate in the Point Pleasant Park Ceremony with Capt. Greg Wilkie laying our wreath on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Next Meeting will be a dinner meeting at the Armdale Yacht Club on May 11. Capt. Dunbar will contact Don Levy, local president of the Canadian Institute of Marine Engineering (CIMare) to invite them to this meeting. Guest Speaker will be Capt. Jack Gallagher speaking about the future of Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS). Please let the Secretary – [jim.calvesbert@gmail.com](mailto:jim.calvesbert@gmail.com) – know by May 4<sup>th</sup> if you will be attending.

Our June reception will be at Juno Tower on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 18:30 for beverages and a la carte menu. Again, please let the Secretary know by June 1<sup>st</sup> if you plan to attend.





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## Canadian Marine Industry Foundation

The Master Mariners of Canada are now members of the Canadian Marine Industry Foundation (CMIF)  
<https://imagine-marine.ca/about-us>

The **Canadian Marine Industry Foundation (CMIF)** is working to develop dynamic and innovative solutions to create long-term human capital sustainability for one of Canada's most vital industries that is facing significant talent shortages, now and well into the future.

The CMIF serves as a resource centre for information on careers at sea and ashore as well as financial assistance available to support maritime studies at nautical schools and academic institutions. The CMIF also serves as a point of contact to direct educational, mentoring and employment inquiries to appropriate channels.

Canada's marine industry needs to attract the best and brightest talent, whether ashore or afloat, offering careers to satisfy a wide range of interests and goals. The CMIF is working to raise awareness of the opportunities offered for skilled labour, trades and accredited professionals to steer the industry forward.

Through its **Imagine Marine** campaign, the CMIF is reaching out to deliver the message of job opportunities in the marine sector for young people, second career seekers, new citizens and equity-deserving groups



### Did You Know?

Captain Ivan Lantz, Capital Division, publishes a daily Newsclipping entitled "Master Mariners Newsclipping"? It's a short read in the morning and consists mainly of current Canadian shipping information.

If you would like to receive the email copy, please contact Captain Lantz at [lantzivan@gmail.com](mailto:lantzivan@gmail.com) with a request to be added to his daily mailout.



## Working Toward Common Goals Capt. Jim Calvesbert Chair, National Education and Professional Development



Master Mariners of Canada

and



Canadian Institute of Marine Engineering

We all know that a ship can't operate with only navigators or engineers, nor can the marine industry function effectively without both of our organizations. Realizing that there are many issues of common concern to both groups, we have opened channels for a more cooperative approach to industry decision makers. Still in the early stages, we are looking at providing comment to Transport Canada on the upcoming changes to the Marine Personnel Regulations. If you might be interested in being part of the MMC team developing input and working with CIMarE, please contact me.



Please find below a link to the Seafarer's Happiness Index.

The latest figures show overall happiness at an all-time low with factors such as the Omicron variant and Russia's invasion of Ukraine thought to be causing a drop in morale. You can view the full report [here](#).



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## Spring BBQ

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Menu:

Hamburgers  
(Beef or Vegetarian)  
Potato Salad  
Dessert

**\$15.00**



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