



The Foghorn

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From the Master Captain Marshall Dunbar

Good Day Everyone,

Here it is, Fall 2021 and hoping all had a good summer. We did extend the summer hiatus by not meeting in September. It is now time to get back to having meetings and looking forward to reading The Foghorn. Many thanks to Captain Calvesbert for his work and please feel free to send along articles and photos. Yes, professional articles and MMC news are great reads and yet it is good to have personal stories to share amongst our colleagues. Reminder that Captain Calvesbert has indicated his desire to pass along these publishing duties. Please consider relieving Jim as to allow him to take his deserved leave.

The weekend of October 23-26 was when we met virtually for our Annual General Meeting. It was a good weekend with lots to discuss along with its annual election. I am now going to borrow directly from Captain Ivan Lantz's daily Newsclips from 01 October as he had the results from the AGM. If you do not receive Ivan's Newsclips please contact him (lantzivan@gmail.com) as to get on his email mail list. It is always informative and something to circulate amongst friends and family.

2021-2022 Board of Directors and Executives of Master Mariners of Canada:

Chris Connor - President
Eben March -Newfoundland and Labrador -
Vice President & Divisional Representative
Marshall Dunbar -Maritimes - Assistant Vice
president & Divisional Representative
Chris Hall -Fundy - Past President & Divisional
Representative
Amanda Slade -Vancouver Island - Treasurer
Cynthia Brown -Maritimes -Secretary
David Dyke- Vancouver Island - Divisional
Representative
Don Rose -Vancouver- Divisional
Representative
John Greenway -Great Lakes- Divisional
Representative
George Iskandar -Capital- Divisional
Representative

In addition, the following are serving as
Committee Chairs:

Farrokh Kooka -Membership
Jim Calvesbert -Education
Jim Parsons -Foundation
Chris Hearn -“From the Bridge” newsletter
Chris Connor/TBA -Views and Positions
Stephanie Connor -Webmaster

Please do note the **above TBA**. Captain Connor has now the role of President, along with a full time seagoing career. Please consider submitting your name for Committee Chair.

Additionally the AGM minutes, compiled by our Captain Cynthia Brown as attached.

One of the plus sides of the pandemic and keeping our costs down is a temporary membership dues reduction for 2022(\$240 for Full Member).

We held our October meeting at the Armdale Yacht Club where we had the opportunity to have a meal and joined by Captain Allan Gray who is the President and CEO of the Halifax Port Authority. Captain Gray gave us a wide ranging and informative talk on his background, current news of the Port and the long term, fifty years, plan. It was nice to be back to an in person meeting and my apologies for those to joined in via ZOOM only to see that the meeting was not online.

Our next meeting should occur on Wednesday Nov 10, but with Remembrance Day the next day I believe that it would be great alternative that we attend the wreath laying ceremony at Point Pleasant Park. If interested, we would followed up the ceremony with an informal meeting at local establishment, for a beverage of your choice and discussion.

Our yearend dinner and meeting, looks like it can be in person. We are working on plans on returning to RNSYS on Monday Dec 06 or Tues Dec 07. Details to follow and truly hope that this event can go ahead and not derailed for a second year in a row.

A few weeks ago, I was approached by Dan Latremouille (dan@sstl.com) from Survival Systems Training Ltd. He and a colleague have a podcast focussed on emergency situations, as told by people who were actually



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present/involved with the emergency. He interviews someone who's had an interesting experience/emergency, and walks them through the context and the event, and then discuss any lessons learned or takeaways. They try to focus on the emergency situation and what happened, don't get into liability/blaming id we can avoid it. It's called Legacy: Survival Stories, in case you want to check it out <https://legacysurvivalstories.buzzsprout.com/>.

You can also get in on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, pretty much anywhere podcasts are available. He has asked myself or someone else that might have an interesting story to tell to contact Dan directly. Please use Legacy: Survival Stories as the subject matter and mentioned that you heard about these podcasts through the MMC. They can do the interviews at SSTL, or over the phone. As a friend of mine said, stay safe, be positive and test negative!

Many thanks to everyone and join in on the conversation by attending a meeting.
Safe sailing.

Marshall



Captain's Update - PortControl digital port operating system

October 28, 2021

Container shipping is a very dynamic industry. In Halifax, the amount of change that has taken place over the past two years is significant. Physical infrastructure like the South End terminal berth extension is complete, a new mega-crane has been added by the terminal operator and additional yard handling equipment is in place. As a result, Halifax is receiving the largest containerized cargo vessels that

call on the East Coast of North America, and the largest containerized cargo vessels that call at any Canadian port.

All of this is to say that the transformation of the shipping industry that Halifax has been preparing for is upon us, and we are seeing the benefits. Containerized cargo volumes through our international gateway are strong; more importantly, they are viable over the long term but only if we continue to invest in those areas that will make us more efficient, more reliable, more accountable, and more sustainable.

The Halifax Port Authority is implementing PortControl, a digital port operating system developed by Saab. It is an investment in digital infrastructure that will improve safety, security, efficiency, reliability, and our collective impact on the environment. PortControl is part of the larger digital transformation which will be implemented in stages over the coming years. You can find a video overview of PortControl [here](#).

By moving analog, paper-based processes onto a digital platform, PortControl will streamline port operations and financial processing of vessel calls, and will simplify the departure and arrival of ships, dock planning, cargo handling, invoicing, documentation, and notifications. Agents,

cargo carriers, service providers and dangerous goods users will have 24/7 access through web portals that are customized to suit their individual needs.

Our industry is seeing unprecedented disruption in the supply chain. At the same time, we are facing growing pressure on multiple fronts to reduce carbon emissions; efficient vessel arrivals and departures and cargo operations will contribute to an overall reduction of supply chain congestion and related emissions. This is an investment in a more



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sustainable future that meets our core

goals while contributing to a responsible industry.

Training amongst HPA staff is underway now and will continue throughout the fall along with system testing and final configuration. We are targeting Q4 2021 as the tentative date to start a phased 'go-live' rollout which will carry into Q1 2022. We will be reaching out to various port users and associated groups in the coming weeks to schedule information and training sessions. Additional updates will be provided throughout the implementation process. We are committed to being available every step of the way to assist in a smooth transition.

Captain Allan Gray
President and CEO
Halifax Port Authority



Mission to Seafarers – Halifax

The Mission has undergone a "refit" during the past week and Helen Glenn, Manager, and Joseph Loot, Assistant Manager along with the volunteer support staff have repainted and cleaned the interior of the building in preparation for seafarers visits again.

If you haven't visited in the past, or would like to know more about the activities of the Mission here, please drop in. 844 Marginal Way in the Port of Halifax across from the entrance to Gate 25.



Scholarship Established by Capt. Rick Gates

Captain Rick Gates, in his will, requested that an annual scholarship be established and named the President's Scholarship. This will be administered through our Foundation.

Capt. Alan Knight presenting the cheque from Capt. Gates to Capt. Marshall Dunbar



October Meeting

We finally did it! We met in person at the Armdale Yacht Club on October 13th for the first time in over a year and a half. ZOOM served the purpose of information transfer but the face to face meeting was wonderful again.

Our guest speaker was Capt. Allan Gray, the President and CEO of the Port of Halifax. Having previously been the Federal Master of the Australian Master Mariners Association, he was able to relate similar experiences as those which we are currently undergoing. His future direction for the Port was encouraging and exciting and we are all looking forward to seeing the future directions which he described.

The meal and conversation was so interesting that we never did get the ZOOM connection established. Sorry to those who couldn't attend.





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We invite you to join us in observing Remembrance Day virtually this year. The 2021 service will still be held at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, but there will not be an audience in the building due to COVID-19 limitations. The Museum will be closed to the public and members until 1 pm to allow for the broadcast to take place.

VIRTUAL Service - Thursday November 11
10:30 am - 11:30 am EST
Watch on CHCH-TV
[Stream online at chch.com/live](https://www.chch.com/live)

A flypast by the Avro Lancaster is scheduled, weather permitting.

Lest we forget.





MASTER MARINERS OF CANADA

President: Captain Christopher Hall

MINUTES 54th Annual General Meeting of THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF CANADA Virtually via ZOOM Saturday Sept 25, 2021 15:00 ADT

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Call to Order by Captain Christopher Hall, President.

Attendance: Twenty members

J.Gallagher / C Hall / D Dyke. / F Kooka / M Dunbar / I Lantz / R Dalton / E March / C Hearn / D McDonald/ J Cavesbert / G Iskandar / C Connor / A Slade / B Maukonen / J Parsons / A Zaki / E Turner / G Fiander / C Brown

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting as distributed.
Motion by Capt Ivan Lantz and Seconded by Capt David Dyke

3. Business arising from the minutes.

None

4. New Business

None

5. Reports from Officers and Divisions including Divisional financial statements:

- Vice-Presidents from Divisions – Capital, Great Lakes, Fundy, Maritimes, Montreal, Newfoundland & Labrador, Vancouver, and Vancouver Island

Divisional reports filed with Secretary- each Divisional VP gave a brief summary of events.

Capital:

Captain George Iskandar reported that the division met four times in the year and most recently discussed and provided input on the topics in Capt Calvesbert's paper on issues facing MMC.

Mrs. Lumsden, the wife of a deceased member, was remembered on the occasion of her 100th birthday with flowers and a charitable donation.

Covid has delayed progress, but there is still hope of new members in Quebec, particularly through the nautical school, IMQ at Rimouski.

Great Lakes-

Capt. Dan McDonald attended and reported on behalf of Captain Greenway in his absence. The GL secretary Bret Maukonen also contributed.

The Division reported a good year with successful Zoom meetings, including a Christmas Social and industry updates from guest speakers. A committee has been struck to enhance membership overall and cadet memberships as well.

Fundy-

Captain Chris Hall reported that activities have been suspended during Covid as the membership did not choose to hold Virtual Meetings. They have kept correspondence however on issues and events via e-mail.

Maritimes-

Capt. Marshall Dunbar reported Maritime's Division is solvent although membership numbers have decreased. Virtual meetings have been held since March 2020 and they hope to meet in person at the next meeting in October. Several divisional members have contributed nationally to the MMC, including recent work on the website committee by Capt. Dunbar and the efforts of Captains Gallagher, Calvesbert and Brown with their positions on the national board and committees.

Newfoundland and Labrador-

Captain Eben March reported the division held their AGM in January with a full slate of officers. They have held virtual and blended meetings with industry speakers. Capt Hearn was thanked for his contribution as editor of *From The Bridge*.

The skills competition at Marine Institute was cancelled last year due to covid- but plans are beginning for the upcoming winter. Membership is down, but the division remains solvent.

Vancouver – Captain Don Rose sent his regrets at being unable to attend this weekend's meetings.

Vancouver Island-

Captain David Dyke noted that the Divisional Master Captain Jeremiah continues to work away making active involvement difficult. The division has conducted meetings virtually via zoom and has a full slate of officers at the AGM in June. They presently have twenty-five members.

- Secretary

Following the 53rd AGM in September 2020 the minutes were distributed to the board members. MMC documentation was filed with Incorporations Canada and updated on their website. Board meetings were held via zoom in January April and July with subsequent minutes distributed to the board.

Prior to this 54th AGM, agendas and appropriate reports were distributed to the board members and committee chairs.

- Treasurer

Capt. Gallagher reported that the divisions had submitted their financial reports and the subsequent spreadsheet was circulated prior to the AGM with all divisions solvent. National Financial documents were also distributed.

Budget for the upcoming year will be discussed at the next board meeting which will be held Sunday Sept 26, 2021.

- Membership Chair Report

Captain Kooka thanked the divisions for their updates. The membership reports for the year were circulated prior to today's meeting. Most members are currently over the age of 65.

Membership continues to be a challenge for all divisions.

Regretfully three members have

Crossed the Bar since the last AGM.

- Views and Positions Chair

Captain Connor reported a successful year with Views & Positions, with each division showing representation. The crisis in seafarers crew changes due to Covid is still an issue as well as the shortage of seafarers. Once a new Minister of Transport is appointed, it is recommended to revisit the positions from this past year with Transport Canada. Work with Ships to Shores continues and two bursaries have been provided for students. Consultations have been held with a professor from the University of Ottawa who is studying the effects of Collision regulations with respect to MASS. She will present a paper on our behalf at the upcoming IFSMA conference.

A new views and positions chair will be required as we head into the new year.

- Education Chair

Captain Calvesbert reported that a report on future options for MMC was created with input from various divisions. These topics will be discussed at upcoming board meetings, keeping in mind we have a strategic plan meant to guide all of our committees. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of hiring a person to work on some of the initiatives. The board will investigate the possibilities and discuss the various topics at upcoming meetings.

- Foundation Chair and/or Administrator Report

Captain Parsons will give a full report at the foundation meeting which will be held tomorrow Sunday, September 26, 2021. In summary, there were two Baugh scholarships awarded this year as well as two scholarships for the Sail Broadreach initiative.

Some of the foundation investments have reached maturity and decision will need to be required at the foundation meeting as to the future of these investments.

- Presidents Report

Captain Hall thanked everyone for all their work particularly with the difficulties during the past year and a half under Covid. Although there is much work left to be done, much work has been accomplished during this pandemic. Two formal positions were put out last year as well as a letter to the Ministry of Transport. Major website development work was accomplished under the direction of Captain's Dunbar, Dyke and Iskandar. The revamped marketing materials were completed and the style guide established. Our work continued with IFSMA and the Canadian Law Association, as well as Ships to Shore and MASS. Capt and Hall thanked everyone for their incredible work and support during his two years as president.

6. Slate of Board Members for 2021/2022

Proposal and Election of Board of Directors for 2021/2022

The secretary reported on behalf of the nominating committee- the Resolution was distributed prior to this AGM. The committee proposes that Captain Amanda Slade be appointed to the board with the attention of assuming the treasurer's position at the following board meeting. Captain Slade agreed to accept the nomination and the board voted unanimously for the appointment. Captain Chris Hearn and Captain Jack Gallagher will complete their terms as of the AGM.

The following are presented as the MMC National Board.

Following the 54th AGM the Board of Directors will look as follows:

Captain Christopher Hall
Captain Christopher Connor
Captain Eben March
Captain Cynthia (Cindy) Brown
Captain Marshall Dunbar
Captain David Dyke
Captain George Iskandar
Captain John Greenway
Captain Don Rose
Captain Amanda Slade

Captain Ivan Lantz moved to accept the recommendations of the nominating committee, seconded by Capt Marshall Dunbar – motion carried.

7. Auditor's report.

Captain Gallagher reported that the financial reports have been distributed prior to the meeting, there is a surplus for last year's budget due to lack of travel under Covid. The honorarium was increased for the webmasters due to the reconstruction of the website.

8. Appointment of the Auditor for 2021/2022

Capt. Gallagher moved for the reappointment of Scott Webster as the auditor for 2021/2022, seconded by Capt. Lantz, motion carried.

9. Other business.

Captain Hall took this opportunity to speak of the incredible effort and work done by the two outgoing members of the board: Captain Jack Gallagher and Captain Chris Hearn, both of whom have contributed in many ways over many years to the organization. As a sign of thank you the Master Mariners of Canada will make a Charitable Donation in your name - for Capt. Gallagher to the Halifax division of the Mission to Seafarers and for Capt. Hearn, a donation to the Crow's nest in Saint Johns.

Capt. Ivan Lantz offered a thank you to Captain Hall for his guidance as National Master over these past two years.

It was also noted of the exceptional work done on the new website by our webmaster Stephanie Connor- Capt. Connor will pass our appreciation on to her.

10. Date and place of the 55th Annual General Meeting.

As it had previously been passed at a board meeting that in future, national Annual General Meeting weekends would be held in person every other year, next year will be the in-person event. This will consist of a symposium, board meetings and AGM which will be held in Ottawa the weekend of October 13-15, 2022.

11. Closure.

Captain Dave Dyke moved the meeting adjourned, seconded by Capt. George Iskandar.

Meeting adjourned.