



The Foghorn

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From the Master Captain Marshall Dunbar

Good Day Everyone,

It is almost spring and with that comes the nautical skills competition(s) time. The Maritimes Division again sponsored the NSCC event and I greatly appreciate our members who represented the organisation and assisted with making the competition a success.

Congratulations to all the students participated in the event and you are the future mariners who will go on and enjoy a career in an amazing industry.

The Marine Institute in St. John's also held their Skills competition and congratulations to them on another successful event.

I am fortunate enough to be able to take some time and travel right now and presently I am in Portugal. The last time I was here it was for a very brief period. I was Chief Officer on an AFRAMAX crude oil tanker owned and operated by Sanko Lines and we arrived at Setubal (Lisbon) to enter dry dock. Prior to that we had discharged a cargo of crude oil in Italy after loading it in North Africa. Then we did cargo tank washing and ballast tank inspections enroute to Setubal. After going onto the dry dock, I departed the next day and travelled to Tokyo for my promotional interview for Captain at Sanko's head office. After 3 days at Tokyo, I travelled to Houston to join another Sanko tanker as Captain. Obviously not much time to enjoy Lisbon and all that it has to offer.

One thing I did go to see this time was the Maritime Museum. Portugal has a very long nautical history (exploration, colonisation and cod fishery) and both Ferdinand Magellan and Vasco da Gamma are of Portuguese descent. Some photos of my visit to this museum are included.

The St. Lawrence Seaway will start their 2023 season on 22 March. This waterway system is a major mover of goods and is within a short distance of over 100 million citizens of Canada and the USA. It provides opportunities both for USA and Canadian seafarers, along with all the workers that support this system. To all MMC members would earn their living from the

Seaway, I hope that you have another successful and safe season.

A couple of events that will occur over the next couple of months. We will hold the Maritimes Division AGM on April 19th. This is the third Wednesday of the month and not the usual second one. I strongly encourage you to attend and to consider putting your name forward for Board of Director positions. This allows other members to step back from these duties and gives other members the opportunity to shape and grow the MMC. Please contact me for further information or to discuss (email: agilesam@yahoo.com or Cell: 902 670 3904)

Second item that is coming up is the Battle of The Atlantic Ceremony that the MMC will be holding Saturday May 6th at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Hope to see a strong showing as it is such an important part of our Canadian marine history and to honour those who played a significant role during World War Two.

Last item I would like to add is that with this edition Captain Jim Calvesbert will be ending his role as Editor of The Foghorn. Jim has held been Editor for many years and has done a great job for us in this role. See later on in this edition as Jim will introduce hand over the watch to the incoming Editor(s). BZ Jim.

All for now and look forward to seeing members out at meetings and events. Safe sailing and enjoy Spring when it officially arrives.

Marshal



New Editors of The Foghorn

This will be my last issue of The Foghorn. Having been the editor since 2014, I am taking a step back and turning over the helm to Capt. Mathew Henri and Capt. Dan Rutherford. More to come.

Hello All, My name is Mathew Henri and I will be taking over as one of the new editors of the Foghorn. A little bit about myself, I have been a member of the Master Mariners of Canada since 2014 after receiving the Captain G. O. Baugh



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Memorial Fund Award while studying at the Nautical Institute in Nova Scotia. My seafaring career started onboard specialized cement carriers within the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway System where I then made the transition to the open ocean onboard the MV ASTERIX in the capacity of Third, Second, and then Chief Officer, as well as Captain onboard the 400gt harbour tugs within Halifax and Saint John harbours. When not at sea I drop my anchor in Mount Uniacke, NS where I live with my partner Jennifer and enjoy woodworking with my father and trips to the beach when the weather cooperates. Big thanks to Jim for all the help getting us up to speed with the newsletter and I hope to chat with you all soon. Mat

My name is Dan Rutherford and along with Mat I will be taking over as editor of the Foghorn. My career at sea began in 2010 when I signed aboard a square rigger. What was supposed to be an adventure for a year or two, after completing university, quickly morphed into my new career path. Following years of work on other tall ships, a laker, ferries, and offshore supply vessels I joined Federal Fleet Services in October 2017. I have been aboard the Asterix ever since, serving as Third Mate, Second Mate and temporary Chief Officer.

When not at sea I'm at home in Halifax hanging out with my wife, Alison, and one-year old daughter, Natalie. We spend most of our time hiking in the woods, travelling the world and exploring the Maritimes. Soon enough Natalie will be old enough to join Mat and I on surfing trips around Nova Scotia.



Dan Rutherford, right, and Mat Henri, left



Meeting of March 8th

A small group of our members met at the Armdale Yacht Club for a social and supper hour followed by our meeting with guest speaker Captain Tim Stringer. His experiences as Master with Caribbean Cruise Lines and Princess Cruise Lines (Carnival owned companies) has led him to be on the development team for bridge amendment proposals. Taking a lead from the Starship Enterprise, the design of the bridges of all Carnival brands will have similar layouts in order to improve efficiency and communality of placement in order that personnel transfers will be more easily accommodated.



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Our next meeting will take place on April 19th and will constitute our Annual General Meeting.



Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony

After a long pause due to Covid, our division will be conducting the Battle of the Atlantic ceremony at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic on May 6th. The Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps # 305 from Sackville will be in attendance with their band. Details are in the final planning stage and will be announced when complete.



MMC – Maritimes Division, 1 Annual General Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19th. This a change from our normal 2nd Wednesday of the month due to the absence of our Master/Vice President. Location will be determined and announced later. If you are interested in taking on a role in the leadership of the division, please contact Capt. Marshall Dunbar. agilesame@yahoo.com



NSSC Skills Competition and Career Fair

Acting as judges were Capt. Todd Gilmore and Capt. Ed Kehoe shown presenting the Captain Tom Kearsy Award for Safety to Third year Navigation Cadet Olivia Ferguson. There was also a great response to our divisional information booth with a number of cadets and others submitting applications for membership.



From our January Meeting

Capt. Dunbar presenting Ben Garvey from Engenuity a certificate of appreciation for his presentation at Jan 2023 meeting.





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Capt. Dunbars Vacation Sidetrack

During his vacation, Marshall visited the Maritime Museum in Lisbon.



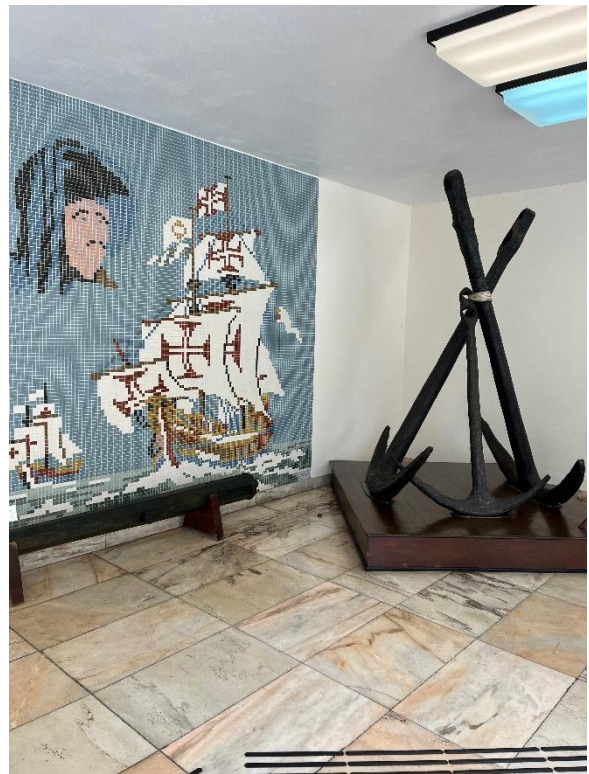
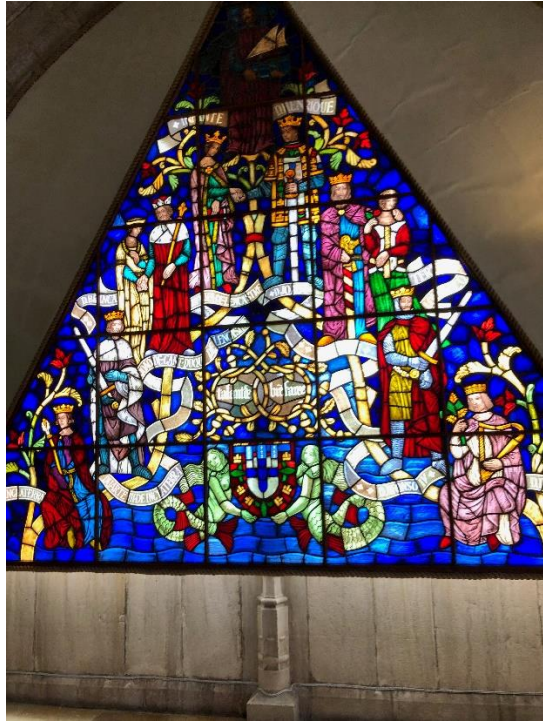


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Capt. Jim Calvesbert, Retiring Editor