



PORT HURON LODGE NO. 2
INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

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To the ISMA Grand Lodge and all Member Lodges,

The following proposal concerning the **River Rouge Canal Entrance Lighted Buoy 2**, Detroit, MI (Light List #8160) was approved by the membership of Port Huron Lodge No. 2 at its regular business meeting on January 19, 2017. It is to be presented to the Grand Lodge at its annual meeting at Alpena, MI on February 3, 2017.

Proposal:

Whereas: The River Rouge Entrance Buoy "2" is a critical navigational aid for large vessels transiting the River Rouge Entry. Masters of ships up to 826' use the line-up and distance off Buoy "2" in gauging their rate of turn and position while entering downbound or upbound from the strong cross current of the Detroit River to the relative slack water of the River Rouge.

Whereas: The buoy marks shoaling on the southeast corner of Zug Island.

Whereas: Buoy "2" is replaced with a small red nun during the winter from December 7th to April 1st each season. Because it is unlit, it is difficult to see in ice at night. Also, it can easily be pushed under by ice flows in the Detroit River and vessel captains cannot rely on using it while making the turn.

Whereas: Even though the buoy position is also marked by an AIS Aton, the physical buoy as a visual marker is the only type that can assist vessel captains in this maneuver.

Whereas: A large number of commercial vessels continue to transit the River Rouge through late January and some all winter delivering salt and other commodities.

BE IT PROPOSED: That the Grand Lodge instruct the Navigation, Legislative and Engineering Committee (NELC) to request that the US Coast Guard replace Buoy "2" with a permanent year-round lighted ice buoy.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Grand Lodge Delegate
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