

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

December 18, 2000

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7:

Enclosed is the official lodge ballot for election of officers for the ensuing year. Each ballot has been embossed with the lodge seal and should be returned in the envelope provided. The ballots returned by mail or in person will remain sealed until opened by the Election Committee at the lodge's Annual Meeting, Monday, January 8, 2001. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

In addition to the lodge ballot, this mailing includes a form to be used in nominating worthy ISMA members for the Capt. Lewis Ludington Award, which is bestowed at the Annual Blessing of the Fleet at Mariners' Church. Mariners Church has provided an information sheet on the Capt. Lewis Ludington Award, which lists qualifications for nominees and a list of previous recipients. The nominating form should be returned to the lodge no later than February 11, 2001.

The official minutes of the October 4, 2000 meeting of the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers Operations Working Group have been published and are enclosed. Pat Owens, Chairman of the lodge's Navigation Committee, attended the meeting on the lodge's behalf, and his comments and observations are on the back side of the last page of the minutes.

Dossin museum is sponsoring another Ford Fleet Festival at the museum Tuesday, December 26 thru Thursday, December 28. The museum is still looking for lodge volunteers to help staff the William Clay Ford pilot house during the Ford Festival. The Ford Festival is greatly enhanced by the participation of lodge members. Please contact the museum at 313-852-4051 if you can help.

The November 2000 issue of Great Lakes Cruiser contained a very extensive feature story about the Sea Cadet vessel USNSCS Gray Fox. The article ran about 12 pages and a portion of the lengthy article, which is enclosed, featured a photo and commentary about member Bob Kerr, who does volunteer work with the sea cadets aboard the Gray Fox

As a reminder, the lodge's annual holiday Christmas Party will be this coming Saturday, December 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at Carolyn Hoey's, 25088 Old Depot Court on Grosse Ile. If you have any questions, her phone number is 734-675-4055. Hope to see many of you there.

Happy Holidays and the best of the New Year to one and all!

Fraternally yours,

Paul M Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer