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ISMA LETTER

2018 ISMA Convention

The 128th Annual International Ship Masters' Convention will be held February 2-4, 2018, at the Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel, with events at the National Museum of the Great Lakes, Toledo, OH. Watch for more information as the dates get closer. You can view a Toledo TV news video featuring Toledo Lodge #9 member **Paul LaMarre III** at <http://nbc24.com/news/local/toledo-will-harbor-next-international-shipmasters-association-convention>.

From the Lodges

Chicago Lodge No. 3:

Chicago Lodge No. 3 members, along with US Coast Guard, Chicago Police Marine Unit, Chicago Fire Department Marine Unit, and Illinois Department of Natural Resources, joined together in celebration of National Maritime Day on Friday, May 19, 2017, at Navy Pier. To honor all seafarers who "went down to the sea in ships," and particularly Merchant Mariners who died in battle, a wreath was blessed and laid upon the waters from the tour vessel *Cap Streeter*. Attending vessels then passed by the *Cap Streeter* to participate in the Blessing of the Fleet. The observance also kicked off the US Coast Guard's 2017 National Safe Boating Week campaign.

Detroit Lodge No. 7:

Detroit Lodge No. 7 member **Ryan Gazdecki**, along with **Joseph Buchanan**, both of J. W. Westcott Co, were heralded for rescuing two people from the frigid waters of the Detroit River at Riverside Park on April 17, 2017. When the two heard the commotion at the park adjacent to Westcott's station, they got aboard MV *Huron Maid* and when in position, a ring buoy was thrown to the woman struggling in the water. They also pulled a police officer, who had jumped into the water to help, aboard the *Huron Maid*. (see "Members in the News" for more, page 2.)

Georgian Bay-Huronian Lodge No. 15:

On June 27, 2017, the Marine Club and the Port of Hamilton are sponsoring Marine Career Awareness Day. The event is held to raise awareness of the marine industry, and proceeds

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will support the Mission to Seafarers of Southern Ontario. Lodge 15 is participating by providing a website update service for the Southern Ontario Chapter of the Missions to Seafarers.

Grand Traverse Lodge No. 23:

On April 20, 2017, Lodge No. 23 president and Grand Lodge 2nd Vice President **Mark Mather** and his wife **Laura** attended an open house at US Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City to welcome the first Jayhawk helicopter to be re-deployed in the Great Lakes (a move that ISMA recommended and fully supported). Base Commander **Greg Matyas**, who was recently the featured speaker at the Lodge 23 dinner meeting, hosted the event. Three Jayhawks will eventually be stationed in Traverse City, and crews will initially be assigned to the base in a staggered rotation, so there will always be flight crews with local Lakes knowledge.



Above: ISMA Grand 2nd Vice President Mark Mather with Jayhawk helicopter, Traverse City. Left: Laura inside Jayhawk.



FINAL BELLS

Kim Getin, wife of Niagara District Lodge #20 member Capt. **Dino Dini**, passed away peacefully at home on June 3, 2017, at the age of 57. She had been battling cancer for over a year. **Dino** and **Kim** were regulars at ISMA conventions for many years. **Kim** is also survived by her parents, siblings, nieces and nephews, and other relatives. Services were held on June 8. **Kim** spent 39 years with Algoma Central in various purchasing and accounting roles. **Dino** has been on leave from his position as captain aboard MV *Algoway*. You can read an obituary at



<http://davidsonfuneralhomes.com/tribute/details/1579/Kimberly-Getin/obituary.html#tribute-start>.

Capt. **John Randle Harwood** (#10751), Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15 member, passed away at the age of 83 on March 18, 2017, at Summit Place Retirement Residence, Owen Sound, ONT. **John** worked his way up from deckhand at Hindman Transportation Company to become the youngest captain on the Great Lakes when he took command of SS *Elmdale* for Reoch Shipping. He also captained SS *Pinedale* prior to becoming a pilot. He was preceded in death by his wife **Gail**. He is survived by two children and a brother. Services were held on March 22.

Capt. **Rucy Behram**, 25-year instructor at Georgian College, Owen Sound, ONT, passed away on April 19, 2017, at the age of 90. Services were held on April 24.

NEW MEMBERS

Port Huron Lodge #2:

Active Professional: **Robert O. Friend** #13028

Cleveland Lodge #4:

Active Professional: **Donald Cowey** #13029

Green Bay Lodge #18:

Active Professional: **Peter Balestreri** #13032
Charles G. Kersey #13031
Gary Kulibert #13030



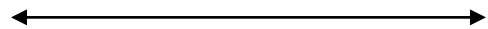
**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A
NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?**

Members in the News

- Just prior to 2300 on April 17, 2017, authorities received a 911 call that a woman was struggling in the water at Riverside Park in Detroit, MI. When Detroit Lodge #7 member Capt. **Ryan Gazdecki**, and deckhand **Joseph Buchanan**, who had just finished their shift at J. W. Westcott Co., heard the commotion at the adjacent park, they ran to the scene. When they saw the woman, along with rescuers who had jumped in to help, struggling in the water, they sprinted back to the Westcott dock and started MV *Huron Maid*. **Ryan** maneuvered the boat into position and **Joe** readied the ring buoy. The woman grabbed the life ring and the two men pulled her from the 46-degree F. water onto the *Huron Maid*. A police officer who had jumped into the cold water to assist was also facing exhaustion and hypothermia, so the two pulled him from the water. Thanks to the quick action by **Ryan** and **Joe**, the women (who was pregnant), her unborn child, and the police officer all survived. You can view video and read more about the incident at <http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2017/04/18/pregnant-woman-rescue-detroit-river/100591704/> and <http://www.fox2detroit.com/news/249329666-video#/> and <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/detroit-city/2017/04/24/westcott-rescue/100828406/>.
- An article, “Longtime Cleveland boat captain worries elimination of Great Lakes cleanup program would turn the clock back on pollution,” was published on April 19, 2017. The Cleveland.com Ohio Matters online article featured long-time Cleveland Lodge #4 member Capt. **Wayne Bratton**. **Wayne** has broad experience throughout various segments of the maritime industry. He currently owns and operates MV *Holiday* on the Cuyahoga River and in Cleveland Harbor. Read it at http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2017/04/long-time-cleveland-boat-captai.html#incart_river_index_topic

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www.shipmaster.org/membership.htm



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And follow the blue Scholarship links

Industry Newsbriefs –

- ◆ On June 6, 2017, the US Army Corps of Engineers Detroit Office announced additions to its fiscal year 2017 program based on the recently approved Work Plan. The additional \$16.5 million will be used in 2017 to repair breakwaters, dredge harbors, repair critical components at the Soo Locks and complete various projects and studies throughout the Great Lakes. For more details, see <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Media/News-Releases/Article/1204929/detroit-corps-office-receives-more-than-165-million-in-recently-approved-work-p/>.
- ◆ On June 5, 2017, the Great Lakes National Program Office of the US Environmental Protection Agency announced development of the 2017 Lake Ontario Lakewide Action and Management Plan, which is scheduled for completion in December 2017. Interested agencies, organizations, and individuals may wish to provide: 1) their perspective on the environmental conditions, issues, or concerns that should be considered during the Lake Ontario LAMP drafting process; and 2) suggestions on the prioritization of those issues or approaches for addressing them. Direct submissions and questions to the Lake Ontario Partnership by June 20: **Marie-Claire Doyle**, Environment and Climate Change Canada at Marie-Claire.Doyle@canada.ca; **Mike Basile**, US EPA at Basile.Michael@epa.gov; or **Peter Brandt**, US EPA at Brandt.Peter@epa.gov. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-great-lakes-national-program-office-glnpo.
- ◆ Chamber of Marine Commerce (<http://www.marinedelivers.com/>) members were speakers at the CILTNA Public Dialogue & Annual Transport Outlook Conference held June 6-7, 2017, at the Mississauga Convention Centre.
- ◆ US National Maritime Center at Martinsburg, WV, has a permanent position available for someone with a shipboard deck officer background to serve as the primary coordinator and subject matter expert for the development and revision of deck officer and rating examinations. Additional information can be found at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/466433800#btn-add-info> and <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/466434000>.
- ◆ The US Coast Guard National Maritime Center issued “Guidance for credentialing officers of towing vessels” on April 20, 2017. Read the announcement at https://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/towing_implementation_notice.pdf. The document contains links to more information.
- ◆ The US Coast Guard proposes to amend its Great Lakes Regulated Navigation Areas to include one additional regulated navigation area in Green Bay, WI, and safety zones in the Lake Erie Islands and Saginaw Bay, MI. These zones will apply during the winter months. Comments were due by May 22, 2017. For more information, see the *Federal Register* notice at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/04/21/2017-08132/great-lakes-regulated-navigation-areas-and-safety-zones>.
- ◆ Through April 30, 2017, cargo moved on the St. Lawrence Seaway reached 3,701,000 tonnes, an increase of 8.33 percent from a year earlier. Vessel transits numbered 413, up from 384 in 2016.
- ◆ On April 6, 2017, the University Libraries at Bowling Green State University (OH) announced that it expanded its collection of Great Lakes research materials thanks to a significant donation from the National Museum of the Great Lakes (The Great Lakes Historical Society). More than 160 cubic feet of photos, pamphlets, slides, bound materials, postcards and archival materials are now located in the Libraries’ Historical Collections of the Great Lakes (HCGL), housed within the Center for Archival Collection. Both organizations see this as the first step in an evolving partnership. Read the full announcement at <http://www.inlandseas.org/nmgl-donates-library-to-bgsu/>.
- ◆ The “Mariner’s Notebook” column in the February 2017 *Professional Mariner* magazine covered the importance of the Merchant Marine and the US Merchant Marine flag. Read the article at <http://www.professionalmariner.com/February-2017/Merchant-Marine-flag-raises-recognition-of-vital-work-in-peace-and-war/>.
- ◆ Read about the April 19, 2017, open house marking arrival of Jayhawk helicopters at US Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City at <http://www.uppermichiganssource.com/content/news/Air-Station-Traverse-City-welcomes-first-of-3-new-Jayhawk-helicopters-419750714.html>. The article says, “The Coast Guard has long identified the Jayhawk as the helicopter best suited for responding to urgent missions throughout the expansive Great Lakes region, especially during the harsh winters.”

Grand Lodge Updates

Past Grand Lodge Secretary-Treasurer and PGP Capt. **Al Tielke** reports that all files and funds have been transferred to current Grand Secretary-Treasurer Capt. **Brian Eickel**. Communication and questions may be directed to **Brian** at ismasecretary@aol.com. The Grand Lodge thanks **Al** for his service.

Grand 2nd Vice President Capt. **Mark Mather**’s email has changed. His new email address is grtlakescapt@gmail.com.

NELC Chairman **Scott Skrzypczak** has a new residential address: 2109 Davis Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192.

The information on page 4 has been updated to reflect these changes.



- June 14-16, 2017 -**
Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec
- June 27, 2017 -**
Hamilton Marine Day and Marine Career
Awareness Day, Hamilton, ONT
- July 9, 2017 -**
Sea Sunday - The Mission to Seafarers: Canada
- August 12, 2017 -**
St. Lawrence Day
- September 3, 2017 -**
Annual Canada Merchant Navy Day
- September 4, 2017 -**
Owen Sound Marine Day, Owen Sound Harbour
- September 28, 2017 -**
World Maritime Day
- November 11, 2017 -**
Veterans Day (US)/Remembrance Day (Canada)
ISMA lays CMNVA wreath at
Owen Sound Cenotaph
- November 26, 2017 -**
William Hamilton Merritt Day - Welland Canal
- February 2-4, 2018 -**
ISMA Grand Lodge Convention, Toledo, OH

Website Rebuild

The ISMA website rebuild is well underway right now, and you should see the first version of it shortly. Part of what we are doing with the rebuild is to make the Grand Lodge website more of a tool for the local lodges. Also, as preparations are underway for the next Grand Lodge convention, we will be working with Toledo Lodge #9 to make online registration convenient. As an organization, we are working to adapt to the needs of our members.

—Tom Blakely, Grand Lodge
Website Designer, Member-
ship & Outreach Committee

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