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FROM THE LODGES

Buffalo Lodge #1:

On June 15, 2015, Buffalo Lodge #1 held its annual summer lay-up party at the historic 1833 Buffalo Lighthouse. Lodge President **Dave Miller** reported, "It was a well-attended event with over 40 members and guests present. After dinner on the lighthouse grounds, tours of the historic lighthouse included being able to climb to the top. Fun was had by all despite it being a foggy evening which limited views. The fog signal of the approaching *English River* was heard in the distance. An ISMA commemorative marker is on the Lighthouse grounds."



Lodge #1 summer party attendees.

Chicago Lodge #3:

Several Lodge #3 members are serving on the Chicago Harbor Safety committee and the Calumet River Safety Committee.

Lodge #3 members also took a leading role in the annual Chicago Blessing of the Fleet event.

Detroit Lodge #7:

Earlier in July, Detroit Lodge #7 President **Ron LaPlante** (right) joined PGP **George Haynes** (left) aboard *MV Federal Satsuki* as it made its way downbound from Port Huron to Detroit.



Georgian Bay-Huronina Lodge #15:

MV CWB Marquis, commanded by Lodge #15 President **Seann O'Donoghue**, was christened at Mission Terminal, Thunder Bay, ON, on July 22, 2015. *CWB Marquis* was introduced by **Ian White**, President & CEO of the Canadian Wheat Board (CWB). The ship's sponsor was CWB Chief Strategy Officer **Dayna Spiring**, and the benediction was given by Rev. **Ed Swayze** of the Thunder Bay Mis-

sions to Seamen. Following the ceremony, the ship was open for tours by officers and crew. **Seann** reports that *CWB Marquis* has already carried more than 360,000 metric tonnes of grain from the Lakehead to the east coast for export since entering service this spring.

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ISMA Letter is always available on our website, www.shipmaster.org, for viewing at any time. (Arrangements can be made for members without e-mail or internet access to receive a printed copy.)

Thank you.



FROM THE LODGES, continued

Georgian College has secured funding for construction of a new Marine Emergency Duties (MED) Training and Research Centre at its Owen Sound campus. In support of this program, Lodge #15 will conduct a raffle for an approximately 14-day freighter trip to raise funds for ISMA scholarships. The draw will be held in 2016. Watch for details soon.

FINAL BELLS

Former Chicago Lodge #3 President Capt. **Robert E. Johnson** recently passed away.

Lodge #3 also mourns the passing of long-time member Capt. **Byron Shinn**.

Georgian College MED Centre Secures Funding

On June 23, 2015, Georgian College announced that funding has been secured for a new Marine Emergency Duties (MED) Training and Research Centre to be built at the Owen Sound campus. C\$3.92 million in joint funding was acquired from the governments of Canada and Ontario through the Small Communities Fund. Construction will begin immediately.

The facility will provide mandatory marine training in fire-fighting, survival craft, life raft and immersion suit training, as well as first aid. Without this Ontario facility, the closest English-language institution offering MED training is currently in Prince Edward Island.

Members in the News

Earlier this summer, a *Detroit Free Press* reporter rode MV *Paul R. Tregurtha*, and wrote a series of articles in the *Free Press*. Lodge #7 member **Robert Thibaudeau** is captain of the *Tregurtha* and was featured in a June 25, 2015, article.

Detroit Lodge #7 member **Art Herrala**, captain aboard the Bob-Lo boats, participated in "Gifts Afloat," an event promoting Great Lakes maritime heritage at Gifts Afloat, a St. Clair Shores, MI, store, on July 18, 2015. He was featured in the press release about the event.



USCG National Maritime Center News

Marine Casualty Reporting NVIC

On July 21, 2015, the US Coast Guard released Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular No. 01-15, in which the Coast Guard clarifies marine casualty reporting requirements. In addition to advising operators of how the reporting rules should work, the document instructs Coast Guard officers to update their policies and procedures for consistency. You can see and/or download the document at

http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/nvic/pdf/2015/navic-01-15_Marine_Casualty_Reporting20150721.pdf.

Updated Mariner Credentialing Forms

The Office of Management and Budget approved the US CG-719 series of forms (B, K, K/E, P, S, and C) that will replace the forms displaying a June 30, 2012, expiration date. The new K and K/E forms reflect the introduction of the Medical Certificate. The C is a new non-mandatory form that standardizes disclosure of conviction information. Updated instructions will be provided with each form.

The US Coast Guard will not stock the CG-719 series of forms in paper format. Beginning October 1, 2015, forms may be obtained electronically in a fillable PDF format by selecting the forms link on the NMC website. Implementation of the new forms will commence on October 1. With the exception of the K and K/E, the Coast Guard will no longer accept outdated forms after April 1, 2016. For the K and K/E, forms signed by a physician after December 31, 2015, must be the new form version. For more information, see the August 3, 2015, NMC notice, "Implementation of Updated Mariner Credentialing Program Forms," at http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/implementation_of_updated_mcp_forms_notice.pdf.

Merchant Mariner Credential Production

On July 30, 2015, the US Coast Guard's National Maritime Center announced improvements in the physical production of Merchant Mariner Credentials (MMCs). Automated printers will improve the quality and security of the credentials. The NMC's notice can be accessed at http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/implementation_of_updated_mcp_forms_notice.pdf.

Engine Ratings on Two-Watch System

The Howard Coble Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014 amended 46 USC 8104(g)(1) to permit engine ratings on certain vessels to be divided into at least two watches. The NMC has revised its sea service credit to 1½ days of service credit for each day a total of 12 hours is worked by QMEDs, wipers, and oilers serving on affected vessels. The August 3, 2015, NMC notice is available at http://www.uscg.mil/nmc/announcements/pdfs/engine_service_announcement.pdf.

Note: The last two issues of ISMA Letter have not recognized our new members. We have enough space in this issue to catch up with our new brothers and sisters. Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

Port Huron Lodge #2:

Active Professional: **Benjamin C. Hodge** #12889
Associate: **William C. Beutell** #A-12898
Jacob J. Northup #A-12907

Chicago Lodge #3:

Active Professional: **Michael C. Farrell II** #12918
Associate: **Brian Dennis Baran** #A-12910
Michele Cox-Stinson #A-12911
Naomi Davis #A-12912
Christine Douglas #A-12913
Raymond Fleming #A-12914
Sherri Hal-Rembert #A-12915
Gwen Pruitt #A-12916
William Scott #A-12917

Detroit Lodge #7:

Active Professional: **David Charvat** #12890
Associate: **William G. Jennings** #A-12909

Toledo Lodge #9:

Cadet: **Paul Cox** #C-12905

Twin Ports Lodge #12:

Active Professional: **Gordon Ringberg** #12899

Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15:

Active Professional: **Rhys Weed** #12900
Scott Mogelin #12888
Amanda Slade #12906
Active Retired: **Eric Conroy** #12891
Associate: **Thomas Foster** #A-12897
Cadet: **Alicia Brown-Tunney** #C-12896
Andrew Carr #C-12893
Mackenzie Cughan #C-12892
Donald (Tiger) Ellis #C-12903
Jeff Harding #C-12895
Margaret Krzyzewski #C-12902
Alexander McCraw #C-12908
Macaulay Morton #C-12894
Richard Piel #C-12901
Tyler Plane #C-12904

Green Bay Lodge #18:

Active Professional: **Jason J. Grocnowski** #12919

Twin Sault Lodge #22:

Active Professional: **Ben Schallip** #12920

Industry Newsbriefs –

LCA State of the Lakes Report

On June 30, 2015, Lake Carriers' Association issued its "State of the Lakes" report in which progress was reported on issues vital to the future of the Great Lakes shipping industry. See the entire, important report at <http://www.lcaships.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/State-of-Lakes-Final.pdf>.

Council of Great Lakes Governors

The Council of Great Lakes Governors (CGLG) met in Quebec from June 12-14, 2015, for their Leadership Summit. "Connecting across Borders" was the theme of the meeting, with the intention to strengthen connections among the region's states and provinces, and to better connect the region with the world. To coordinate future work, CGLG launched a new Conference of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers.

Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan and Chair of CGLG, said, "This Conference builds on our longstanding relationships as Governors and Premiers, and will bring us together as ten equal partners united in our commitment to sustainably grow the region's economy. We announced a series of ambitious actions to grow our region's economy and protect the world's greatest freshwater system."

In addition to creating the Conference of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers, actions taken at the Leadership Summit include:

- Pledging to develop a strategy to double maritime trade, shrink the environmental impact of the region's transportation network, and support the region's industrial core;
- Further protecting the region from aquatic invasive species by fully operationalizing a regional mutual aid agreement, and launching an innovative pilot program among Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario to harmonize aquatic invasive species regulations;
- Combating nutrient pollution and harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie through a landmark agreement;
- Creating a new program to foster regional economic clusters based on analysis by Harvard Business School;
- Announcing multi-sector missions to promote exports to China, Europe, South America, and Central Asia.

The *Compass*, newsletter of CGLG, is available at <http://cglg.org/newsletters/>.

Great Lakes Commission

The Great Lakes Commission Annual Meeting will be held September 28-29, 2015, at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, IL. This year's meeting is held in conjunction with the 11th Annual Great Lakes Restoration Conference, hosted by Healing Our Waters – Great Lakes Coalition. For more information, see <http://projects.glc.org/meeting>.



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NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?**

Industry Newsbriefs, continued

Chicago Area Waterway System Dredged Material Management Plan

On July 15, 2015, Lake Carriers' Association commented to the US Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District, on the Chicago Area Waterway System Dredged Material Management Plan, specifically referring to Calumet Harbor. LCA President **Jim Weakley** said, "It is critically important that Calumet Harbor be dredged to project dimensions on a regular basis. The vessels that serve that harbor lose anywhere from 50 to 125 tons for each inch of draft lost to inadequate dredging. Therefore, we fully support the Chicago Area Waterway System Dredged Material Management Plan, as it will provide the capacity to dredge the Chicago Area Waterway System for the next 25 years. The economy and the environment will benefit from maintaining Calumet Harbor..." You can read the LCA's letter at <http://www.lcaships.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/071415-CAWS-DMMP.pdf>.

S. 1680

US Senate Bill S. 1680, the National Multimodal Freight Policy and Investment Act, was introduced in the US Senate (sponsored and co-sponsored by east and west coast Senators) on June 25, 2015, and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. The legislation is described as "A bill to improve the condition and performance of the national multimodal freight network, and for other purposes." The text of S. 1680 is available at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1680/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%5C%22s1680%5C%22%22%5D%7D&resultIndex=1>.

Duluth Seaway Port Authority Personnel

Effective July 13, 2015, the Duluth Seaway Port Authority named **Kathryn "Kate" Ferguson** as Director of Business Development. Effective August 3, 2015, **James "Jim" Sharrow** was named Director of Port Planning and Resiliency. He had served as the port authority's Facilities Manager since 2002. A new Facilities Manager is expected to be named in September.



ISMA Website:

If you don't know how to log into the members-only section of the ISMA website, contact your local lodge president or secretary. Note that the username and password are case-sensitive.

Coming Events

- September 3, 2015 - Canada Merchant Navy Day
- November 10, 2015 - Lost Mariners Remembrance, Detroit
- November 10, 2015 - Fitzgerald Commemorative Event, Toledo, OH
- November 11, 2015 - Remembrance Day, ISMA lays CMNVA wreath at Owen Sound Cenotaph
- November 26, 2015 - William Hamilton Merritt Day, Welland Canal

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