



Grand Lodge  
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# ISMA LETTER

## From the Grand President

### ISMA Flag to Fly at Soo Locks

We have been given permission to fly a new ISMA house flag at the Soo Locks, thanks to the efforts of Detroit Lodge No. 7 Secretary-Treasurer **Ray Oset**. Lodge No. 7 President **Ken Suddick** ordered up a flag from their flag manufacturer at a cost of \$300.00 (see image at right). Donations at the local level were taken to purchase the flag since we wanted to act quickly before the pole became unavailable.

A note was emailed to all Lodge secretaries when we started this project to let all members know, and also look for any donations from members or Lodges to help with costs of maintaining and replacing our flag as needed.

This is a great place for the public, as well as many mariners who are not ISMA members, to see our flag and possibly become interested in our great organization. If any member is interested in donating any amount of money, whether it be \$5.00 or \$50.00, towards the "Soo Locks flag," we are setting up a PayPal account on our website, [www.shipmaster.org](http://www.shipmaster.org).

We will discuss long term funding of flags at our annual convention in Toledo next February, but to act as quickly as needed, we are taking a donation to purchase the first flag. Thank you for any contributions you are willing to give.

We are already into August of another year! The famous saying of "time flies when you're having fun" can be so true at times. I hope the summer is treating all of you well either sailing the lakes and rivers or while home enjoying time off or retirement.

I hope all of you have also had a chance to see our new website that **Tom Blakely** has designed. It has a fresh look along the many links to various industry related sites like USCG, NOAA, NWS, LCA, Army Corps of Engineers, and our very own **Chuck Kakuska** with Sea K's Licensing. Please visit the site and pass on to **Tom** what a nice job he and his website team have done. Thanks, **Tom!**

Safe sailing to all. 3 long and 1 short!

Capt. **Lee W. Barnhill**  
Grand Lodge President



### 2018 ISMA Convention

The 128<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Redesigned ISMA Website Up and Running

The newly redesigned ISMA website is now live, though there is still work to be done. Within the first week following the late July re-launch, there were almost 500 views. If you haven't done so, take some time to look around. **The password has not been changed.** (Note: If you need to know the password, contact your local lodge secretary.) We can always use stories and photos from lodge events. Industry news and useful links are also appreciated. We want to build the site into something that ISMA members use regularly.

—**Tom Blakely**, Grand Lodge  
Website Designer,  
Lodge #3 Member

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Available Online at

[www.shipmaster.org/learn-more.html](http://www.shipmaster.org/learn-more.html)



## From the Lodges

### Chicago Lodge No. 3:

Lodge #3's Past President **Larry Dostal** has been working with the Chicago Harbor Safety Committee (CHSC). Over the last few years, they have been working on a boater education video specific to the Chicago area waterways aimed at the recreational boater and those on human powered craft. The CHSC worked with all sectors of the maritime community, including MSU Chicago, to create a video that addressed their concerns. The result is a 30+ minute video, "Safe Boating Chicago." Recently, **Larry** appeared on Chicago Tonight on WTTW (PBS) to discuss the video. See the interview at <http://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2017/07/06/don-t-rock-boat-new-video-addresses-marine-safety-around-chicago>. View "Safe Boating Chicago" at <https://www.chicagoharborsafety.org/movie>.

On August 8, Lodge #3 met at Chicago Maritime School. On September 13, they will hold their annual BBQ at Crowley's Yacht Yard.

### Cleveland Lodge No. 4:

After their summer recess, Lodge #4 will resume bi-weekly lunch meetings on Thursday, September 7, 2017.

### Northeast Michigan Lodge No. 19:

ISMA Grand President and Lodge #19 member **Lee Barnhill** was working in Chicago recently. Thanks to Lodge #3 member **Bob Agra** (owner of Chicago's First Lady Cruises), **Lee** was able to ride along for an architectural tour of the city with Lodge #3 member **Tom Blakely**. Also while in Chicago, **Lee** visited Lodge #3 members **George Lisner** and **Nels Lund**, and spoke with PGP **Bob Lund** via VHF radio.



Capt. Tom Blakely (left) and Grand President Capt. Lee Barnhill (right) in Chicago.



### Photo Exhibit in Sandusky

A selection of historic Great Lakes photos produced from 100-year-old glass plate negatives will be on display at the Maritime Museum of Sandusky, OH, Sept. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 during regular museum hours. Museum admission is \$5.00.

## NEW MEMBERS

### Chicago Lodge #3:

Active Professional: **Richard Dawson** #13037  
**Steven J. Hopkins** #13034  
**Douglas Jachimiec** #13036  
**Russell C. Salzman** #13033  
**Diane Sturkey** #13035

### Northeast Michigan Lodge #19:

Active Professional: **Chad Mustlock** #13039  
**William Anthony StAmour** #13038



HAVE *YOU* SIGNED UP A  
NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?

## Members in the News

### Port Huron Lodge #2:

Port Huron Lodge #2 member Capt. **Jordan Kit** of the Cleveland passenger vessel *Goodtime III* was featured in the article "Goodtime III captain, 26, navigates the river and narrates history," at [www.cleveland.com/tipoff/index.ssf/2017/07/goodtime\\_iii\\_captain\\_26\\_naviga.html](http://www.cleveland.com/tipoff/index.ssf/2017/07/goodtime_iii_captain_26_naviga.html). A TV story also aired on Cleveland's ABC channel 5, available at [www.news5cleveland.com/about-us/this-week-on-kaleidoscope-sunday-june-11-2017](http://www.news5cleveland.com/about-us/this-week-on-kaleidoscope-sunday-june-11-2017).

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go to

[www.shipmaster.org](http://www.shipmaster.org)

And follow the Scholarship links on the home page.

## Coming Events in Detroit

The following upcoming events in the Detroit area, as reported by Detroit Lodge #7, may be of interest:

- ◆ The annual dinner of the Great Lakes Maritime Institute will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2017, at Dossin Museum on Belle Isle. Reservations must be made by September 23. Link: [www.glmi.org](http://www.glmi.org).
- ◆ The Lost Mariners Remembrance Ceremony will be held on November 10, 2017, also at Dossin Museum on Belle Isle. Early-bird tickets are available for the annual event, which usually sells out, at <https://detroithistorical.org/shop/tickets/18th-annual-lost-mariners-remembrance>.

## Lakes Pilots Association Offers Reward for Recreational Fisherman/Boater

On July 2, 2017, a recreational fisherman purposely impeded two downbound vessels at Huron Cut Buoys 1 & 2 in Port Huron, causing both vessels to have to take extreme evasive action. One vessel was ocean-going under the guidance of an American pilot, and the other following behind was the *Lee A. Tregurtha*. The boater purposely maneuvered into the path of the *Tregurtha* as it was taking action to avoid it. The boater screamed obscenities to both ship captains, and told one to get out of "his" channel.

While boaters and commercial ship incidents are nothing new, this one is particularly disturbing in that the boater was intentionally trying to impede the ships with malice. Lakes Pilots Association is addressing this and offering a small reward to help find this fisherman.

It seems problems with fishermen are increasing. Lakes Pilots is hosting a meeting with US Coast Guard Sector Detroit, Station Port Huron, US and Canadian police authorities, and some local sportfishing associations at the Lakes Pilots Association's office on August 8 to discuss the problem and possible remedies.

Lakes Pilots has offered a \$200 reward to the first person to get the registration number of the boat involved, leading to the positive identification of the boat owner. The boat is 16-foot, grey or white aluminum, starboard console, walk-through windshield with black accent stripe below deck edge, vintage 40 to 60-hp Johnson outboard with orange stripe, black electric trolling motor on bow, two fishing nets



upright. Contact Lakes Pilots Association in Port Huron, MI, at [info@lakespilots.com](mailto:info@lakespilots.com) or (810) 941-5152.

Report other incidents in the St. Clair/Detroit River system and fax a commercial Navigation Obstruction Report (CNO Report) to the USCG.

Capt. **George Haynes**  
Vice-President, Lakes Pilots Association  
ISMA Past Grand President

*Note: This concern has been covered by various media outlets, including CBC News, Windsor <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/great-lakes-freighter-captains-concerned-about-river-1.4236395>; Port Huron Times Herald; the Boatnerd.com website.*

### Reminder —

*Keep your email address up to date with your local lodge Secretary. It's the best way to receive your ISMA Letter (and other notices) promptly. Local secretaries distribute ISMA Letter via email.*

## Industry Newsbriefs –

- On August 3, 2017, ADM **Paul Zukunft**, Commandant of the US Coast Guard, hosted the Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard, **Jeffery Hutchinson**, in a one-day "summit" at the USCG sector field office in Grand Haven, MI. The meeting was an opportunity for both Coast Guards to continue to strengthen their long history of cooperation across their shared maritime border. The meeting included signing of the 2017 update to the Joint Marine Pollution Contingency Plan, which serves as a coordinated system for planning, preparedness, and responding to harmful substance incidents in the contiguous waters along the shared maritime borders of the US and Canada.
- On August 2, 2017, the US Coast Guard held a change-of-command ceremony for the Ninth District in Cleveland. Vice Adm **Karl L. Schultz**, USCG Atlantic Area commander, presided over the transfer of command of the Ninth District from Rear Adm **June E. Ryan** to Rear Adm **Joanna Nunan**. Following the change-of-command, a retirement ceremony was held for Rear Adm **Ryan**, presided over by Adm **Paul F. Zukunft**, Commander of the US Coast Guard.
- Effective August 1, 2017, US Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan established two safety zones on Lake Michigan, Calumet Harbor, Chicago, in order to protect vessels and persons from the potential hazards associated with a lakebed rock removal operation involving explosives. Both Lake Michigan safety zones will be enforced from August 1 to December 16; however, safety zone two will only be enforced for approximately 30 minutes each day. For more information, see <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/07/17/2017-14904/safety-zone-lake-michigan-calumet-harbor-chicago-il>.
- Preparations were underway during the first week of August to demolish the Huron County Marine Museum in Goderich, ONT. The county determined the number of visitors and the cost of bringing the property up to current standards did not justify its continued operation.
- Interim Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority executive director is **Kyle Bursleson**, replacing **John Loftus**. **Bursleson** will hold the position from August 1, 2017, to February 1, 2018, while a permanent replacement is sought.
- The US Coast Guard's National Maritime Center (NMC) is requesting feedback regarding their new website, which was launched on June 29, 2017. For more information, see <http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/National-Maritime-Center/> and [http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2017/nmc\\_feedback\\_assessment\\_tool\\_notice.pdf?ver=2017-07-25-084807-910](http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2017/nmc_feedback_assessment_tool_notice.pdf?ver=2017-07-25-084807-910). The feedback survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F2PBW2D>.
- The US Coast Guard's Homeport Internet Portal is being upgraded. The new version, Homeport 2.0, will go live in September 2017; the anticipated date is September 12. For more information, see <http://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Port-and-Facility-Compliance-CG-FAC/Homeport-20/>.
- The US EPA announced on July 21, 2017, that a draft 2017

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Industry Newsbriefs, continued

Lake Huron Lakewide Action and Management Plan (LAMP) has been prepared and is available for review and comment. Input must be provided to **Liz LaPlante** ([laplante.elizabeth@eps.gov](mailto:laplante.elizabeth@eps.gov)) and/or **Steve Clement** ([Steve.Clement@canada.ca](mailto:Steve.Clement@canada.ca)) by September 5. The document: <https://binational.net/category/a2-2/lamps-paaps/>.

- On July 26, 2017, Rear Adm **Paul Thomas**, US Coast Guard's Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy, turned over that position to Rear Adm **John Nadeau**. Rear Adm **Thomas** then assumed command of the US Coast Guard's Eighth District.
- Remember that US Merchant Mariner Credential extensions expire September 30, 2017. Read more at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/07/21/7212017-reminder-national-merchant-mariner-credential-extension-expires-september-30/>.
- USCG Update to NVIC 01-16, Electronic charts and publications policy, can be accessed at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/07/18/7182017-update-to-nvic-01-16-electronic-charts-and-publications-policy/>.
- The US Coast Guard's Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory committee working group will meet via teleconference on August 17, 2017. The teleconference is open to the public. For more information, see <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2017/07/13/7132017-merchant-mariner-medical-advisory-committee-meeting/>.
- For the season through June 30, 2017, 12,089,000 tonnes of cargo moved on the St. Lawrence Seaway, an increase of 2,077,000 tonnes or 19.9% from the same period in 2016. Vessel transits totaled 1,303 through June 30, 2017, compared with 1,182 in 2016.

**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 10, 2017 -**

Lost Mariners Remembrance Ceremony, Dossin Museum, Belle Isle, Detroit

**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



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Boat Trip Raffles

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**SHIP MASTERS' SALUTE:**  
*3 Long, 1 Short*

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