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2022 Grand Lodge Convention

Plan now to attend the ISMA Grand Lodge Convention in Cleveland, hosted by Lodge #4. The convention will be held Thursday, January 27 through Saturday, January 29, 2022, at the DoubleTree Cleveland Downtown, 1111 Lakeside Avenue E. The delegate caucus will be Wednesday evening, January 26. Lodge #4 has secured a room rate of \$109/night (king or double queen), with \$10/day parking in the attached garage.

More information coming soon!!

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FROM THE NELC

Port of Windsor imposes new fee for Ojibway Anchorage, ISMA fights back.

Late last year, during the pandemic, the board of the Port of Windsor met and passed a new fee schedule for the users of the port. On its own this is harmless; every port in the world reviews its fee structure annually to assess where capital improvements can be made and where revenue can be generated. In Windsor's case, the board decided to forego charging a "berthage fee" (a fee charged per foot of overall length of the vessel just for the privilege of tying up in the port) and implement a "harbor fee" (a fee charged per registered gross ton for a vessel entering the harbor). Prior to this new strategy, Windsor was the Canadian port on the Seaway that was not charging a harbor fee and now they are the only port not charging a berthage fee. The logical conclusion from the outside is that the board has maneuvered to capture more revenue from vessels merely anchoring at Ojibway to subsidize vessels actually using port facilities.

This is unacceptable for a multitude of reasons, but the highest priority is that it compromises the safety of the waterway. Vessels waiting for a berth now will slow bell up the river instead of being safely anchored out of the way, potentially putting them in conflict with vessels trying to enter the Rouge River. Foreign vessels going to Nicholson's will have to anchor at Belle Isle to await the berth and make two complete turns in the river, potentially causing more traffic delays.

I have sent a letter from the NELC to the port stating ISMA's arguments against this fee and outlining our concerns to the

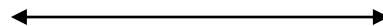
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From the NELC, continued

safety of the waterway. In response, the CEO stated, "the era of free parking is over" and, "free market, free choice." What he fails to realize is that his port is not like any other Canadian port with an open body of water out front, but rather is situated on a confined waterway with only two available anchorages in approximately 80 miles of channel. In fact, Ojibway Anchorage was established, officially, around 1960 which coincides with the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1959 and the subsequent need for a designated anchorage in the Detroit/Windsor port complex. By contrast, Belle Isle anchorage did not officially show up on charts until 1982, and even then only as a "special anchorage."

I will continue working on this matter and report any progress back to the membership. If any members wish to read the letters sent out from ISMA or our friends, please feel free to email me and I will provide them: NELC@shipmaster.org.

Scott Skrzypczak, Chairman
Navigation, Engineering, and Legislative Committee



ISMA ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

This is a reminder to all members that Ship Masters' scholarships are available! **Deadline for application for this year's Scholarships is November 1, 2021.** If you know someone who may qualify, please encourage them to apply! Currently, ISMA Scholarship Awards are \$1500.00 each.

Access the HAWSEPIPE SCHOLARSHIP at
<http://www.shipmaster.org/hawsepipe-scholarship.html>

Access the CADET SCHOLARSHIPS at
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Seann O'Donoughue (Canada) and
Russell Brohl (USA)
Scholarship Chairmen

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NEW MEMBERS

Cleveland Lodge #4:

Active Professional: **D. Andrew Ferguson** #13183
 Associate: **Marc Sells** #A-13193
Marc (Tony) Sells #A-13194
Mary H. Rabatsky #A-13184

Milwaukee Lodge #6:

Active Professional: **Anthony Bach** #13186
Robert Carr #13185
Gert Grohmann #13187
Gary Johnson #13179
Tyler Wilkins #13188

Detroit Lodge #7:

Active Professional: **Shane Buchanan** #13172
Peter Kosior #13195
Samuel D. Miller #13190
 Associate: **Jeff Haeseker** #A-13173
Robert T. Marin #A-13192
Charlotte A. McKenzie #A-13191
 Cadet: **Anthony Bostwick** #C-13178

Twin Ports Lodge #12:

Active Retired: **Fred E. Jeffery** #13181
Cass Kane #13182

Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15:

Active Professional: **Murray Helwig** #13174
Bart Nielson #13175
Terry Reynolds #13176
 Associate: **Michael Vizer** #A-13177

Niagara District Lodge #20:

Active Professional: **Chris Leonard** #13180

Grand Traverse Lodge #23:

Active Professional: **Laura McCormack** #13189

Final Bells

Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15 member Lt. **Ronald O'Donoghue**, RCN (#12107) passed away on June 23, 2021, in Owen Sound in his 80th year. **Ron** joined Lodge #15 in 2000 and served as lodge secretary-treasurer from 2003 to 2009. In 2005, he was instrumental in linking ISMA with the Canada Merchant Navy Veteran's Association and the placement of the World War II Merchant Navy memorial in Georgian College. **Ron** is survived by his wife of 57 years, **Donna**, three sons (including Lodge #15 president and Past Grand President **Seann**



O'Donoghue), and six grandchildren. A visitation and memorial service for **Ron** was held on August 7 at Brian E. Wood Funeral Home in Owen Sound.

A memorial service for Detroit Lodge #7 member **Malcolm "Mac" McAdam** took place on August 14, 2021. (Obituary appeared in the May-June 2021 *ISMA Letter*.)

Members in the News

On June 13, 2021, Twin Ports Lodge #12 member Capt. **William Carlson** was awarded the prestigious Convoy Cup medalion and certificate for his service as a member of the Navy Armed Guard in World War II. The Convoy Cup Foundation, which bestowed the recognition, is a joint Nova Scotian and Norwegian organization which strives to "perpetuate the memory of the courageous men and women who made possible the convoys consisting of Merchant Navy and Air Force coverage." The event took place at the Honorary Consulate of Norway in Minneapolis. In attendance were members of ISMA Lodge #12, family and close friends of **Bill**, and Consulate staff. Fox Channel 9 News Minneapolis documented the event.



With **Bill Carlson** (seated) are (L to R) **Ed Montgomery**, **Christopher Edyvean**, and **Dave Robb**.

Bill Carlson was aboard the *MS City of New York* when it was torpedoed off Cape Hatteras on March 29, 1942. The bravery and quick response of the Armed Guard crew, as they fired back at the attacking U-boat, bought time for passengers and crew to abandon ship. **Bill** kept firing his machine gun as the ship went under, and swam to a lifeboat that he helped command navigate for 16 days. In one of the crowded lifeboats, a pregnant passenger gave birth at night, in a storm. The ship's physician, US Merchant Mariner Dr. **Len Conly**, delivered the baby after breaking his own ribs trying to embark the lifeboat as the second torpedo slammed into the *City of New York*. The "Lifeboat Baby," **Jesse Roper Mohorovicic**, became known as the "baby Hitler couldn't get," and the amazing miracle of birth at sea in the face of imminent death was broadcast around the world to boost the morale of Allied troops.

--Chris Edyvean, Twin Ports Lodge #12

On July 4, 2021, the *Detroit News* ran a story about the tour boat *Friendship* beginning cruises this summer in Marine City, MI. The riverboat-style tour vessel was formerly operated from Mount Clemens. Owner and captain of the *Friendship* is Detroit Lodge #7 member **Paul Gallas** (at right). Read the story at <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2021/07/04/riverboat-marine-center-tours-friendship/117359276/>.



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Members in the News, continued

The July 8, 2021, edition of *The St. Ignace News* contained an illustrated article on the US Naval Sea Cadets and Capt. **Luke Clyburn** (ISMA Grand 2nd Vice President and long-time Detroit Lodge #7 member) aboard the *Pride of Michigan*, which is exploring in the Straits of Mackinac. See the nicely-illustrated story at www.detroitlodge7.org/St_Ignace%20News.pdf.

The second episode of the podcast *North Coast Chronicles - Tales from the Great Lakes* with host **Helen Brohl** (former member of Cleveland Lodge #4) on July 23, 2021, featured Past Grand President and Lodge #4 member **Russell Brohl** (Helen's brother). In the podcast titled "Where the Boats Are," **Russ** shares his many years of experience as a captain on ferry boats and Great Lakes lakers. Listen to the podcast at https://www.coastalnewstoday.com/podcasts/where-the-boats-go-north-coast-chronicles?fbclid=IwAR1Zrxid7qX4PYX51Zjbmz-144jqvMTkSBh1rrZ8_rlqah3dur-sS8foO0.

August 4, 2021, marked the 231st birthday of the US Coast Guard. To celebrate the event, the Weather Channel featured profiles of past and present USCG personnel. Commander **Michele Schallip**, daughter of Lodge #22 members Past Grand President **Bob Schallip** and **Mary Ann Schallip**, Grand Chaplain and Lodge #22 secretary-treasurer. **Michele** currently serves as Special Assistant to the Vice Commandant in Washington, DC, and recently graduated with distinction with a Master's degree from the Naval War College in Newport, RI. She also served as Executive Office on the USCG's medium Polar class cutter *Healy* for two years, and was Commanding Officer of the USCGC *Spar* in Alaska for three years. Additionally, she served as Waterways Chief for CG District 13 (most of the Pacific Northwest).

Industry Newsbriefs –

- The US Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee will meet in Cape Vincent, NY, on September 1, 2021, at the Saint Lawrence Seaway Pilots' Association conference facility. The committee will discuss matters relating to Great Lakes pilotage, including review of proposed Great Lakes pilotage regulations and policies. For more information and a link to the complete *Federal Register* notice, see <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2021/07/30/federal-register-notice-great-lakes-pilotage-advisory-committee-meeting/>.
- On July 16, 2021, the US Coast Guard announced that it is seeking comments regarding phasing out of the process of distributing local broadcast of notices to mariners by routine VHF radio broadcasts. Such notices are accessible by mobile devices and the internet. Comments were due by August 16. Read more at <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2021/07/16/federal-register-notice-proposed-distribution-of-scheduled-navigation-safety-messages-broadcast-notice-to-mariners-by-mobile-and-internet-methods/>.
- Beginning July 19, 2021, the USCG National Maritime Center (NMC) resumed counter service appointments for most of their Regional Examination Centers (RECs). View the information at https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2021/rec_counter_service_reopening.pdf.

Industry Newsbriefs, continued

- In July, the US House Appropriations Committee approved the fiscal year 2022 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies funding bill, which includes funding for the Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP). The bill provides \$53.23 billion in funding, focusing on creating new jobs, investing in clean energy, and rebuilding waterway infrastructure. Read more at <https://appropriations.house.gov/news/press-releases/appropriations-committee-releases-fiscal-year-2022-energy-and-water-development>.
- The 2020-2021 St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation's (SLSMC) Annual Corporate Summary has been posted to the SLSMC website. Find it at https://greatlakes-seaway.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/slsmc_ar2021_en.pdf.
- On August 9, 2021, the US EPA announced release of a Dredged Material Decision Tool (DMDT) to help federal, state, tribal, and local partners compare sustainable alternatives for sediment disposal while accounting for economic, environmental, and social impacts. The DMDT, instruction manual, and other materials can be found on the EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/research/dredged-material-decision-tool-dmdt>.
- On July 8, 2021, the US EPA announced that **Frank Ettawageshik**, executive director of the United Tribes of Michigan, and **Laura Rubin**, director of the Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition, are joining the Agency's Great Lakes Advisory Board.
- The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative annual meeting will be held virtually on August 25-26, 2021. Guest speakers include Senator **Tammy Duckworth**, member of the US Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and Chair of the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife. The conference theme is "Climate Change – 2021 and Beyond." For more information, see <https://glsccities.org/events/annual-meeting/>.
- On July 16, 2021, the National Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo opened an in-house, temporary exhibit titled, "Jim Hoffman: The Photographic Life of Toledo's Original Boatnerd." The exhibit features the photography of the late **Jim Hoffman** and runs through September 6.
- On July 8, 2021, the USCG announced in the *Federal Register* a request for public input on specific Coast Guard programs, regulations, policies, and procedures that the Coast Guard should consider changing in order to combat and respond to climate change. Comments must be submitted prior to October 6. For further information, see <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2021/07/08/federal-register-notice-request-for-information-on-coast-guard-programs-regulations-and-policies-for-addressing-climate-change/>.
- The US Coast Guard announced on July 6, 2021, that a new NAVCEN website is in the works. View the notice at <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/2e6f579>.
- On July 5, 2021, Canada's Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** announced that Algoma Steel Inc. will receive up to \$420 million to retrofit their operations and phase out coal-fired steelmaking processes at their Sault Ste. Marie, ON, facility. See the release at <https://pm.gc.ca/en/news/news-releases/2021/07/05/new-investment-canadas-steel-industry-create-jobs-and-build-cleaner>.

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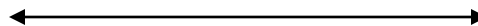
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- US NOAA is proposing to designate up to 1786 square miles of Lake Ontario and the Thousand Islands region adjacent to Jefferson, Wayne, Oswego, Cayuga, and St. Lawrence counties in New York as a National Marine Sanctuary. The nominated area contains 64 known shipwrecks and one aircraft representing events spanning more than 200 years of the nation's history. Based on historical records, an additional 20 shipwrecks and three aircraft may be located there. You can view the almost 200-page draft environmental impact statement and management plan released on July 8, 2021, at <https://nmssanctuaries.blob.core.windows.net/sanctuaries-prod/media/docs/20210701-proposed-lake-ontario-national-marine-sanctuary-draft-environmental-impact-statement.pdf>.
- The USS *Cod*, the World War II submarine, will return to its berth in Cleveland on August 18 or 19, 2021, following a two-month hull maintenance drydocking at DonJon Shipbuilding & Repair in Erie, PA.
- At noon on June 25, 2021, ships at ports across Canada sounded their horns as part of a worldwide effort to recognize the critical role marine workers have played during the pandemic and to urge governments to prioritize vaccinations for shipboard crews. June 25 was the International Day of the Seafarer.
- The US Coast Guard Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) 02-21 Change 2, issued on June 10, 2021, reflects updated enforcement of mask requirements for commercial vessels and maritime transportation hubs. For more information, see <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2021/06/11/update-to-mask-requirement-for-persons-aboard-vessels/>.
- On June 25, 2021, Fraser Shipyards, Superior, WI, announced new owners. Cleaves Invest, out of Norway, and Chicago-based Foundry Mountain Infrastructure Partners acquired the yard in a joint venture known as Infrastructure Acquisition Partners. **Patrick Kelly**, of Foundry Mountain, is the incoming CEO of the 133-year-old shipyard.
- On June 10, 2021, Cleveland-Cliffs Inc. held a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new natural gas-fired hot briquetted iron plant in Toledo, which has been operational for six months. At the ceremony, Cleveland-Cliffs' Chairman, President and CEO **Lourenco Goncalves** was joined by Rep. **Marcy Kaptur** (D-OH) from Toledo, Ohio Governor **Mike DeWine**, and Toledo Mayor **Wade Kapszukiewicz**.
- On June 23, 2021, it was announced that 962 square miles of Lake Michigan from Kewaunee County to Ozaukee County, WI, have been designated a National Marine Sanctuary to protect historic shipwrecks. This would become the 15th sanctuary established by NOAA. The designation is subject to congressional and gubernatorial review.
- Tug *Edna G*, long a fixture at Two Harbors, MN, will celebrate its 125th birthday with a two-day celebration on August 28 and 29, 2021.
- The pilot house of the Steamer *Canopus*, which had been on display at the former Great Lakes Historical Society Museum in Vermilion, OH, was auctioned by sealed bid on June 4, 2021. The former museum building was demolished in order to complete the city's Main Street Beach renovation. The *Canopus* pilot house was purchased through the auction by **Bill and Eva Gribble**, who plan to incorporate the pilot house as an entrance to their business which supplies recycled plastic materials to boat builders. The *Canopus* pilot house was moved over the road via truck on June 18.



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