



INTERNATIONAL SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION

DETROIT LODGE NO. 7

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March 13, 2014

TO: Members of Detroit Lodge No. 7

Speakers have been arranged for the three remaining meetings on the lodge's winter schedule:

Wednesday, March 19 – Evening Potluck Dinner at Island Cove Marina – 6:00 PM
Speaker: Luke Clyburn, Noble Odyssey Foundation

Saturday, March 29 – Lodge Luncheon/Speaker at J.W. Westcott Co. – 12:00 Noon
Speaker: Galen Witham, Operations Ice Officer,
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Detroit

Tuesday, April 9 – Lodge Luncheon/Speaker at Mariners' Church – 12:00 Noon
Speaker: Selena Warnke, Chief of the Inspection Division,
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Detroit

Refer to the enclosed schedule update for additional details.

The 50th annual Blessing of the Fleet was held at Mariners' Church on Sunday, March 9. Fr. William Fleming, Rector of Mariners' Church, officiated at the service. Numerous ISMA members from around the Great Lakes took part in the service.

Serving in the honor guard were: Art Brooks, Sam Buchanan, Jay Downen, PGP Ron Ingram, Ron LaPlante, Joe Mastripolito, Kathy McGraw, PGP Tom McMullen, Steve Nelson, Ray Oset, Scott Reynolds and Rick Scott of Detroit Lodge No. 7; Brian Eickel, Wade Streeter and Roger Hewlett of Port Huron Lodge No. 2; PGP Bob Haller of Toledo Lodge No. 9; ISMA Grand First Vice President Joe Walters of Twin Ports Lodge No. 12; PGP Seann O'Donoughue of Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge No. 15; Mary Ann Schallip and ISMA Grand President Robert Schallip of Twin Sault Lodge No. 22; and PGP Rebecca Hancock of Grand Traverse Lodge No. 23. Paul Jagenow of Detroit Lodge No. 7, Phil Knetchel of Toledo Lodge No. 9 and Rear Admiral Gerald Achenbach of Grand Traverse Lodge No. 23 were in the congregation. Six past and present Grand Presidents participated in the honor guard.

Several Shipmasters served in additional capacities during the service. During the presentation of the Capt. Lewis Ludington Awards, Scott Reynolds served as reader and lodge President Rick Scott represented Detroit Lodge No. 7. During the reading of the names of deceased mariners, Kathy McGraw served as necrologist and lodge President Rick Scott tolled the *Octorora* bell. Ray Oset, Tom McMullen, Art Brooks and Roger Hewlett presented the wreaths that represented loss by storm, reef, fire, and collision. Ron Ingram and Sam Buchanan were receivers of pennants, burgees and fleet flags.

During the Blessing of the Fleet, four mariners were announced as recipients of the Capt. Lewis Ludington Award:

Capt. Seann O'Donoughue, graduate of the Maritime Navigation Program at Georgian College in Owen Sound, has had a long career sailing for Algoma Central Marine. Last year he served as

Captain aboard the M/V *Algoma Spirit*, and this season he will be Captain of the newly built M/V *Algoma Equinox*. He has been a member of Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge No. 15 since 1996 and served as Grand Lodge President in 2012.

Capt. Robert Haller worked for nearly 10 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers aboard tugs, barges and derricks. He received his original license at the A.M.O. navigation school in Toledo, and sailed for over 30 years with the Columbia Transportation, Oglebay Norton, Central Marine Logistics and Key Lakes fleets. He has been a member of Toledo Lodge No. 9 since 1982 and served as Grand Lodge President in 2008.

Capt. Steven Nelson received his initial license in 1987. He has served aboard the *J.W. Westcott II*, the EPA R/V *Lake Guardian* and the T/S *Pride of Michigan*. He is currently serving as Master/Mate aboard the Tugs *Erika Kobasic* and *Nickelena* of Basic Marine Co. He has been a member of Detroit Lodge No. 7 since 1991 and served as lodge President in 2000.

Capt. Dean Hobbs (posthumous award) passed away unexpectedly on November 21, 2013 at the age of 59. Capt. Hobbs was a graduate of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City and served in many capacities ashore and aboard ship. He served 17 years as Captain of the Carferry *Badger* and was also an adjunct professor at the Great Lakes Maritime Academy. He joined Chicago Lodge No. 3 in 1980 and transferred to Grand Traverse Lodge No. 23 in 1993. He was elected Grand President in 1999 and was serving as Secretary/Treasurer of the Grand Traverse lodge at the time of his death.

The [Capt. Lewis Ludington Award](#) was established by the Ludington Family and Mariners' Church in 1994. Over the years some 75 Shipmasters have been recognized for their contributions to the maritime industry on the Great Lakes. Detroit Lodge No. 7 has been honored to have a role in the selection process. Photos of this year's Blessing of the Fleet have been posted on the Photo Page of the lodge's website.

Two members of Detroit Lodge No. 7 were recently honored with special citations. Both award ceremonies took place in February.

Norman Raymond, along with other crew members of the R/V *Clinton*, received the Captain David P. Dobbins Award presented by Commander Jeff Ogden of U.S. Coast Guard Sector Detroit on February 19. The award was in recognition of a lifesaving event on the Detroit River last August.

Luke Clyburn received the Chairman's Award from the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Program, headquartered in Washington, DC. The award was presented by USNSC Regional Director Kevin McFarland on February 15 and was in recognition of Capt. Clyburn's sustained service and support to the Sea Cadet Program. The Chairman's Award is the highest award issued to an individual by the National Chairman of the Sea Cadet Program.

Congratulations to both members for these special honors. Additional information about the two award ceremonies is enclosed.

A hearty welcome is extended to **Laddie Hudson** of Macomb, MI who recently joined the lodge as an Associate member.

Fraternally yours,

Paul M. Jagenow
Secretary-Treasurer

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND MEETINGS – UPDATE March/April, 2014

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014 – Island Cove Marina –
32081 N. River Rd., Harrison Twp., MI**

Joint Evening Meeting with the members, spouses and guests

Social/Cocktail Hour - 6:00 PM

Pot Luck Dinner - 7:00 PM

The lodge will provide the main meat dish.

Everyone planning to attend is asked to bring a dish of food to pass.

Program/Speaker - 8:00 PM

Luke Clyburn, Noble Odyssey Foundation

Saturday, March 29, 2014: J.W. Westcott Co. – Foot of 24th St., Detroit, MI

Luncheon 12:00 Noon, Speaker 1:00 PM

Galen Witham, Ice Officer for U.S. Coast Guard Sector Detroit, will give a presentation about Operation Coal Shovel and ice conditions for the spring breakout.

Tuesday, April 8, 2014 – Mariners' Church – E. Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, MI

Luncheon 12:00 Noon, with speaker to follow at 1:00 PM

Selena Warnke, Chief of the Inspections Division of U.S. Guard Sector Detroit, will address the lodge on matters relating to the vessel inspection process.

For many years now, the lodge has concluded its winter schedule by holding its last luncheon meeting at Mariners' Church, as a sort of bon voyage gathering. Special thanks are extended to the Fr. William Fleming, Rector of Mariners' Church, for allowing this tradition to continue.

NOTE: Mariners' Church is unable to provide free parking on weekdays. The nearest paid parking is available in the Underground Garage beneath Jefferson Avenue.

News Release

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U.S. Coast Guard

Coast Guard auxiliarist, crew receive award for saving 2 people on Detroit River



U.S. Coast Guard photo

Stephen Stewart, Elizabeth Nebei and Coast Guard auxiliarist Norman Raymond, crew members of the education vessel *Clinton*, are awarded the Captain David P. Dobbins Award by Capt. Jeff Ogden, commander of Coast Guard Sector Detroit during a ceremony at Coast Guard Air Station Detroit, located on Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., Feb. 19, 2014.

They received the award for saving two people in the Detroit River Aug. 11, 2013.

Detroit — The Coast Guard formally recognized the crew of an education vessel at a ceremony Wednesday at Coast Guard Air Station Detroit, located at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., for saving two people when they responded to a mayday call in the Detroit River on Aug. 11, 2013.

During the ceremony, Capt. Jeff Ogden, commander of Coast Guard Sector Detroit, presented Norman Raymond, Stephen Stewart and Elizabeth Nebei with the Captain David P. Dobbins Award for excellence in search and rescue. Patrick Livingston and Jenna Roy also earned the award but were unable to attend the ceremony.

While operating the education vessel, the *Clinton*, Raymond responded to a mayday call by the Canadian Coast Guard reporting two people in the water in the Detroit River. The crew found a personal watercraft running but unmanned on the river and began searching for the two missing people. They found the father and son clinging to a buoy nearby. The crew brought the son aboard the *Clinton*, while a Canadian Coast Guard vessel rescued the father.

Raymond attributes his search and rescue skills to being an active member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, in which he is a coxswain and commander of Division 20, 9th District Central Region.

The Dobbins Award is presented by the Coast Guard in recognition of outstanding action accomplished while conducting a search and rescue mission on the Great Lakes. Dobbins was appointed the first superintendent of the U.S. Lifesaving Service of the Great Lakes in 1876. He distinguished himself by performing and organizing numerous heroic rescues during his career. In memory of his heritage, initiative and dedication, the award is presented to individuals who perform distinguished search and rescue acts on the Great Lakes.

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On Saturday, February 15, 2014, Lodge member Capt. Luke Clyburn was awarded the Chairman's Medal by the United States Naval Sea Cadet program, headquartered in Washington, DC.

The Chairman's Medal is the highest award that may be bestowed on an individual and is approved by the National Chairman.

The Chairman's Medal recognizes sustained distinguished service/support on the part of individuals meeting such criteria as may be established by the National Chairman.



Naval Sea Cadet Corps

The National Chairman, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, takes pleasure in presenting the **Chairman's Medal** to

Lieutenant Commander Luther L. Clyburn
United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps

for service as set forth in the following

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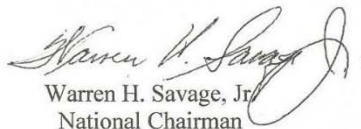
For exceptionally distinguished service to the U. S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps while serving as the Commanding Officer of Great Lakes Division, President of the Noble Odyssey Foundation and as ship's Captain of the vessel "Pride of Michigan".

Lieutenant Commander Clyburn's leadership, innovation and unswerving commitment to excellence produced top quality Cadets ready to lead our nation into the future. For more than forty years, he has worked diligently to provide a highly valuable educational and development experience for youth in the Great Lakes region and around the country. Since 1977, he has operated the Noble Odyssey Foundation to provide a platform for Naval Sea Cadets to learn about the rich resources of the Great Lakes and to them in environmental resource management. His work has been inspirational to the cadets and adult volunteers associated with this program, and all the while making great contributions to scientific discovery in the Great Lakes region. Lieutenant Commander Clyburn's superior performance of duties highlights his achievement of over 40 years of honorable and dedicated service to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

Lieutenant Commander Clyburn's record of accomplishments and dedication to America's youth are of the highest caliber, and reflect great credit upon himself, the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Navy League Cadet Corps, the Navy League of the United States, the United States Coast Guard, and the United States Navy. His overall professionalism and performance are of such distinction as to merit award of the **Chairman's Medal**.

Awarded this 25th day of **October, 2013**




Warren H. Savage, Jr.
National Chairman