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New Grand Lodge Chaplain

Capt. **Robert Libby**, currently serving as Twin Ports Lodge #12 Chaplain, has been appointed to the position of Grand Lodge Chaplain.

Grand President Capt. **Robert Schallip** appointed **Bob** to fill the vacancy that occurred due to the untimely death of previous Grand Chaplain Capt. **Robert Hull**.

FROM THE LODGES

Toledo Lodge #9:

Lodge #9 has donated \$500 to **Paul Cox**, a recent graduate of the Toledo Maritime Academy, who has been accepted as a cadet at Great Lakes Maritime Academy. **Paul**, who graduated second in his class, is the first Toledo Maritime Academy graduate to attend GLMA. "Toledo Lodge #9 is proud to support him as he continues his maritime education," said Lodge #9 Treasurer Capt. **Jim Byrne**.

Georgian Bay-Huronian Lodge #15:

The Community Waterfront Heritage Centre (CWHC) now operates the Community Museum celebrating Owen Sound's marine, rail and industrial heritage, located in the former CN train station in Owen Sound. In an enthusiastic outpouring from residents of Owen Sound who didn't want to see the museum closed, the CWHC was formed last year and has worked diligently to bring this institution back to life. Over the past 20 years, Lodge #15 has supported and raised money for the Museum. Lodge #15 has been friends with the institution since its charter, when initial lodge meetings were held there. "If the opportunity arises, please come down to visit," says Lodge #15 President Capt. **Seann O'Donoghue**.

Green Bay Lodge #18:

Lodge #18 has donated \$100 (US) to Georgian College toward the Captain Robert Hull Memorial Scholarship fund.

Manistee Rescues Diver in Straits of Mackinac Capt. **David Miller** is President of Buffalo Lodge #1

When a scuba diver ascended from the wreck of the *Sandusky* five miles west of the Mackinac Bridge and several miles from shore on June 29, 2014, he found himself drifting away from the dive boat in strong winds. The dive boat recovered the other divers, but when it left the mooring to attempt recovery of the drifting diver, it suffered an engine shutdown in the building seas. The boat anchored and called for US Coast Guard assistance in rescuing the lost diver.

The *Manistee*, carrying a cargo of salt, was westbound for Green Bay when the crew was alerted. "I was on the bridge talking with Second Mate **J. B. Collings** as we watched an approaching storm front line to our west," said Captain **David Miller**. After receiving the Coast Guard alert, the *Manistee* altered course to render assistance. Third Mate **Jeff Porinchok** alerted the bosun and deckhands and helped launch the ship's 14-foot workboat after the diver was spotted half a mile from the disabled, anchored dive boat.

Capt. **Miller** stopped the *Manistee* approximately 500 feet upwind of the diver to create a lee in the building seas. "By this time the thunderstorm had arrived with heavy rain and winds gusting over 30 knots," he said. "The diver was fatigued and unable to climb into the [work] boat. He held onto the side, and deckhand **Mike Flanagan** held onto him as Bosun **Rob Bentley** piloted the workboat back to the anchored dive boat. The diver states that he had been in the water for over two hours. He was wearing proper diving attire, but the water temperature was 55 degrees. After the Coast Guard came and took the dive boat under tow, we safely recovered our workboat in three-to-four foot waves and continued on our way to Green Bay." Capt. **Miller** reported that the entire operation took just under one hour.

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Thank you.



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Detroit Lodge #7 member Capt. **Luke Clyburn** was interviewed both aboard the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps ship *Pride of Michigan* and on air in the WDIV-4 television studio about the opportunities for USN Sea Cadet Corps members to learn and lead aboard the *Pride of Michigan*. View the video at <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/live-in-the-d/uniquely-detroit-us-naval-sea-cadet-corps/26842328>.

Detroit Lodge #7 member Capt. **Sam Buchanan** was interviewed by the *Detroit Free Press* aboard the *J. W. Westcott II* about delivering mail and packages, captaining the mailboat, and J. W. Westcott Co. You can view the video and accompanying article published on July 27, 2014, at <http://www.freep.com/article/20140727/COL44/307270066/westcott-ZIP-code-a-few-minutes-with>.

Niagara District Lodge #20 member Capt. **Lillian Kluka** was profiled in the article, "Farm Girl Charted Way for Women as Ship's Captain," that appeared in *Chatham This Week* on July 31, 2014. "Kluka said she wasn't sure what she wanted to do when she was in high school and applied for such a variety of programs that her guidance counsellor didn't really know how to help. But one thing that caught Kluka's eye was a small pamphlet from Georgian [College] that proclaimed 'You Can Be A Sailor.'" And the rest is history. Read the article at <http://www.chathamthisweek.com/2014/07/31/farm-girl-charted-way-for-women-as-ships-captain>.

Twin Ports Lodge #12 member and ISMA Grand First Vice President Capt. **Joe Walters** is captain of the USGS Research Vessel *Kiyi*. Earlier this summer while doing fisheries research, the *Kiyi* snagged something with a net in Lake Superior not far from Thunder Bay and had to cut itself loose. A Superior Underwater Exploration Society dive team explored the area in early August and found an old barge that may have sunk in the Cloud Bay area more than 100 years ago. Read more at <http://www.netnewsledger.com/2014/08/12/superior-underwater-exploration-society-finds-another-wreck/>.

ISMA at Wrigley Field

ISMA Grand Sentinel **Amy Seeley**, Grand 2nd Vice President **Bob Lund**, and Grand 1st Vice President **Joe Walters** were caught at Wrigley Field, August 14, 2014. (Brewers 6, Cubs 2)



FINAL BELLS

Captain **Liel Osell**, at one time a member of Green Bay Lodge #18 (#10259), passed away on July 14, 2014, at the age of 94. He was active as a tug captain well into his 80s.

NEW MEMBERS

Cleveland Lodge #4:

Active Professional: **Kristina Jacobs** #12869

Grand Traverse Lodge #23:

Active Professional: **Jay D. Ruzak** #12867
Stormi Sutter #12868



HAVE *YOU* SIGNED UP A
NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?

Twin Ports Lodge #12 FREIGHTER TRIP RAFFLE

Twin Ports Lodge #12 is conducting a raffle for a trip aboard a Great Lakes Freighter. Grand Prize is a multi-day voyage for four aboard an Interlake Steamship Company vessel during the summer or fall of the 2015 navigation season.

Ticket prices are: \$10.00 each
3 tickets for \$25.00
6 tickets for \$50.00
12 tickets for \$100.00
25 tickets for \$200.00
50 tickets for \$400.00
100 tickets for \$750.00
500 tickets for \$3,500.00

Payable in **US funds only (check or money order)**

Tickets may be obtained from
International Ship Masters' Association
Twin Ports Lodge #12
PO Box 122
Superior, WI 54880
Phone: 715-392-6287

The winning ticket will be drawn during the Grand Ball at the Grand Lodge Convention at the Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center, Duluth, MN, on Friday, February 6, 2015. (Winner need not be present.)

(State of Wisconsin Raffle License #R0021501A-13763)

For further information and an order form, visit
www.freightertrip.com

Salute Your Fellow Members with the
SHIP MASTERS' SALUTE:
3 Long, 1 Short

FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

To date (mid-August), we have received three Hawsepape applications and three Canadian Cadet applications for the 2015 ISMA Scholarship Award.

Over 80 information posters were sent to ships on the Great Lakes, via the mail boat *J. W. Westcott II* at Detroit.

Thank you to everyone for donating to the Scholarship Fund. Your assistance really helps and is greatly appreciated! Please keep the donations coming!

Excelsior!
Seann O'Donoghue
ISMA Scholarship Chairman



Industry Newsbriefs –

TWIC “One Visit” is now available. TWIC cards can now be mailed directly to your home or other location, instead of your returning to an enrollment center to pick up your card. If you choose to receive your card by mail, you will only be required to make one visit to an enrollment center to complete the enrollment process. When you receive your card it will be activated and ready to use. A mailer with the card’s preset PIN will be sent to you separately. You may still choose to pick up your card at an enrollment center. Note that TWIC “Enrollment Centers” are now known as “Universal Enrollment Services” or UES. Read the latest TWIC news at <http://www.tsa.gov/stakeholders/transportation-worker-identification-credential-twic%C2%AE>.

Grey County, ON, recently committed \$2 million toward expansion of Georgian College’s Owen Sound campus and Great Lakes International Marine Centre. The funding will help pay for construction of a marine emergency duties (MED) training and research facility. Georgian College estimates the cost at \$7 million for a 6500-square-foot addition for the new MED facility. MED training is now compulsory for marine students. Transport Canada has proposed regulatory changes that will require refresher emergency response training every five years for existing mariners. That means another 750 people will require four days of MED train-



ISMA Lodge #15 member Cadet Jason Davenport and Georgian College president/CEO MaryLynn West-Moynes. (Owen Sound Sun Times)

ing each year. The full *Owen Sound Sun Times* article can be found at <http://www.owensoundsuntimes.com/2014/08/05/grey-county-commits-2-million-towards-georgian-colleges-med-expansion-plan>. Back in June, Georgian College produced an informational brochure, “Marine Emergency Duties (MED) Training and Research Centre,” describing the proposed facility. Pictured in the brochure is Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15 president, Capt. **Seann O’Donoghue**.

Lake Carriers’ Association (LCA) and Canadian Shipowners Association (CSA) have agreed to cooperate in their efforts to guide ballast water regulation. LCA and CSA believe that domestic vessels should operate under a uniform single standard or compatible set of national rules that are fair and rationally based, resulting in requirements that are technically and operationally achievable. Read the press release from LCA at <http://www.lcaships.com/category/news-releases/>.

Lake Carriers’ Association issued a press release on July 20, 2014, “Lakes Water Levels Coming Back, But Not Full Loads,” saying the rise in water levels has yet to translate into full loads for US-flag Great Lakes freighters. “The rise in water levels has allowed vessels to carry larger cargos than a year ago,” said LCA President **Jim Weakley**. “However, water levels will begin their seasonal decline in the fall, so the fact even more carrying capacity will be unusable makes the recent passage of the WRRDA even more important to the Great Lakes navigation system. That legislation designates the Lakes as a system in terms of dredging and increases spending from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund.” Read the full release at <http://www.lcaships.com/category/news-releases/>.

Great Lakes legislators played a key role in the July 9, 2014, vote in the House of Representatives to increase the US Army Corps of Engineers’ national budget by nearly \$58 million. The additional funds will push the Corps’ national dredging budget to the level specified in the recently enacted Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA), which should result in more dredging dollars for the Great Lakes. Read the Great Lakes Maritime Task Force press release at <http://www.glmtf.org/category/press-releases/>.

The US Coast Guard’s National Maritime Center encourages candidates for credential renewals to submit their applications at least 90 days prior to the date of expiration. Processing times have recently crept upward; however, one of the NMC’s primary goals is to get net processing time down to under 30 days.

The US Coast Guard’s National Maritime Center has updated the Frequently Asked Questions list concerning the new STCW rule. Find more information at www.uscg.mil/nmc/stcw/new_STCW_rule_faq.asp.

US Senators **Rob Portman** (R-OH) and **Debbie Stabenow** (D-MI) were named as vice-chairs of the Senate Great Lakes Task Force on June 26, 2014. The Task Force, founded in the mid-1980s, is co-chaired by Sen. **Carl Levin** (D-MI) and Sen. **Mark Kirk** (R-IL), and is a bipartisan organization working to enhance the economic and environmental health of the Great Lakes.

Sen. **Carl Levin** (D-MI), co-chair of the US Senate Great Lakes Task Force, introduced the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage

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Assessment Act in early July 2014 that would require federal assessment of Great Lakes waters with significant cultural, historic or archaeological value for possible preservation as federal marine sanctuaries. Co-sponsors of the bill are **Debbie Stabenow** (D-MI), **Sherrod Brown** (D-OH), **Amy Klobuchar** (D-MN), and **Tammy Baldwin** (D-WI).

The US National Park Service's Maritime Heritage Program, in partnership with the US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration, has approximately \$1.7 million in grant funding available for education and preservation projects related to US maritime history. Details of the grant program, including the application process, are available at go.nps.gov. Applications will be accepted through September 23, 2014.

On July 15, 2014, **Paul "Chip" Jaenichen** was confirmed as Administrator of the US Maritime Administration (MARAD). He has been Acting Administrator since June 2013.

On June 20, 2014, a coalition of 58 national and regional organizations representing a wide array of leading business, maritime and labor organizations signed on to a letter to Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Chairman **John Rockefeller** (D-WV) and Ranking Member **John Thune** (R-SD) urging that the committee schedule S. 2094 (a bill that would establish a uniform national framework for the regulation of ballast water and other vessel discharges) for consideration and be favorably reported out of committee. The bill would remedy the existing confusing, costly and ineffective patchwork of state and federal rules governing discharges with which operators must comply.

The Great Lakes Maritime Task Force (ISMA is a member) sent a letter on June 20, 2014, to Wisconsin Governor **Scott Walker** thanking him for the state's approval of grants that will strengthen Wisconsin's shipbuilding and repair industries.

More than 15 million metric tons of cargo moved through the St. Lawrence Seaway during July 2014, down just four percent over last year, marking a comeback from the season's slow start. The cargo rebound was led by grain movements. Combined Canada-US grain shipments are up 55 percent from a year ago.

The city of Sturgeon Bay, WI, honored its maritime heritage July 31-August 10, 2014, when it celebrated Sturgeon Bay Maritime Week: A Salute to the US Coast Guard.

August 25, 2014, was the deadline for applications for the US EPA's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grants to fund new projects to restore and protect the Great Lakes. Up to \$27.5 million is may be distributed. For more information about the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, visit www.glri.us.

The US EPA has also solicited proposals for a second round of Great Lakes Shoreline Cities Grants. EPA will award grants totaling up to \$4.5 million to fund green infrastructure projects that will improve Great Lakes water quality. Eligibility requirements are available at www.epa.gov.

The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation and the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation will host the 34th International Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Trade Mission to Belgium and Germany, October 11-18, 2014.

The 10th Annual HWY H20 Conference will be held November 19-20, 2014, at the Toronto Airport Marriott in Toronto, ON. For more information, visit www.hwyh20-conferences.com.

Canada's annual Merchant Navy Day will be celebrated on September 3, 2014.

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