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ISMA LETTER

FROM THE LODGES

Port Huron Lodge No. 2:



For the second year in a row, the tug *Cheyenne*, owned and operated by Lodge No. 2 member **Wade P. Streeter** (#11051) won the annual Detroit-Windsor Tugboat Race. This

year's event, the 43rd annual, was held on Saturday, June 22, 2019. A variety of Canadian and US tugs, both commercial and private, participated. Tugboat races have been held periodically in the Detroit-Windsor area since 1949; since 1977, the race has been an annual event. A number of ISMA members have participated in the races over the years.



Wade Streeter accepts trophy from Windsor Harbor officials.
—photos courtesy Wade Streeter

This year's winners were: Overall – *Cheyenne*, Runner-up *Sindbad*; Class 1 – *Cheyenne*, Runner-up *Pioneer*; Class 2 – *Josephine*, Runner-up *Sheila Kaye*; Class 3 – *Sindbad*, Runner-up *J. W. Westcott*, Class 4 – *Joseph Hogan*, Runner-up *Dyker Lass*; Judge's Pick – *Sheila Kaye*; Best Dressed – *Josephine*.

Lodge #7 members Sam Buchanan and Jim Hogan of J.W. Westcott Co. with Wade Streeter.



Cleveland Lodge No. 4:

Lodge No. 4 members and guests enjoyed a Cleveland harbor and Cuyahoga River cruise aboard MV *Holiday* on June 13, 2019. Heavy rain that was forecast held off until just prior to cruise's end. Following a summer re-



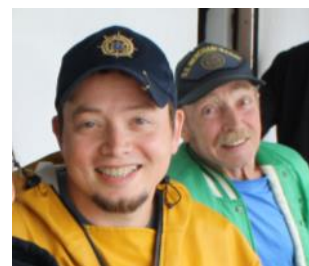
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cess, Lodge No. 4 resumes biweekly meetings on September 5.

Right: Lodge #4 members PGP Al Tielke and Grand 2nd VP Bill Rabatsky.



Left: Kevin Bem, Lodge #4.
—photos courtesy of Paul Jagenow



Above: Lodge #7 members Wayne Sapulski & Paul Jagenow. Above right: Lodge #4 members Aaron Burnett & Van Burnett. Right: Lodge #4 members Bill Rabatsky & Ted Olm.



Detroit Lodge No. 7:



Lodge No. 7 members **Luke Clyburn** and **Ray Oset** initiated new member Cadet **Christopher Rusch** to Detroit Lodge No. 7 aboard the *Pride of Michigan*. (photo by Paul Jagenow)



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From the Lodges, continued

On September 7, 2019, the Marine Historical Society of Detroit is sponsoring a 3-hour cruise on the Detroit River aboard the *Diamond Queen*, captained by Lodge No. 7 member **Mike Nicholls**. For more information, see <http://www.detroitlodge7.org/2019%20mhsd.jpg>.

Toledo Lodge No. 9:



On June 21, 2019, a dual ceremony was held at the National Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo. The museum tug *Ohio* was dedicated, and the new Great Lakes Towing tug *Ohio* was also christened. Lodge No. 9 member and Port of Monroe Director **Paul LaMarre III** was a speaker at the event. His wife **Julie** christened the new tug *Ohio*. Several ISMA members from Detroit Lodge No. 7 were also on hand. (photos courtesy Ray Oset)



Paul LaMarre III

Members in the News

A video of mailboat *J. W. Westcott II*, captained by Detroit Lodge No. 7 member **Sam Buchanan**, at work is available at this link. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/boat-mail-detroit-windsor-1.5162558>.

ISMA SCHOLARSHIPS

For information on the annual scholarships offered by the ISMA Grand Lodge and how to apply, visit

<http://www.shipmaster.org/scholarship.html>

Historical Perspective

Before we all had cell phones — The Inland Marine Radio History Archive is dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting the history of radio's use on the Great Lakes and Mississippi River system. See <http://www.inradioha.org>.

Members Working Line 5 in Straits of Mackinac

Text and photos by PGP Lee Barnhill

Many ISMA members from various local lodges are involved with the work being performed in the Straits of Mackinac on the Enbridge Line 5 project.

PGP and Northeast Michigan Lodge #19 member **Lee Barnhill** pushed a jack up barge with Tug *Nancy Anne* to six shallow water sites on the north and south shores for a drilling crew to do geotechnical borings for the proposed tunnel project that is to replace the existing twin pipelines.



Lodge #19 member **Will St. Amour** and PGP **Lee Barnhill** ran a crew boat on alternating 12-hour shifts to the jack up barge for approximately seven weeks while the drilling crew and scientists performed their work.



In late June, the drill ship *Highland Eagle* from London, England, made it into the Great Lakes and to the Straits of Mackinac to perform the same geotechnical drilling as the jack up barge but in the deep water. Many of our ISMA member pilots from various lodges have been assigned to the *Highland Eagle* while she is operating in dynamic positioning mode to perform the drilling. PGP and Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15 member **Sean O'Donoghue** was the first pilot onboard in the Straits and PGP **Lee Barnhill** transferred him from the *Highland Eagle* back to St. Ignace. Other ISMA member pilots who have also been assigned to the *Highland Eagle* are: **Chris Edyvean, Shawn McKenzie, Ian Macfie, Kevin Noseworthy, and Gary Adcock**.

Also working in the Straits on Line 5 is the Tug *Kimberly Anne* and barge *Big Digger*. They are diving on the pipelines performing inspections and coating repairs. The tug captain on the *Kimberly Anne* is ISMA member **Scott Patterson**.

ISMA members from Lodges across the Great Lakes are heavily involved in this highly sensitive project. It is good to see so many of our members on such a project operating with the professionalism expected of our great association.

A Shipmasters' salute to all of you!!



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?

NEW MEMBERS

Cleveland Lodge #4:

Active Professional: **Richard Capiccioni** #13137



Industry Newsbriefs –

- On August 14, 2019, the US Coast Guard announced in the *Federal Register* that it is seeking public comment on a proposal to amend the requirements regulating personnel permitted to serve as a person in charge (PIC) of fuel oil transfers on an inspected vessel. Comments must be received by October 15, 2019. View the announcement at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/08/14/2019-17457/person-in-charge-of-fuel-transfers>.
- On August 8, 2019, MV *Indiana Harbor* set a new cargo record for shipments through the Soo Locks. Her load of 76,930.5 NT of taconite pellets and deep draft of 30.4 feet broke the record set earlier this year on July 14, when MV *American Integrity* locked downbound with 76,358 NT of pellets at a deep draft of 30 feet.
- On August 1, 2019, Lake Carriers' Association released figures showing that the US economy lost more than \$1 billion in business revenue and 5421 jobs due to inadequate icebreaking capabilities on the Great Lakes during the 2018 -2019 winter season. Calculations indicated that US-flag lakera could have carried 4 million additional tons of iron ore and nearly 880,000 additional tons of coal if there were robust icebreaking capabilities. Read the LCA press release at <http://www.lcaships.com/2019/08/01/iced-out-study-reveals-loss-of-more-than-1-billion-due-to-inadequate-icebreaking-capabilities-on-the-great-lakes/>.
- Chamber of Marine Commerce President **Bruce Burrows** welcomed the Canadian federal government's August 2, 2019, announcement that it is launching a competitive process to build six new icebreakers to operate in the St. Lawrence, Atlantic Canada, and the Arctic. In part, he said, "Canadian Coast Guard icebreaking services are essential to ensuring that the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence navigation system remains...reliable... We will continue to work with the government to ensure that adequate icebreaking assets are also available in the Great Lakes..." Read the full release at https://www.marinedelivers.com/media_release/canadian-shipping-industry-welcomes-government-plan-to-build-new-icebreakers/.
- On July 31, 2019, WI Senator **Tammy Baldwin**'s amendment – calling for authorization of \$10 million for the "scope and design" of a heavy icebreaker for the Great Lakes – to the 2020 Coast Guard reauthorization bill was approved by the Senate Commerce Committee with strong bipartisan support. It now heads back to the full Senate.
- Duluth's museum ship *William A. Irvin* was moved into drydock at Fraser Shipyards on August 1, 2019, for inspection, sandblasting and hull painting. Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, owner and operator of the *Irvin*, has received a \$500,000 grant from the Minnesota Historical Society to cover cost of the work
- On July 30, 2019, the US Maritime Administration announced designation of nine Marine Highway Projects, including one in the Great Lakes: Port of Oswego Great Lakes Container Service. The Port's goal is to expand its reach into national containerized cargo movement.
- On July 26, 2019, USCG's National Maritime Center announced that it is still seeking participants for the three remaining merchant mariner examination working group meetings in 2019: Deck working group – September 10-12; Engine working group – October 22-24; Deck working group – December 3-5. For qualifications and more information, see <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2019/07/26/openings-for-working-groups-to-review-merchant-mariner-exam-questions/>.
- After a 2½-year layup, SS *Arthur M. Anderson* returned to service in late July 2019.
- On July 23, 2019, the American Maritime Partnership released statistics showing that the US maritime industry creates more than 123,600 jobs and \$30 billion in economic growth in Great Lakes states. In fact, 20 percent of the national Jones Act impact comes from the eight Great Lakes states. Read the press release at <https://www.americanmaritimepartnership.com/press-releases/domestic-maritime-industry-creates-123600-jobs-30-billion-in-economic-growth-in-great-lakes-states/>.
- On July 22, 2019, the US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert in response to the February fire aboard the laid-up MV *St. Clair* at Toledo. Read the alert at <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2019/07/24/marine-safety-alert-the-importance-of-fire-safety-and-security-watches-for-vessels-in-lay-up-status/>.
- Construction of Cleveland-Cliffs' hot briquetted iron (HBI) plant in Toledo is several months ahead of schedule. The plant is expected to open in 2020.
- The USCG has announced that the CG-2692 series of forms for reporting marine casualties has been re-approved by the Office of Management and Budget and updated with the new expiration date of July 31, 2022. Owners, agents, masters, operators, or persons in charge of a vessel should begin using the updated versions of the CG-2692 series immediately.
- In mid-July 2019, the US Navy announced that the USS *Indianapolis* littoral combat ship will be commissioned on October 26 at the Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor. This will be the first time a Navy vessel will be commissioned in the state of Indiana.
- On July 12, 2019, the USCG Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance published a policy letter to provide clarification and guidance regarding radar observer requirements. Read it at <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/CG-CVC/Policy%20Letters/2019/CVC%20Policy%20Letter%2019-02%20-%20Radar%20Non-Enforcement.pdf?ver=2019-07-12-151001-860>.
- On the evening of July 8, 2019, the crew of MV *Michipicoten* began a search operation in Lake Superior which led to the rescue of a jet skier at 0200 on July 9. The jet skier, out of Grand Portage, MN, was reported missing in a location very close to the *Michipicoten*'s eastward track across the lake. Read the story at <http://randlogisticsinc.com/news/Rand-News-Crew-of-MIC-Rescues-Jet-Skier-on-Lake-Superior-7-11-19.pdf>.
- On July 3, 2019, the crew aboard the mailboat *J. W. Westcott II* rescued a woman from the waters of the Detroit River.

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Industry Newsbriefs, continued

- A July 1, 2019, *Journal of Commerce* article discussed project cargo – specifically wind turbines – on the Great Lakes/Seaway thus far this season.
- Through June 30, 2019, cargo moved through the St. Lawrence Seaway was down 1.69 percent (213 tonnes) from the same period in 2018. Vessel transits numbered 1342 through June 30, 2019, down 50 from 1392 in 2018.
- On June 26, 2019, the Poe Lock reached a half-century of operation. Following dedication of the lock on June 26, 1969, SS *Philip R Clarke* was the first vessel to lock through the new Poe Lock.
- The 2018-2019 St. Lawrence Seaway Annual Corporate Summary was posted to the SLSMC's website. Read the full report at http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/slsmc_ar2019_en.pdf.
- On June 18, 2019, the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Collaborative proposed a ten-year action plan to protect the Great Lakes from four key threats. Learn more about the Great Lakes Action Plan 2030 at https://glsclcities.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/GreatLakes-Summary-Print-Single-Page_compressed.pdf.
- In mid-June 2019, Lake Ontario reached the 249-foot level for the first time in recorded history.
- On June 14, 2019, the US Federal Communications Commission issued an enforcement advisory on non-compliant AIS devices. For more information, see <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2019/06/14/federal-communications-commission-issues-enforcement-advisory-on-non-compliant-ais-devices/>.

August 17-18, 2019 -
Georgian Bay Tugfest, Midland, ON

September 3, 2019 -
Canada Merchant Navy Day

September 28, 2019 -
World Maritime Day

November 11, 2019 -
Remembrance Day (Canada)
ISMA Lays CMVNA Wreath at Owen Sound Cenotaph
Veterans Day (United States)

November 13-15, 2019 -
CMAC Meetings, Ottawa, ON

November 26, 2019 -
William Hamilton Merritt Day (1829)
Welland Canal celebrations

December 6, 2019 -
Grunt Club 180th Annual Dinner, Montreal

December 31, 2019 -
St. Lawrence Seaway closes for season

January 30 - February 1, 2020 -
130th Annual ISMA Grand Lodge Convention
DoubleTree Hilton, Port Huron, MI



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