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ISMA LETTER

2023 Grand Lodge Convention

Detroit Lodge No. 7 will be hosting the next ISMA Convention, January 26-29, 2023, at the DoubleTree Dearborn Hilton Hotel. (The NELC meeting and delegate caucus will take place on Wednesday evening, January 25.)

Lodge No. 7 is soliciting program advertisements. This year, a single line ad is offered, permitting a member or group to have a message printed in the program. There is no art set-up charge for this ad. Also new this year is a sponsorship that includes an arrangement played at the Friday evening Grand Ball by the Big Band. A personalized arrangement will be given to that sponsor.

For the latest information on these and other 2023 Convention items, visit the Lodge No. 7 website at www.detroitlodge7.org and click on the "2023 Convention" tab.

FROM THE LODGES

Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge No. 15:

Lodge #15 member **Kevin Noseworthy** retired on August 8, 2022, after 41 years in the Canadian maritime industry. From a maritime family, **Kevin** graduated from Georgian College in 1984. He began his career with N. M. Paterson & Sons, where he rose to the position of master on several of their vessels. In 1995, he joined the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority. **Kevin** has been a Lodge #15 member since 1990.

Twin Sault Lodge No. 22:

On July 1, 2022, Lodge #22 member **Michele Schallip** was promoted to the rank of Captain (O6) in the US Coast Guard. She is assigned as Special Assistant to the Commandant, Admiral **Linda Fagan**. **Michele** graduated in 2021 from the Naval War College with a Master of Arts with Distinction in National Security and Strategic Studies. **Michele** now lives in Washington, DC. Her parents are Lodge #22 members Captains **Bob** and **Mary Ann Schallip**.

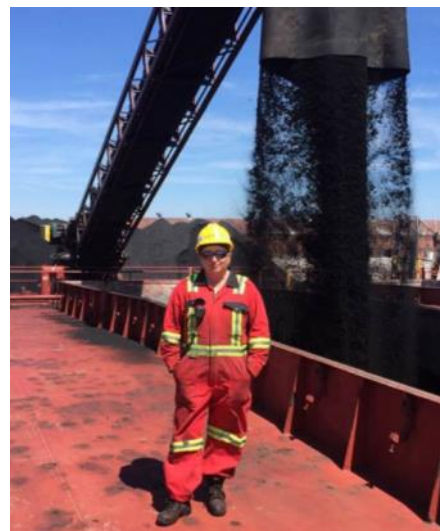
ISMA SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

Blue Water Shipmaster's Scholarship

This year's Blue Water Shipmaster's Scholarship has been awarded to Cadet **Jackie Day**, a third year Marine Navigation Technology student at Georgian College, Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada. The ISMA Port Huron Lodge No. 2 Scholarship Committee met at the end of May, reviewed Cadet **Jackie Day**'s scholarship application, and selected her for this year's \$3,000.00 award. Cadet **Day** is a resident of Lambton County, Ontario. Her application, transcripts, and reference letters depict an exemplary senior student whose goals had been set in the maritime industry after working four years for the Canadian Coast Guard.



Established by Captain **James C. Acheson** (pennant number 10802) in partnership with the ISMA Lodge No. 2 in 2003, the Blue Water Shipmaster's Scholarship provides for a resident of St. Clair County, MI, or Lambton County Ontario, who attends the Deck or Engineering Programs at either Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City, MI, the Great Lakes International Marine Training Centre, Georgian College in Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, or the St. Clair County Community College transfer program in Port Huron, MI. The Blue Water Shipmaster's Scholarship is administered through the St. Clair County Community Foundation and provides for a minimum of one, \$1,000.00 scholarship annually.

The St. Clair County Community Foundation has released an article that covers more of Cadet **Day**'s background and ambitions. Read her inspiring story at <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityFoundationSCC/photos/a.112802708787823/5229416500459726/>.

It is requested that if any member of the Grand Lodge knows of a worthy or qualifying maritime student that could be granted scholarship monies for 2023 and beyond, to please contact **Judy Pitrago**, ISMA Lodge No. 2 Scholarship Chairperson, at eandjpitrago@att.net.



Final Bells

Capt. **George R. "Skip" Skuggen** (#9924), member of Cleveland Lodge #4, passed away on July 5, 2022, at the age of 91.



Skip joined ISMA in 1964. He was ISMA Grand Lodge Secretary-Treasurer for 19 years, from 1995 through 2013. His many years of service to ISMA also included a stint as NELC Chairman (1991 through 1994) prior to becoming Grand Secretary-Treasurer, and several terms as Lodge #4 President. **Skip** was born in Hancock, MI, and served in the US Navy during the Kore-

an War, where he became proficient in piloting tugboats. Upon discharge from the Navy, he joined Wilson Marine Transit Company, beginning as a porter on the SS *R. L. Ireland*. He later climbed the hawsepipe and received his Master's license, following in the footsteps of his father **George T.** and grandfather, who were both Great Lakes vessel captains. At Wilson, he helped innovate the use of tug-barge combos, eventually becoming Wilson's Captain of the Fleet. He also taught at the Lake Carriers' Association navigation school for several years. When Wilson Transit was sold, **Skip** became an ATON specialist for the US Coast Guard Ninth District. Great Lakes shipping industry leaders later recommended **Skip** for the position of Director – Great Lakes Pilotage for the Ninth Coast Guard District in Cleveland. He served in that capacity for over 20 years. Upon retirement, **Skip** couldn't stay away from the Lakes. He captained research vessels for the US Environmental Protection Agency and operated new US Navy minesweepers in sea trials. **Skip** is survived by his wife of 63 years, **Mary**, one son, two daughters, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. **Skip** was laid to rest in the L'Anse Evergreen Cemetery in L'Anse, MI.



Former Cleveland Lodge #4 associate member **Meredith Williams** (#A-12883) passed away on July 27, 2022."

Capt. **Raymond W. "Butch" Modrzynski**, of Rogers City, MI, and former ISMA member, passed away on July 28, 2022, at the age of 96.

NEW MEMBERS

Twin Ports Lodge #12:

Active Professional: **Robert Horn** #13224

Grand Traverse Lodge #23:

Active Professional: **James Schneider** #13223

Members in the News

The Spring 2022 issue of *GeorgianView* (Georgian College Alumni magazine) ran an article about PGP and current Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15 President Captain **Seann O'Donoughue**, titled "Alumnus celebrates success at sea."

Seann talked about his 30-year maritime career on the water and as a marine simulation instructor in the Centre for Marine Training and Research at Georgian College. To honour his career and commitment to volunteerism, Georgian named **Seann** a Board of Governors' Distinguished Alumni award recipient in 2015; and in 2021, he was a Premier's Award nominee in the Technology category. **Seann** was nominated for the award by Lodge #15 Secretary-Treasurer **Thomas Aulinger**. Read the story at <http://georgiancollege.uberflip.com/i/1469950-georgianview-spring-2022-print-edition/11?>



Congratulations to Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15 member Captain **Rob McGarrity**, who became the first person to circumnavigate a cruise ship on Lake Superior since the early 2000s. **Rob**, a Great Lakes pilot, brought the *Ocean Navigator* to the ports of Marquette, Houghton, Duluth, and Thunder Bay. With the resurgence of cruise ships on the Lakes, a total of seven cruise vessels are expected to visit in 2022.



The June 2022 issue of *Oakland Lakefront Lifestyles Magazine* ran an illustrated story on Grand 1st Vice President and Detroit Lodge #7 member Capt. **Luke Clyburn** and his work with the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Read it at <http://www.detroitlodge7.org/2022-06-01.pdf>.

On April 21, 2022, the Chamber of Marine Commerce's website ran a story on the value of marine simulation training. Pictured were Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15 members **Seann O'Donoughue** and **Ian D'Mello**. Read it at <https://www.marinedelivers.com/2022/04/marine-simulation-technology-gives-new-recruits-huge-advantage-in-marine-training/>.



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?

2022 Legislator of the Year

On July 25, 2022, US Representative **Mike Gallagher** (R-WI) was named 2022 Legislator of the Year by the Great Lakes Maritime Task Force (GLMTF). Congressman **Gallagher** has spearheaded legislation that invests in shipbuilding on the Great Lakes, improves the maritime supply chain during the winter, and ensures the Great Lakes Navigation System remains viable for years to come. Read more on the GLMTF website at <https://glmtf.org/legislator-awards/>. ISMA is a member of GLMTF.

Grand Secretary-Treasurer Position

ISMA is looking for a member to take over the position of Grand Secretary-Treasurer following the 2023 Convention. Current Grand Secretary-Treasurer **Brian Eickel** has announced his desire to “retire” from the position. The job includes record-keeping, membership processing, and managing financial information; an annual stipend is involved. For more information, contact **Brian** (contact info can be found on page 4 of *ISMA Letter*). This is an elected position; however, the person elected must be willing and able to take on the job.

From the Editor

2022 marks the 28th year of my tenure as *ISMA Letter* Editor. During each of those 28 years, we published six bi-monthly issues of *ISMA Letter*. After 28 years, I feel that it's time to turn over the reins to a new editor. Therefore, I intend that the November-December 2022 *ISMA Letter* will be my last issue as your editor. If **YOU** have an interest in keeping our membership informed, enjoy writing, and have an interest in serving as editor, please let me know. This is an appointed position, appointed by the incoming Grand President each year at the Grand Lodge Convention. I am happy to answer your questions and will certainly assist in transitioning.

--Christine Rohn-Tielke

Great Lakes Marine Hall of Fame

The 2022 Mariners of the Year are **Kevin E. Sprague**, retired US Army Corps of Engineers Soo Area Engineer who oversaw daily operations of the Soo Locks, and **Paul C. LaMarre, Jr.** (member of Detroit Lodge No. 7), who has over 45 years' experience as a tugboat captain at Gaelic Tugboat Co. and Diamond Jack's River Tours, as well as being a talented marine artist. They will be inducted at the Great Lakes Marine Hall of Fame Dinner on Friday, September 9, 2022, beginning at 6 pm, at Kewadin Casino Hotel & Convention Center, Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Tickets are \$45 per person. For more information, contact Sault Historic Sites, 501 E. Water St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, 906-632-3658.

2022 Marine Mart

The 41st Annual Marine Mart, sponsored by Great Lakes Maritime Institute, Detroit, will be Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 10 am to 3 pm. The Marine Mart will be held at the VFW Bruce Post, 28404 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081 (between 11 and 12 Mile on Lake St. Clair). Admission is \$7.00, children ages 12 and under are free. For more information, contact **Kathy McGraw** (Lodge #7 member) at 313-791-8452.

Industry Newsbriefs –

- On August 8, 2022, the US Coast Guard's National Maritime Center (NMC) published a notice describing the option to submit *medical certificate only* applications directly to the NMC. CG-719K and CG-719K/E forms can be sent directly to the NMC via email at MEDAIP@uscg.mil. Electronic submission requirements can be found on the NMC website. Applications for a Merchant Mariner Credential (CG-719B/MMC) cannot be submitted directly to the NMC, but must be submitted through a Regional Examination Center. See https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USDHSCG/2022/08/08/file_attachments/2239135/submission_med_cert_apps_nmc_update_080822.pdf.
- The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI) publishes a monthly newsletter. The July 2022 edition of *Making Waves* (as well as archived issues) is available at <https://glslicities.org/news/making-waves/>. The newsletter lists GLSLCI's upcoming 2022 webinars.
- Naval architect and marine engineer **Robert Paul Hill** passed away on July 14, 2022, at the age of 69. Founder and president of Ocean Tug & Barge Engineering, Milford, MA, he is known for his work on the development of the articulated tug/barge (ATB).
- On September 10, 2022, Magical Michigan Tours is offering a “Bootlegging Boat Tour.” The tour, which includes dinner, features prohibition-era stories, artifacts, and points of interest along the Detroit and Windsor shorelines. For more information, see <https://z-upload.facebook.com/PreservationDetroit/posts/10159086676973763>.
- US Steel recently announced it will build a \$150 million, direct-reduced-grade pellet plant at its Keetac iron ore mining and pellet processing facility in Keewatin, MN. Groundbreaking is expected this fall.
- On July 28, 2022, the US Senate passed the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2022 by a vote of 93-1. The legislation authorizes a number of investments in US Army Corps of Engineers projects and programs.
- MV *Mark W. Barker*, first new US-flag Great Lakes bulk carrier built on the Lakes since 1983, left Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding in Sturgeon Bay, WI, on its maiden voyage on July 27, 2022.
- On July 25, 2022, the Canadian Minister of Transport announced an investment of up to \$447 million to further protect and restore coastal ecosystems across Canada.
- In July 2022, scuba divers announced the discovery of the *Milwaukie*, lost in Lake Michigan off Saugatuck, MI, on November 16, 1842.
- In July 2022, the St. Lawrence ports of Montreal, Quebec, and Trois-Rivieres announced they have formed a strategic alliance to promote and strengthen the St. Lawrence transportation corridor.
- On July 20, 2022, MI Governor **Gretchen Whitmer** signed bipartisan legislation to expand Michigan's commercial ports. The Maritime and Port Facility Assistance Grant Program Act will award grants to owners of port facilities and expand the state's commercial maritime ports, thus growing Michigan's economy.
- As of the end of June 2022, the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation reported year to date total cargo at 11,884,000 tonnes, down 8.3 percent from the same period in 2021. Vessel transits numbered 1288, down 56 from the same period in 2021.
- The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation has released their 2021-2022 Annual Corporate Summary. It

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- can be found at https://greatlakes-seaway.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/slsmc_ar2022_en.pdf. The Seaway's 2021 Traffic Report is available at https://greatlakes-seaway.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/traffic_report_2021_en.pdf.
- The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee will meet at the Port of Monroe, MI, on September 13, 2022, from 0800 to 1730, to discuss pilotage matters, including review of proposed Great Lakes Pilotage regulations and policies. For more information, see <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2022/07/12/federal-register-notice-great-lakes-pilotage-advisory-committee-meeting-2/>.
 - In July 2022, the Government of Canada began soliciting proposals to develop new quiet vessel technologies to reduce underwater noise generated by large propellers. Underwater noise can be detrimental to many species of whales, which rely on precision hearing. Selected projects will be funded through Transport Canada's Quiet Vessel Initiative, a five-year, \$26 million program that began in 2021.
 - The US Army Corps of Engineers expects that construction of the new Soo Lock chamber will begin this summer and be completed in seven years by summer 2030. This is the third and final phase of construction.
 - On June 29, 2022, the US Coast Guard Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing announced it is seeking applications for two positions on the National Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (NMERPAC). The vacancies are for a deck officer who holds an MMC with endorsement as Master of Towing Vessels, and a representative of the general public. For more info and application details, see <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2022/06/29/federal-register-notice-national-merchant-marine-personnel-advisory-committee-seeks-new-members/>.
 - On June 27, 2022, the US Coast Guard's Merchant Mariner Examination Working Group announced their meeting schedule from September 2022 through October 2023. For information, see <https://mariners.coastguard.blog/2022/06/27/merchant-mariner-examination-working-group-2022-2023-schedule/>.
 - Mariners are eligible to sign up for a free subscription to the digital version of *Professional Mariner* magazine. Here's the link: <https://professionalmariner.com/subscribe/>.
 - On August 4, 2022, Green Marine, a voluntary environmental certification program for the maritime industry, announced that American Steamship Company is the first domestic ship owner in New York State to participate in the program.

August 19-20, 2022 - Georgian Bay Tugfest
September 3, 2022 - Annual Canada
Merchant Navy Day

September 29, 2022 - World Maritime Day

November 11, 2022 - Veterans Day (US)
Remembrance Day
(Canada)

ISMA lays CMNVA Wreath at Cenotaph,
Owen Sound, Ontario

November 26, 2022 - William Hamilton Merritt Day
Welland Canal

December 2, 2022 - 180th Annual Grunt Club Dinner, Montreal

December 31, 2022 - Seasonal Closing of Welland Canal and
Mo-Lo section of St. Lawrence
Seaway



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