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ISMA LETTER

Plan Now to Attend 2016 ISMA Convention

Now is the time to mark your calendar (if you haven't already) to attend the Grand Lodge Convention to be held February 4-7, 2016, at Embassy Suites Chicago Lakefront, hosted by Chicago Lodge #3. Detailed information is coming soon. In the meantime, you can direct questions to GrandLodgeConvention@gmail.com.



NELC News

The US Coast Guard has proposed to place "virtual" buoys in the St. Marys River this coming winter. A *virtual buoy* is a signal broadcast from an AIS base station that is electronically charted, but non-existent as a physical aid to navigation. ISMA's Navigation, Engineering, and Legislative Committee (NELC) opposes these plans.

In an August 16, 2015, letter to the USCG, NELC Chairman Capt. **John A. Sarns** cited several concerns about the use of virtual buoys in the narrow channels of the St. Marys River, including the unreliability of electronic navigation equipment currently in use; no redundancy requirement for a gyro compass; and AIS data being unencrypted and susceptible to manipulation.

Until these concerns are addressed, ISMA will oppose removal of the 23 lateral winter marks in question and the use of virtual buoys in the narrow channels of the St. Marys River. For more information, contact **John** as indicated on page 4.

FROM THE LODGES

Cleveland Lodge #4:



Some of the Lodge #4 members aboard Miller ferry.

On September 10, 2015, Lodge #4 resumed bi-weekly meetings with a trip to Put-in-Bay. Twenty members and guests attended. Those living on the mainland began with a Miller Ferry Line boat ride to South Bass Island where they joined lodge members from Put-in-Bay for lunch. Tours of the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society museum and Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial followed. September 10 was the 202nd anniversary of Perry's Victory in the Battle of Lake Erie. Lodge #4 returned to Green Island Restaurant, Bay Village, OH, for luncheon meetings on September 24.



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Thank you.



From the Lodges, continued

Grand President Capt. **Joe Walters** joined Lodge #4 for their September 24 meeting. His ship, RV *Kiyi*, was undergoing repairs at Great Lakes Shipyard in Cleveland. **Joe** gave attendees a brief overview of the Lake Superior fisheries research conducted aboard the *Kiyi*.

Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15:

Lodge #15's most recent meeting was held on September 14, 2015, at Shorty's Grill in Owen Sound. The lodge has begun selling tickets for their "2016 Great Arctic Cruise Raffle." Grand Prize is an 8-day Arctic cruise aboard MS *Expedition* (donated by G-Adventures), departing from Spitzbergen, Norway, on July 24, 2016. 2nd Prize is an 8 to 14-day trip for youth aboard



the Tall Ship STV *Pathfinder* during the 2016 summer sailing season, to participate in the International Tall Ship Challenge (donated by Toronto Brigantine). 3rd Prize is hands-on experience for 8 people on Georgian College's ship simulator. 4th Prize is a family sightseeing pass aboard MV *Chippewa III*, Parry Sound, ON; and 5th Prize is a sunset dinner cruise for 2 aboard MV *Chi-Cheemaun* out of Tobermory, ON. Winners will be announced at the Annual Mariners Service on February 14, 2016, at St. George's Anglican Church, Owen Sound. Proceeds of the raffle will support Georgian College scholarships, Toronto Brigantine Tall Ships for youth, Navy League Cadets, and the Owen Sound Waterfront Heritage Centre. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/ismageorgianbayhuronialodge15/freighter-trip-raffle> or www.freightertrip.com.



Flower Lady

We have received word from Detroit Lodge #7 that member **Arlene Earl**, "The Flower Lady," has suffered another health setback and has entered nursing care once again. Her address is:
Bluewater Hospice
2795 Edison
Marysville, MI 48080

All cards or notes would be greatly appreciated. **Arlene's** family remains hopeful that she can once again return to health. Please keep **Arlene** in your thoughts and prayers.



NEW MEMBERS

Chicago Lodge #3:

Active Professional:	John G. Gantz	#12926
	David W. Joyce	#12924
	Shawn M. Landa	#12925
	Keith Pearson	#12923
Associate:	August C. Etsch	#A-12927

Detroit Lodge #7:

Active Professional:	Joseph M. Bowen	#12922
	Scott R. Skrzypczak	#12921
Associate:	Rev. Dr. Lynne A. Kogel	#A-12928



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?

FINAL BELLS

Port Huron Lodge #2 associate member **Barry Hiscocks** (#A-12187) passed away on June 23, 2015, following a battle with lung cancer. **Barry** had been a member since 2004. "Barry's Celebration of Life" memorial service was held in Sarnia on August 29, 2015, along the water at the foot of George Street.

Members in the News

Detroit Lodge #7 member Capt. **Sam Buchanan** was featured in a recent ad produced by the GM Renaissance Center. Their "Reflecting Detroit" campaign is celebrating the spirit and vision of the people of Detroit. You can see the ad at <http://digital.olivesoftware.com/Olive/ODE/DET2/LandingPage/LandingPage.aspx?href=VEROLzIwMTUvMDkvMTc.&pageno=NzQ.&entity=QWQwNzQwMA..&view=ZW50aXR5>.

On August 26, 2015, the "Curious City" segment on Chicago's WBEZ public radio station looked into the *CTC No. 1*, long laid up in the Calumet River. Chicago Lodge #3 members Chaplain **Marshal Bundren**, Secretary **Bob Hansen**, and **William Strauss** were interviewed about the ship during one of the lodge's monthly meetings.

Several recent articles about the tow of the former Boblo excursion vessel *SS Columbia* from Toledo to Buffalo, on her way to the Hudson River, mentioned ISMA members, including Detroit Lodge #7 member **Sam Buchanan**, and Buffalo Lodge #1 member **Sam Guadagna**.

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Industry Newsbriefs –

- The US Coast Guard's National Maritime Center (NMC) in Martinsburg, WV, held a public open house and information session on September 15, 2015. In addition to speakers on pertinent topics, guided tours of the facility took participants through the credential production process. Discussion summaries can be viewed in four parts at Coast Guard Maritime Commons, the Coast Guard Blog of Maritime Professionals, at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/>.
- On September 30, the National Vessel Movement Center is changing the accepted methods of Notice of Arrival and Departure (NOAD) submissions. Accepted methods can be found at [http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/\(S\(ykj4hrvwaizx11grl45g2nq5\)\)/default.aspx](http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/NVMC/(S(ykj4hrvwaizx11grl45g2nq5))/default.aspx). Submissions that contain the NOAD information as text within the body of emails or attachments of scanned documents will no longer be accepted.
- The US Coast Guard's Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) will host a public meeting regarding review and update of IMO MSC Circular 1014, "Guidelines on fatigue mitigation and management," in Washington, DC, on September 29-30, 2015.
- The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation has released traffic results through August. Total 2015 Seaway cargo movement through August was 18,303,000 tonnes, down 10.63 percent from 20,480,000 tonnes in 2014. Vessel transits through August 2015 numbered 1995, down from 2134 during the same period last year.
- Lake Carriers' Association released figures on Great Lakes and Seaway iron ore shipments in August 2015. From their release dated September 17, 2015: "Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway totaled 5.9 million tons in August, a decrease of 19 percent compared with a year ago. High levels of steel imports continued to depress the trade, but another factor was that three of the largest US-flag lakers were undergoing repairs during the month... Shipments from US ports totaled 5 million tons, a decrease of 26.5 percent compared to a year ago... Loadings at Canadian ports in the Seaway nearly doubled to 921,000 tons. Through August, the Lakes/Seaway ore trade stands at 33.5 million tons, a near carbon copy of a year ago, and a slight decrease compared to the long-term average."
- The Port of Oshawa, Ontario, seems to be headed in the right direction. In an August 2015 press release, port officials noted that 2014 tonnage at Oshawa was up 22.5 percent over 2013, with a revenue growth of 15.9 percent, well above the national average of 6.8 percent. In addition, to date in 2015, tonnage is up by 93 percent. The release is available at <http://www.portofoshawa.ca/news-and-media-releases/57-port-of-oshawa-stands-out-through-economic-ups-and-downs>.
- In a statement prior to the annual Port Huron Float Down scheduled for August 26, 2015, both Lake Carriers' Association and Canadian Shipowners Association recommended that the public not participate in this event. "This unsanctioned event fills the St. Clair River from Port Huron to Marysville with persons in all manner of craft, thus needlessly jeopardizing participants and hindering commercial navigation at the height of the shipping season." The entire statement on this unauthorized closure of a portion of the St. Clair River can be found at www.lcships.com/2015/08/10/great-lakes-fleets-call-for-end-of-port-huron-float-down/. Once again, thousands showed up for the event.
- On June 4, 2015, the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes, in collaboration with other Michigan agencies, released their 160-page draft document, "Sustaining Michigan's Water Heritage." On August 31, Lake Carriers' Association submitted their comments on the document. Both items can be viewed or downloaded at the LCA website, www.lcships.com.
- US Maritime Administrator **Paul "Chip" Jaenichen** gave the keynote opening presentation at the Tradewinds Jones Act Shipping Forum, held in New York City on September 16, 2015. He offered strong words in support of the US Jones Act. **Tom Allegretti**, Chairman of the American Maritime Partnership, noted that strong Congressional support for the Jones Act is due to the industry's positive impact on national economic and homeland security. **Matthew Paxton**, President of Shipbuilders Council of America, discussed current innovations within the industry.
- The US Coast Guard presented a summary of ballast water regulations at the September 2015 BMWTech North America Ballast Water Management Technology Conference, and will be publishing a series of updates and information guides over the next few months. The Coast Guard recently published CG-OES Policy Letter No. 13-01, Revision 1, which provides updated guidance to vessel managers seeking extensions on their vessels' compliance dates. The September 17 policy letter can be found at [https://homeport.uscg.mil/cgi-bin/st/portal/uscg_docs/MyCG/Editorial/20150911/USCG%20BWM%20Extension%20CG-OES%20Policy%20Letter%20No%202013-01%20Rev%201%20\(FINAL\)%20signed_3.pdf?](https://homeport.uscg.mil/cgi-bin/st/portal/uscg_docs/MyCG/Editorial/20150911/USCG%20BWM%20Extension%20CG-OES%20Policy%20Letter%20No%202013-01%20Rev%201%20(FINAL)%20signed_3.pdf?)

Great Lakes Man of the Year

Captain **Jack Purvis** of Purvis Marine Limited, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, was named Great Lakes Man of the Year and was inducted into the Great Lakes Marine Hall of Fame in September 2015. Raised on Manitoulin Island, young **Jack** was involved in the family's commercial fishing business. He became a high school chemistry and physics teacher and taught for ten years in Sault Ste. Marie, ON. In 1967, he purchased the tug *Rocket*, and in 1975, he started Purvis Marine Ltd with the *Rocket* and a barge. Over the years, PML developed into one of the largest and most versatile marine contracting firms on the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes Marine Hall of Fame is located aboard the museum ship *Valley Camp* at Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

GLMI Annual Dinner Meeting

The Great Lakes Maritime Institute will hold its annual dinner on October 4, 2015, at the Blossom Heath Inn, St. Clair Shores, MI. Guest speaker **David Coleman** will make a presentation on whaleback steamers on the Great Lakes. **Patrick Livingston** will also be there to sign his novel, *A Day at Bob-Lo*. For more information, see www.glmi.org.

National Museum of the Great Lakes

The National Museum of the Great Lakes, Toledo, OH, presents "Repowering of the Interlake Fleet," by **Mark Barker**, President of Interlake Steamship Company, on October 21, 2015, at 7 pm at the museum.

"Boo on the Boat," a day of safe and fun trick-or-treating aboard the museum ship *Col. James M. Schoonmaker*, will be October 24, 2015.

Then on November 28, the Christmas Tree Ship Reenactment takes place at noon with arrival of trees and Santa Claus aboard a tugboat. The Christmas trees will be offered for sale.

For information on these and other Great Lakes Historical Society events, visit www.inlandseas.org.

Boat Trip Raffles

Visit www.freightertrip.com for the latest news about ISMA raffles.

ISMA Website:

If you don't know how to log into the members-only section of the ISMA website, contact your local lodge president or secretary. Note that the username and password are case-sensitive.

Coming Events

- November 10, 2015 - Lost Mariners Remembrance, Detroit
- November 11, 2015 - Remembrance Day, ISMA lays CMNVA wreath at Owen Sound Cenotaph
- November 26, 2015 - William Hamilton Merritt Day, Welland Canal

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