



## Grand Lodge International Ship Masters' Association

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# ISMA LETTER

### FROM THE LODGES

#### Cleveland Lodge No. 4:

Lodge #4 welcomed ISMA Grand President **Harold Dusseau** to their lunch meeting on September 20, 2018, in Lorain, OH. A general discussion was held.

#### Detroit Lodge No. 7:



On August 7, 2018, Lodge #7 held their annual summer picnic, attended by about 30 members and guests, at the North Channel Yacht Club. Lodge #7 President **John Mantyk** and member **Randy Pagel** were the hosts, and treated members to an amazing steak lunch complete with all the fixings. Those members who did not pilot their own boats to the club took a boat ride on the *Finrunner* to arrive at the island club. Predicted storms that threatened the outing failed to appear, and everyone had a wonderful time.

*Below: Neil Schultheiss, Ray Oset, Art Brooks*

*Photos courtesy Paul Jagenow*



*Above: Randy Pagel, NELC Chair Scott Skrzypczak, Bill Calihan, Luke Clyburn. Below: Sarah Jagenow, Mary Ann & Past Grand President Ron Ingram, Neil Schultheiss, Wayne Sapulski, Jennifer Tregembo.*



About 30 members and guests attended Detroit Lodge #7's visit to the US Coast Guard base in Detroit on August 21, 2018. Attendees were welcomed to the base by LCDR **Matthew Dooris** of Sector Detroit, and aboard the *Bristol Bay* by its captain, LCDR **Nick Seniuk**. Attendees were split into two groups, with one visiting the vessels while the other visited the Sector Detroit Command Center. Tours of the *Bristol Bay* and its barge *CGB-12001* were given by 1<sup>st</sup> LT **Nicholas Gould**, Assistant Engineer **Kurt Kammers**, and Capt. **Seniuk**.

*Photos courtesy Paul Jagenow*

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## From the Lodges, continued



Above: Lcdr Matthew Dooris welcomes Lodge 7 members and guests to USCG Sector Detroit. Below: BMC Nicholas Gould, chief engineer of the barge, describes the barge's engine room.



Above: Boarding the USCGC Bristol Bay. Below: Bristol Bay's pilot house.



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## Grand Traverse Lodge No. 23:

Lodge #23 is currently conducting a boat trip raffle.

1st Prize: A 2019 season trip for 4 aboard an Interlake Steamship Company Vessel

2nd Prize: A 2019 season trip for 2 aboard a VTB ATB

3rd Prize: A 2019 season round trip ticket for two aboard SS Badger

Tickets (\$10 each or 3 for \$25) can be purchased at <http://www.shipmaster.org/raffle-tickets.html>, or contact **Mark Mather** at [gtrlakescapt@gmail.com](mailto:gtrlakescapt@gmail.com) or call 231-590-6997. The drawing will take place on February 9, 2019, at 10 pm. Winners need not be present to win.

## NEW MEMBERS

## Cleveland Lodge #4:

Active Professional: **Kirsten Buccigrossi** #13089



**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?**

## Final Bells

Long-time Cleveland Lodge #4 member and former Lodge President **Capt. Wayne E. Bratton** (#9930) passed away on August 31, 2018, at the age of 84. **Wayne** was a Lodge #4 fixture, having joined in 1965. He had a long and colorful Great Lakes career and most recently was owner and operator of the Cleveland passenger vessel *Holiday*, which he continued to captain until shortly before his passing. His familiarity with the Cuyahoga River was legendary, and he always had relevant input at Lodge meetings. **Wayne** is survived by his companion **Francine Pate**, son **Bill**, daughter **Jennifer**, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Services were held on September 8.



## 2019 ISMA Grand Lodge Convention

**Save the Dates and Plan to Attend**

The 129th Annual Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Traverse City, MI, at the Park Place Hotel, from February 7 - 10, 2019.

Watch for more information coming soon.

*See you there!*

## Members in the News

The National Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo and its museum ship, *Col. James M. Schoonmaker*, were featured in the August 15, 2018, *USA Today* article, "Great Lakes Museum: The Edmund Fitzgerald and so much more." Toledo Lodge #9 member **Paul LaMarre** was quoted in the article. Read it at <https://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/2018/08/15/great-lakes-museum-toledo-ohio/980902002/>.

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## Industry Newsbriefs –

- The Windsor Port Authority, in conjunction with the Sandwich Teen Action Group, is creating an outdoor marine museum along a tree-lined path that will open into a space for community events. Display panels will trace port development from the traditional lands of the First Nations to the arrival of European settlers to the port of Windsor today (third largest in Ontario).
- On October 1, 2018, Duluth Seaway Port Authority welcomed their new facilities manager **Dean Lembke**. On August 16, 2018, **Deb DeLuca** became executive director of the port authority.
- The US Environmental Protection Agency reports that over 550 people participated in the Action Plan III Public Engagement Sessions this summer in Toledo, Rochester, Duluth, Milwaukee, Saginaw, and Chicago. Find updated information at <https://www.glri.us/index.php>.
- On September 20, 2018, the USCG's National Maritime Center posted guidance on its website to help mariners submit a complete and accurate Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) application package. Two guides are available to assist applicants: "How to Fill Out the CG-719B Form," and "Sea Service Instructions." Find this information at [https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/mmc\\_app\\_submission\\_guidelines\\_092018.pdf](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/NMC/pdfs/announcements/2018/mmc_app_submission_guidelines_092018.pdf).
- USCG's Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee met on September 11-12, 2018, to discuss training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. Read more at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/09/21/9-21-2018-recap-of-recent-merchant-marine-personnel-advisory-committee-meeting/>.
- The USCG's Merchant Mariner Medical Advisory Committee (MERPAC) met September 11-12, 2018. See the discussion topics and get more information at <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/09/21/9-21-2018-recap-of-recent-merchant-marine-personnel-advisory-committee-meeting/>.
- On September 19, 2018, Miller Boat Line, Put-in-Bay, OH, announced that it has contracted with Fraser Shipyards, Superior, WI, to build a new passenger/vehicle ferry for delivery in Fall 2019. The 140-foot-long, 38.5-foot-wide ferry will join Miller's present fleet of four passenger/vehicle ferries. To be christened *Mary Ann Market*, the vessel will feature enhanced propulsion and maneuverability, a main deck ADA accessible passenger cabin and re-

stroom, and a 20 percent increase in cargo capacity over their current largest vessel. The ferry will be built in modules and assembled at Fraser, beginning this fall and continuing throughout 2019.

- The USCG's Navigation Center (NAVCEN) announced in a September 2018 Civil GPS Service Interface Committee bulletin that it is now publishing reports of GPS problems on its website. Any notes about problem resolution, if available, will also be listed. The website will be updated as new reports are received and processed. All reports made in 2018 are now available, and prior years will be made available in the future. See <http://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/09/17/9-17-2018-reports-of-gps-problems-submitted-by-public-now-available-on-navigation-centers-website/>.
- On September 13, 2018, the *American Journal of Transportation* ([www.ajot.com](http://www.ajot.com)) reported that the Great Lakes Seaway Partnership released "Economic Impacts of the Port of Erie." The report indicated that in 2017, the Port of Erie and maritime commerce supported 757 jobs and \$90.8 million in economic activity, as well as substantial personal income and tax revenues.
- On September 10, 2018, the *American Journal of Transportation* ran a lengthy online article, "Canadian ports and terminal operators target Midwest," about the importance of the Midwest region as a major strategic market in North America. Read the full article at <https://ajot.com/premium/ajot-canadian-ports-and-terminal-operators-target-midwest>.
- A September 7, 2018, news release from the Port of Duluth-Superior reported that Duluth-Superior generated \$1.4 billion in economic activity and supported 7881 jobs in 2017. 35 million short tons of cargo were handled. The report spotlighted local port activity from the much broader study released in August about the economic impacts of the entire Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway (GLSLS) system. See the Duluth Seaway Port Authority website at <http://www.duluthport.com/media-publications.php>.
- The USCG's Towing Vessel National Center of Expertise recently published the latest additions and updates to the Frequently Asked Questions regarding Subchapter M, inspected towing vessels. To access the full library of FAQs regarding Subchapter M, visit TVNCOE's website at <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Prevention-Policy-CG-5P/Traveling-Inspector-Staff-CG-5P-TI/Towing-Vessel-National-Center-of-Expertise/SubMFAQs/>.
- The St. Lawrence Seaway System monthly traffic results for 2018 through August show total cargo movement of 21,422,000 tonnes, an increase of 3.84 percent from 2017. Vessel transits increased by 4.94 percent from 2289 in 2017 to 2402 in 2018.
- The USCG announced in the *Federal Register* on August 17, 2018, that it is seeking public comment on a policy letter to harmonize personal flotation device (PFD) standards between the United States and Canada by accepting a new standard for approval of PFDs. Comments were due on October 16, 2018. View the *Federal Register* notice at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/08/17/2018-17799/lifejacket-approval-harmonization>.
- On August 15, 2018, the US Coast Guard issued a Safety Alert that it received reports of poor reception on VHF frequencies used for radiotelephone, digital selective calling (DSC) and automatic identification systems (AIS) when in the vicinity of light emitting diode (LED) lighting on board

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## Industry Newsbriefs, continued

- ships. Radio frequency interference caused by these LED lamps can create potential safety hazards. For example, the maritime rescue coordination center in one port was unable to contact a ship involved in a traffic separation scheme incident by VHF radio. That ship also experienced very poor AIS reception. For more information, see <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/CG-5PC/INV/Alerts/1318.pdf?ver=2018-08-16-091109-630>.
- On August 17, 2018, the *Toledo Blade* featured an article, "National Museum of the Great Lakes marks bicentennial of steam power on Great Lakes." The *Walk-in-the-Water* entered service in 1818. Read the article at <https://www.toledoblade.com/local/2018/08/17/Local-museum-sends-cake-to-freighter-to-mark-bicentennial-of-steam-power-on-Great-Lakes/stories/20180817177>.
  - On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, an updated Notice of Arrival and Departure (NOAD) schema, version 3.6, will be released and will contain various improvements and updates. For more information, see the NVMC website at [https://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/nvmc/\(S\(dpwhv50lrlneslqfimglmz\)\)/default.aspx](https://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/nvmc/(S(dpwhv50lrlneslqfimglmz))/default.aspx).
  - On August 6, 2018, the Office of Merchant Mariner Credentialing released two Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circulars (NVIC 02-18 and NVIC 03-18) related to watch keeping aboard vessels less than 500 gross tons. Get more information at <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/NVIC/Year/2010/#2018>.
  - The 2017-2018 St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation's Annual Corporate Summary can be accessed at [http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/slsmc\\_ar2018\\_en.pdf](http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/en/pdf/slsmc_ar2018_en.pdf).

### Lake Superior Kayak Rescue

Research vessel *Kiyi*, captained by ISMA Past Grand President **Joe Walters**, was first on scene of a capsized kayak on Lake Superior on August 30, 2018. A family of five were kayaking from Madeline Island to Michigan Island when wind and waves kicked up, capsizing the vessel. All were wearing life jackets. The crew of the *Kiyi* spotted a small light coming from the water; it was from **Cari Mews-Fryman**. Unfortunately, she was the only survivor (after being in 60-degree F water for nearly six hours). **Erik Fryman** and their three children perished.

### October 17-18, 2018 -

14th Annual Healing Our Waters  
GLRI Conference  
Westin Cadillac Hotel, Detroit,

### October 24-25, 2018 -

Great Lakes Beach Association and Great Lakes  
Water Safety Consortium Joint Conference  
DoubleTree Hilton, Independence, OH

### November 11, 2018 -

Remembrance Day (CA)  
ISMA Lays CMNVA Wreath, Owen Sound  
Veterans Day (US)

### November 26, 2018 -

William Hamilton Merritt Day, Welland Canal

### December 7, 2018 -

Grunt Club 180th Annual Dinner, Montreal

### January 16, 2019 -

Chamber of Marine Commerce Annual Luncheon  
Royal York Hotel, Toronto

### January 19, 2019 -

Marine Club 79th Annual Dinner  
Royal York Hotel, Toronto

### February 7-10, 2019 -

ISMA Grand Lodge Convention, Traverse City, MI



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