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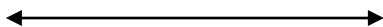
Detroit Lodge No. 7 has been busy preparing for the 133rd Annual ISMA Convention coming January 26-29, 2023, at the DoubleTree Hilton Hotel Detroit-Dearborn, in Detroit, MI. The event will include three full days of meetings, activities, and speakers. Registration includes six meals (as well as breakfast for those staying at the hotel), a registration gift, complimentary free parking, and a hospitality suite.

The NELC will meet at 1600 on Wednesday, January 25, followed by the Delegate Caucus at 1900. The official start to the convention will be Thursday morning, January 26. On Friday, January 27, the Grand Ball follows the Grand Lodge officer installation ceremony.

Hotel registration can be completed online, or by phone at 800-222-8733. Use the group code **ISA**. Rate for reservations prior to January 10, 2023, is \$149 per night, including breakfast and free parking.

The full convention registration is \$300 USD per person if paid by Sunday, December 18, 2022. After that date, full registration is \$350 USD per person. Registration can be completed online or with a mail-in form.

For more 2023 Convention information, including registration, visit <http://www.detroitlodge7.org/Convention23.html>. See you there!



Lost Mariners Remembrance Thursday, November 10, 2022

The 23rd annual Lost Mariners Remembrance will be held at 6 pm at Dossin Great Lakes Museum, 100 Strand Drive, Belle Isle, Detroit, MI. The event begins with a lantern vigil at the *Fitzgerald* anchor, followed by the live Honor Guard escort of a memorial wreath to the Detroit River for receipt by an Honor Flotilla of Great Lakes vessels.

A performance by **Lee Murdock**, Great Lakes balladeer, will follow the wreath ceremony. In this year's historical presentation, scholar and author **Mike Nagle** will recount the story of the SS *Atlantic*, a passenger ship headed to New York City from Liverpool, England, but never made it to its final destination.

The event will be broadcast online. See <https://detroithistorical.org/> for more information.

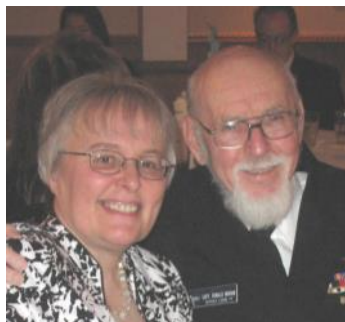


Final Bells

Detroit Lodge #7 member and past president Captain **Stephen E. Hammaraskjold** (#10184) passed away on August 22, 2022, at the age of 75. **Steve** attended SUNY Maritime College. He began working on the Detroit River car ferry steamers *Detroit*, *Manitowoc*, and *Windsor*. Later he sailed Norfolk Southern towboats *F.A. Johnson* and *R.G. Cassidy*. When NS ended its railroad ferry service, **Steve** continued to work as a locomotive engineer until his retirement after 42 years of service. He was Lodge #7 President in 1985. In 1998, he received the Lewis Ludington Award. And in 2010, at the ISMA Grand Lodge convention, he was appointed to the position of Grand Warden. **Steve** was preceded in death by his wife, **Shelly**. A memorial service will take place at 1 PM on November 19, 2022, at Mariners' Church of Detroit.



Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15 member Captain **Leo J. Schreiber** (#10953) passed away in Owen Sound on August 28, 2022, at the age of 88. **Leo** was Master of MS *Chicheemaun*, employed by Owen Sound Transportation Company for over 30 years. After retirement, he worked for another 12 seasons as Master of RMS *Seguin*. **Leo** leaves behind a son, stepson, and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Shirley**, and later his partner, **Margaret Watson**. Visitation was held in Wiarton on September 1, followed by a private family service.



Mary Ann and Ron Ingram, 2013

Detroit Lodge #7 member and Past Grand President Captain **Ronald R. Ingram** (#10140) passed away on September 13, 2022, at the age of 93. **Ron** had been a Lodge #7 member for 47 years; he served as Lodge #7 President in 1979 and Grand Lodge President in 1991. He received the

Lewis Ludington Award in 1994. **Ron** enlisted in the US Navy in 1948 and served through 1952, whereupon he joined the Merchant Marine, eventually captaining



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Final Bells, continued

three ships for the US EPA: R/V *Rachel Carson*, R/V *Roger Simons*, and R/V *Lake Guardian*. He retired from sailing in 1996. **Ron** is survived by his wife, **Mary Ann**, four children, ten grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Services were held on September 16.

Port Huron Lodge #2 member Captain **Bruce D. Dunlap** (#11310) passed away unexpectedly on September 25, 2022, at the age of 65. He was a 1978 graduate of the Great Lakes Maritime Academy and spent his sailing career with American Steamship Company. He retired in 2021 after 42 years of service. **Bruce** is survived by his mother, **Louise**, one daughter, and significant other **Karen O'Connor**. A memorial service was held in Ashland, WI, on October 5; interment was also in Ashland. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Port Huron, MI.



Former Detroit Lodge #7 member Captain **David J. Olson** (#9947) passed away on September 29, 2022, at the age of 91. He first joined Lodge #7 in 1966, and was elected 2nd Vice President in 1986. His Great Lakes career began at age 19 as a deckhand with The Interlake Steamship Company. He moved to the Ford Motor Company fleet, and returned to Interlake in 1989 when Interlake purchased the Ford fleet.

Dave retired in December 1989 as Captain of the *Lee A. Tregurtha*. He and his wife **Mae** (who passed away on July 1, 2022) moved to Manitowoc, WI, following retirement. He transferred his ISMA membership to Green Bay Lodge #18, where he remained a member until 2013. Services were held on October 15 in Menomonee Falls, WI.

Annual Great Lakes Memorial Service Mariners' Church of Detroit November 13, 2022

The annual Great Lakes Memorial Service takes place at Mariners' Church of Detroit, 170 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226 at 3 pm on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Uniformed ISMA members wishing to participate may sign up by notifying Detroit Lodge No. 7 Secretary-Treasurer **Ray Oset** immediately. Parking is free in the parking garage located at 30 East Jefferson, Detroit, MI. A livestream video of the service will be available online. For more information, visit the Lodge No. 7 website at www.detroitlodge7.org or Mariners' Church website at www.marinerschurchofdetroit.org.

ISMA SCHOLARSHIPS

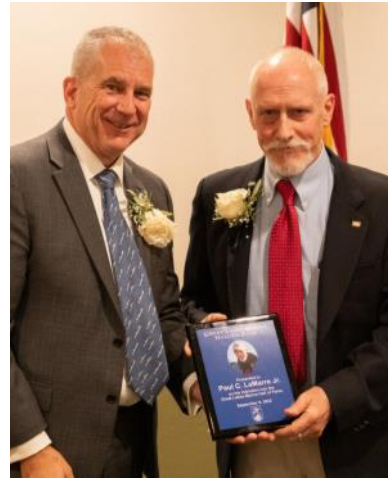
For information on the annual scholarships offered by the ISMA Grand Lodge and how to apply, visit

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

Members in the News

2022 Mariner of the Year

Detroit Lodge #7 member Captain **Paul LaMarre, Jr.** received a 2022 Mariner of the Year award and was inducted into the Great Lakes Marine Hall of Fame at Sault Ste. Marie on September 9, 2022.



Jim Weakley, Lake Carriers' Association President, congratulates Capt. Paul LaMarre, Jr. on receiving Mariner of the Year Award.

LaMarre followed in the footsteps of his great uncles **Frank** and **William Hoffman**, who were both masters of Great Lakes freighters in the early 1900s. Through his position as corporate treasurer and a captain for Gaelic Tugboat Co. and Diamond Jack's River Tours for over 45 years, **Paul** has touched nearly every aspect of the Great Lakes maritime industry. He is also regarded as one of the "Masters of Great Lakes Marine Art of the

20th Century," as he has been the industry's artist for over 50 years, completing commissioned works for nearly every Great Lakes fleet. **Paul** has been a member of Lodge #7 for 45 years.

LaMarre, Jr.'s son **Paul LaMarre III**, Port of Monroe Director, gave the induction address. He noted, "My father's induction into the Great Lakes Marine Hall of Fame will forever serve as one of the proudest moments in our family's freshwater legacy. His unrelenting dedication to our industry has given me purpose, and the emotion evoked by his artistry inspires all of us."

In his acceptance remarks, **LaMarre, Jr.** said, "I am humbly honored to receive this award as I think of the many people I am and have been privileged and proud to know as mentors, shipmates, business associates, and friends... Each of us shares a deep connection, care, and sense of tradition for our Great Lakes, their commerce, and splendor."

In 2001, **Paul LaMarre, Jr.** was named Historian of the Year by the Marine Historical Society of Detroit. In 2013, he received the Lewis Ludington Award. And in 2015, the National Museum of the Great Lakes named him one of the Masters of Great Lakes Marine Art of the 20th Century.

Also receiving a 2022 Mariner of the Year award and induction into the Great Lakes Marine Hall of Fame was recently-retired US Army Corps of Engineers Soo Area Engineer **Kevin Sprague**.

2022 Hayward Award for Historic Interpretation

Detroit Lodge No. 7 member **Wayne Sapulski** received the 2022 Joyce S. Hayward Award for Historic Interpretation from the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History (AGLMH) at their annual meeting held this year in Sturgeon Bay, WI. AGLMH is an umbrella organization for regional archives, research libraries, and maritime museums of the Great Lakes in both the US and Ontario, Canada.

Caught on Camera



Past Grand Presidents Captain **Al Tielke** and Captain **Tom McMullen** were caught deep in conversation on the deck of the new *MV Mark W. Barker* at the ship's christening celebration in Cleveland on September 1, 2022.

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 on what the position entails, contact **Brian** (contact info can be found on page 4 of *ISMA Letter*). This is an elected Grand Lodge position; however, the person elected must be willing and able to take on the job.

From the Editor

2022 marks my 28th year as *ISMA Letter* Editor. During each of those 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, and the new editor will be appointed by the incoming Grand President at the 2023 Grand Lodge Convention in Detroit. I am happy to answer your questions and will certainly assist in transitioning.

--Christine Rohn-Tielke

Industry Newsbriefs –

- On August 24, 2022, Sen. **Gary Peters** opened the US Coast Guard National Center of Expertise for the Great Lakes at Sault Ste. Marie. Located at Lake Superior State University, the Center of Expertise will conduct research into oil spills in freshwater environments to help develop effective responses.
- The Canadian Coast Guard dedicated the second of its latest icebreakers on August 25, 2022. CCGS *Jean Goodwill* will serve primarily in the Atlantic and the St. Lawrence.
- On August 30, 2022, Transport Canada released its investigation report on the July 11, 2020, collision of *Florence*

and *Alanis* near mile 16 in the Welland Canal. See <https://www.tsb.gc.ca/eng/rappports-reports/marine/2020/m20c0188/m20c0188.pdf>.

- The film *Boblo Boats – A Detroit Ferry Tale* opened in theaters for limited engagements on September 15, 2022. For over 85 years, SS *Columbia* and the SS *Ste Claire* carried their passengers to Boblo Island until the park shut down in 1993. For more information, see www.bobloboatsfilm.com.
- On August 17, 2022, the US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released its report on the February 1, 2021, fire aboard MV *Roger Blough* during winter layup at Sturgeon Bay, WI. View it at <https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/MIR2219.pdf>.
- On August 30, 2022, the US Coast Guard published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the *Federal Register* outlining pilotage rates for the US Great Lakes pilotage system for the 2023 navigation season. Comments were due before September 29. For details, see <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/08/30/2022-18690/great-lakes-pilotage-rates-2023-annual-review-and-revisions-to-methodology>.
- In September, the Windsor Port Authority announced that its docks will handle delivery of over one million tonnes of aggregate for site preparation prior to construction of the electric vehicle battery plant to be built in Windsor.
- On September 1, 2022, The Interlake Steamship Company christened its new *MV Mark W. Barker* in Cleveland.
- On September 8, 2022, US Senators **Maria Cantwell** (D-WA), Chair of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Ranking Member **Roger Wicker** (R-MS), and Subcommittee Chair **Tammy Baldwin** (D-WI) introduced legislation to authorize the Coast Guard for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. See <https://www.commerce.senate.gov/2022/9/cantwell-wicker-baldwin-introduce-bipartisan-coast-guard-authorization-act-of-2022>.
- The Canadian Marine Industry Foundation (CMIF) has published their first newsletter, *Imagine Marine*, in September 2022. Sign up at <https://imagine-marine.ca/join-us>.
- The September and October 2022 editions of *The Green Wave*, newsletter of Green Marine are available online at <https://green-marine.org/stayinformed/the-green-wave-archives/>.
- On September 21, 2022, the US Maritime Administration (MARAD) announced the launch of a 16-month study exploring low carbon options for shipping on the Great Lakes. The study group will assess suitability of alternative fuels and power options. See <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/newsroom/diverse-research-team-explore-future-energy-options-great-lakes-shipping>.
- Ship loader equipment was delivered to Port Milwaukee for their new agricultural export facility; construction is expected to be complete in 2023.
- On September 23, 2022, **Terry Dugoid**, Parliamentary Secretary to Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, announced investment of more than \$3.9 million over three years in 39 new projects in Ontario through the Great Lakes Protection Initiative, part of Canada's Freshwater Action Plan.
- A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Seaway Visitor Center at the Eisenhower Lock in Massena, NY, was held on September 29, 2022.
- American Queen Voyages is partnering with the National Museum of the Great Lakes to create a "Lakelorian" program. Beginning in 2023, *Ocean Voyager* and *Ocean Navigator* will feature a permanent lecturer aboard Lakes cruises.
- 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement between Canada and the United States.

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Industry Newsbriefs, continued

- The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation's Monthly Traffic Results for September 2022 showed total year to date traffic of 23,361,000 tonnes, down 5.63 percent from 2021. However, vessel transits during the same period numbered 2664 in 2022, versus 2587 in 2021.
- On October 3, 2022, Canada announced that the Canadian Coast Guard's newest light icebreaker has been named *CCGS Judy LaMarsh*.
- October 4, 2022, was the 50th anniversary of an agreement by shipping companies on alternate one-way traffic between the Black River Buoy and Buoys 1 and 2 in Lake Huron -- the result of the collision between the *Parker Evans* and the *Sidney E. Smith, Jr.* that occurred four months earlier.
- On October 5, 2022, Ocean Group announced acquisition of Verreault Shipyard, Les Mechains, in the Gaspé Peninsula.
- On October 6, 2022, MARAD awarded near \$39 million in grants to 12 marine highway projects across the US.
- Chicago is the site of the June 6-9, 2023, Annual General Meeting of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. The latest issue of their *Making Waves* newsletter is available at <https://glsccities.org/news/making-waves/>.
- On October 11, 2002, Canada's Minister of Transport, **Omar Alhabra**, announced completion of the Ports Modernization Review, which aims to advance the role of Canada Port Authorities and optimize their current and future roles as well as ability to respond to complex challenges.
- In October 2022, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agency announced they have demonstrated new technology designed to reduce harmful algal blooms in lakes, including Lake Erie.
- On October 17, 2022, the CCGS *Vincent Massey* was delivered to the Canadian Coast Guard upon completion of conversion work. Homeported at Quebec City, the *Massey* joins the fleet of medium icebreakers serving eastern Canada.
- In October 1902, the whaleback *Barge 129* sank in Lake Superior. In October 2022, the Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society announced the discovery of *Barge 129* 35 miles off Vermilion Point in 650 feet of water. The wreck was discovered in 2021, but was not positively identified until earlier this year.
- Check out www.maritimepublishing.com where mariners can sign up for free digital subscriptions to these publications: *Professional Mariner*, *Ocean Navigator*, *Pacific Maritime Magazine*, and *Fishermen's News*.

November 10, 2022 - Lost Mariners Remembrance, Detroit

November 11, 2022 - Veterans Day (US)
Remembrance Day (Canada)
ISMA lays CMNVA Wreath at Cenotaph, Owen Sound

November 13, 2022 - Great Lakes Memorial Service, Detroit

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

March 12, 2023 - Blessing of the Fleet, Mariners' Church, Detroit



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