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FROM THE LODGES

Port Huron Lodge No. 2:

The ISMA flag is now flying at the Great Lakes Maritime Center at Vantage Point in Port Huron, MI. Lodge #2 purchased the flag, and Acheson Ventures, headed by long-time Lodge #2 member **Jim Acheson** (#10802) is flying it with their extensive flag display. If you visit or sail by Vantage Point at the mouth of the Black River, look for the 5th flag, top row.

Cleveland Lodge No. 4:

Cleveland Lodge #4 concludes its 2018-2019 day and evening meeting schedule with a Cuyahoga River-Cleveland Harbor trip aboard the MV *Holiday* on June 13, 2019. Luncheon meetings resume on September 5.

Detroit Lodge No. 7:

Detroit Lodge #7 held its annual barbecue on the grounds of J. W. Westcott Co. on Saturday, April 6, 2019. The event was hosted by **Jim Hogan**, president and owner of J. W. Westcott



LCDR Matthew Dooris, USCG Sector Detroit; Chris Stevens, Ray Oset; Windsor Harbourmaster Peter Berry

of the Gordie Howe International Bridge. He was followed by LCDR **Matthew Dooris** of USCG Sector Detroit, who gave a presentation on marine casualties handled by his office during the past year, particularly the removal and scrapping of the sunken tug *Robin Lynn*.

The last winter meeting of Lodge #7 was held at Mariners' Church on April 16, 2019. The lodge invited members of the US Army Corps of Engineers to address the meeting. Meteorologist **Deanna Apps** gave a presentation on Great Lakes water levels and how weather patterns, rainfall, snow melt and ice coverage impact the levels. **Melissa Kropfreiter**, a Sector Detroit USACE hydraulic engineer, spoke about dredging priorities for the Great



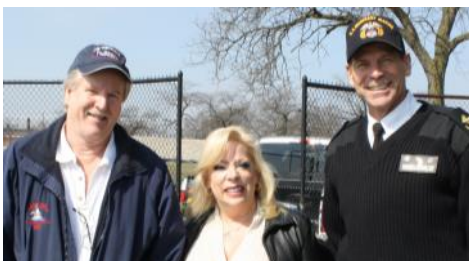
Deanna Apps (left) and Melissa Kropfreiter (right) received certificates of appreciation from program chair Rick Scott.

Lakes and the Ohio River Valley, and budgetary constraints that affect the decision making process. The speakers received Certificates of Appreciation from Lodge #7's program chairman **Rick Scott**. During the business meeting, Fr. **Jeffrey Hubbard**, rector of Mariners' Church, was initiated as an associate member of Lodge #7.



Lodge #7 annual barbeque group photo. —photos by Paul Jagenow

Co. Fifty lodge members, spouses, and guests attended. **Bill and Mary Lou Griffore**, **Jay Downen**, and **Marsha Stanley** prepared the main course, which was supplemented by a variety of sides and desserts supplied by lodge attendees. Following the barbecue lunch, Windsor Harbourmaster **Peter Berry** gave a presentation on progress toward construction



Jim and Lynne Hogan, Brian Eickel

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Toledo Lodge No. 9:

Port of Monroe Director and Toledo Lodge #9 member **Paul C. LaMarre III** has been appointed to a two-year term on the Marine Transportation System National Advisory Committee. The panel, composed of leaders from various private and public maritime-related entities, provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on matters relating to US maritime transportation and its integration into other aspects of the nation's transportation system.

Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge No. 15:

Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15 presented several awards on April 15, 2019, at the Annual Awards Ceremony at Georgian College, Centre for Marine Training and Research, Owen Sound, Ontario. Cadet **Curtis Caswell** received the 2018-2019 ISMA Georgian Bay-Huron Bursary Award. Cadet **Yevgeny Belgradov** received the 2019 ISMA Georgian Bay-Huron Best-Kept Navigation Sea-Term Logbook Award, presented to a returning second year navigation cadet. On the engineering side, cadet **Michael Spencer** received the 2019 ISMA Georgian Bay-Huron Best-Kept Engineering Sea-Term Logbook Award. Also recognized at the event were **Valerie Carter**, recipient of the 2018 ISMA Grand Lodge Canadian Scholarship, and **Brian Barty**, recipient of the 2019 ISMA Grand Lodge Canadian Scholarship.

Lodge #15 held their June 3, 2019, meeting at Mudtown Station, a venue with a view of the Owen Sound Harbour. The lodge is planning a group trip to tour the *Keewatin* in Port McNicol this summer. The *Keewatin* offers a discount to ISMA members.

Members in the News

J. W. Westcott Co. and mailboat *J. W. Westcott II* have been the subject of several recent articles. Two appeared on the website Great Lakes Now. "Letters, Packages, Pizza: The duties of the mail boat have changed with the evolution of delivery" mentioned and pictured Detroit Lodge #7 members **Bill Redding** and **Jim Hogan** (who is the fourth generation owner of J. W. Westcott). Read it at <https://www.greatlakesnow.org/2019/05/letters-packages-pizzas-the-duties-of-the-mail-boat-have-changed-with-the-evolution-of-delivery/>. "Boat Life: The ups and downs of life as a mail boat captain" interviewed J. W. Westcott II senior captain and Lodge #7 member **Sam Buchanan**. Read the article at <https://www.greatlakesnow.org/2019/05/boat-life-the-ups-and-downs-of-life-as-a-mail-boat-captain/>. A May 3, 2019, article in *Boating Magazine* also profiled Westcott captain **Sam Buchanan**. The interview and photo can be seen at <https://www.boatingmag.com/mail-boat-captain-detroit/>.

Cleveland Lodge #4 member and founder of Samsel Supply Co., **Frank Samsel**, was interviewed for the May 14, 2019, article "Hoping to clean up the 'cleaning lady'" appearing in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* and at Cleveland.com. The piece covered the activity of Samsel's 56-foot boat *Putzfrau* which was outfitted to clean up the Cuyahoga River beginning in the 1970s. *Putzfrau* has been idle and out of the water for the last two decades. A group of Cuyahoga River advocates hope to restore the boat as a museum and create a "Putzfrau curriculum" to educate students about the comeback of the Cuyahoga. The group also intends to have the *Putzfrau* in the water to lead a parade of boats as part of the Cuyahoga50 Celebration on June 22, 2019 – the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Cuyahoga River fire. Read the article, which includes historical photos, at <https://expo.cleveland.com/news/g66l-2019/05/1ea3f9ddf23051/the-putzfrau-boat-cleaned-up-the-cuyahoga-river-now-you-can-help-restore-her.html>.

Final Bells

Past Grand Lodge Secretary-Treasurer and long-time Toledo Lodge #9 member Capt. **John L. LaGesse** (#10142) passed away at the age of 89 on March 6, 2019, in Bowling Green, OH, following a battle with Alzheimer's disease. After his retirement, **John** and his wife **Mary** lived in Iron River, WI, for many years. He was also a US Army veteran. **John** is survived by his wife, four children, six grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Services were held in Bowling Green on March 11; **John** was buried in a family plot in Iron River. His obituary is available at https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/obituary/john-lagesse?fh_id=15908.

Detroit Lodge #7 2nd Vice President Capt. **Dominick M. Principe** (#12241) passed away at the age of 76 on April 27, 2019, as a result of cancer complications. He was preceded in death by his wife **Roberta**, and is survived by two sons and six grandchildren. A memorial service was held on May 4 in Rochester, MI. His obituary is available at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/rochester-mi/dominick-principe-8265919>.

Port Huron Lodge #2 member Chief Engineer **Gerald D. "Jerry" Ling** passed away at the age of 90 on May 17, 2019. A veteran of WW II and the Korean War, **Jerry** served as chief engineer with Ford Motor Co. and Interlake Steamship Co.



Detroit Lodge #7 Past President Capt. **Arthur B. Brooks III** (#11917) passed away at the age of 80 on May 18, 2019. Born and raised in the Detroit area, **Art** was a member of Lodge #7 for 18 years where, in addition to president, he had also served as a member of the board of governors, and the membership and audit committees. He was active in other maritime organizations in the Detroit area. Preceded in death by his son **Kevin**, **Art** is survived by his wife of 58 years, **Sue**, daughter **Karen**, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Services were held on May 22 in Harrison Township, MI. His obituary is available at <https://wujekcalcaterra.tributes.com/obituary/show/Arthur-Byron-Brooks-107116353>.

Former Detroit Lodge #7 member Capt. **Joseph M Surmann** (#12683) passed away at the age of 67 on May 24, 2019. He was a deep-sea master for American President Lines where his last command was *APL Philippines*. He is survived by his wife **Beth**, three children, and one grandchild. Services were held on May 28 in Novi, MI.

US Coast Guard CDR **Molly Waters**, who had served the USCG on the Great Lakes, died at the age of 37 following fatal injuries suffered when her motorcycle was struck on May 13, 2019, in Washington, DC. Her last Lakes assignment was commanding officer of the *Hollyhock*, which ended in 2018. She also served as commanding officer aboard *Neah Bay*, and was stationed aboard the original *Mackinaw* in 2003. Read more at <https://www.thetimesherald.com/story/news/2019/05/17/former-hollyhock-commander-molly-waters-dies-after-motorcycle-crash/3708551002/> and <https://www.mlive.com/news/2019/05/coast-guard-commander-who-led-great-lakes-crews-dies-from-her-injuries-in-motorcycle-crash.html>.



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP A NEW MEMBER RECENTLY?

NEW MEMBERS

Port Huron Lodge #2:

Active Professional:	Helen Harris	#13109
Associate:	Bruce Jay Morrison	#A-13102
	David Allen Norris	#A-13108

Cleveland Lodge #4:

Active Professional:	Criquet Codeluppi	#13104
	Jim Dale	#13100
	Tony Fistek	#13105
	Timothy J. Herrle	#13101
	Stephan P. Newmann	#13107
	Francine Pate	#13106
	Scott Sanders	#13130
	Joseph Slusarski	#13136
	Carl M. Walker	#13103

Milwaukee Lodge #6:

Active Professional:	Derek Collins	#13110
	Ellery A. Kretlow	#13111
	John Mallard	#13112

Detroit Lodge #7:

Active Professional:	Daniel Graham Franklin	#13131
Associate:	Rev Jeffrey M. Hubbard	#A-13132
Cadet:	Christopher Rusch	#C-13135

Toledo Lodge #9:

Active Professional:	David Hornyak	#13134
	Paul T. Pacholski	#13133

Twin Ports Lodge #12:

Active Professional:	Jordan Cohen	#13099
	Steven J. Hughes	#13121
	Samuel Miller	#13129
	Bryan Rydberg	#13128

Georgian Bay-Huron Lodge #15:

Active Professional:	Mark Frederick	#13114
	Amanda Gibson	#13117
	Peter Lynch	#13120
	Ramil Ringor	#13119
	Rob Wagner	#13118
Active Retired:	Walter Davis	#13115
Associate:	Jan Egerdee	#A-13113
Honorary:	James Gallant	#H-13116

Green Bay Lodge #18:

Active Professional:	Brendan R. Groh	#13122
	Peter F. Groh	#13123
	Gary Allen Luedke	#13125
Active Retired:	Raymond "Rocky" Groh	#13124

Northeast Michigan Lodge #19:

Active Professional:	Robert Haworth	#13126
Associate:	Jeff Thomas	#A-13127

Windsor Harbour Master Receives USCG Award

Port Windsor Harbour Master **Peter Barry** was awarded a US Coast Guard Public Service Commendation presented by CDR **Jeff Novak** of USCG Sector Detroit. The commendation recognized **Berry's** leadership and coordination of numerous federal, state, provincial, and local agencies in the Detroit River corridor. Since 2010, he has co-chaired the Southeast Michigan Area Maritime Security Committee. Anticipating construction of the Gordie Howe International Bridge, **Berry** has led the establishment of a bi-national Windsor-Detroit Waterways Safety and Navigation Workgroup to mitigate the impact of any potential navigation closures due to construction issues.

Industry Newsbriefs –

- The US Coast Guard held a Change of Command Ceremony in Cleveland on June 5, 2019, to transfer command of the Ninth District to Rear Admiral **Donna Cottrell** from Rear Admiral **Joanna Nunan**.
- All five Great Lakes reached record high levels in May 2019.
- The US Coast Guard has announced that it is looking for people to participate in a Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment workshop for the Straits of Mackinac taking place in St. Ignace, MI, July 24-25, 2019. The joint effort will involve waterway users, stakeholders, and agencies, and will focus on identifying major waterway safety hazards, estimating risk levels, and evaluating risk mitigation. Members of the public who wish to participate should provide name, contact info, connection to the waterway, experience, and related skills to LT **Sean Murphy**, USCG Sector Sault Ste. Marie at Sean.V.Murphy@uscg.mil by June 15. Those selected to participate will receive invitations.
- On May 24, 2019, the US Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin warning of possible cyberattacks on commercial vessels. "Cyber adversaries are attempting to gain sensitive information including content of an official Notice of Arrival using email addresses that pose as an official Port State Control authority... Additionally, the Coast Guard has received reports of malicious software designed to disrupt shipboard computer systems... As a reminder, suspicious activity and breaches of security must be reported to the NRC at (800) 424-8802..." Read the bulletin at https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/MSIB/2019/MSIB_004_19.pdf.
- On May 10, 2019, the US Coast Guard announced that it published a Final Rule in the *Federal Register* to establish new base pilotage rates and surcharges for the 2019 shipping season. The Final Rule is effective June 10, 2019. Read the notice at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/05/10/2019-09657/great-lakes-pilotage-rates-2019-annual-review-and-revisions-to-methodology>.
- New legislation was introduced in April 2019 to modernize Canada's pilotage service for commercial ships in order to ensure safe navigation and improve the efficiency and competitiveness of Canada's transportation system. Read more at <https://www.harborhousemaritime.com/digital-dateline-archive/shipping-industry-applauds-sweeping-changes-to-canadian-marine-pilotage-system/>.
- On May 28, 2019, the US EPA announced that it will accept applications for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

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Industry Newsbriefs, continued

- (GLRI) grants until July 12. The agency expects to award a total of about \$14 million for projects in five categories addressing agricultural nutrients and storm water runoff. Read more at www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-great-lakes-national-program-office-glno.
- US House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman **Peter DeFazio** (D-OR) and ranking member **Sam Graves** (R-MO) have introduced legislation (HR 2396) to help ensure full use of the Harbor Maintenance Tax.
- The Chamber of Marine Commerce has published the 2019 edition of *Marine Delivers Magazine* covering the binational Great Lakes/St. Lawrence region. See it at https://issuu.com/chamberofmarinecommerce/docs/md_magazine_2019_spread?e=22908454/68939410.
- The annual conference of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative was held in Sheboygan, WI, June 5-7.
- The International Joint Commission will hold public meetings this summer and fall to hear from everyone how the Great Lakes are faring, actions underway to restore and protect your part of the Lakes, and discover what is important to each person relative to the health and vitality of the Great Lakes ecosystem. The first meetings will be held in Milwaukee on June 18 and 19, 2019. For the full schedule, see <https://www.ijc.org/en/ijc-invites-you-step-and-speak-out-great-lakes-public-meetings-set-june-september-2019>.
- A US Coast Guard blog post on April 16, 2019, is a reminder that marijuana use remains incompatible with sea service, despite changes in many state laws. Read the notice at <https://mariners.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2019/04/16/4-16-2019-marijuana-use-remains-incompatible-with-sea-service-despite-changes-in-state-laws/>.
- The Canadian Institute of Marine Engineering has submitted comments outlining their areas of concern regarding the Marine Personnel Regulations Consultations and Transport Canada's efforts to harmonize and update the existing regulations.
- In April 2019, the USCG Office of Marchant Mariner Credentialing published Change 1 to NVIC 03-14, "Guidelines for Approval of Training Courses and Programs." See https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/5ps/NVIC/2014/NVIC_3-14_CH1.pdf.
- The US St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation presented 2018 Pacesetter Awards to eight Great Lakes ports that registered international cargo tonnage increases during the 2018 shipping season. They include: Duluth -Superior; Erie-Western Pennsylvania; Milwaukee; Monroe; Muskegon; Ogdensburg; Oswego; and Toledo-Lucas County.
- The Port of Thunder Bay, Ontario, shipped just under 1 million metric tons from March 28 to April 30, 2019. That is one-third higher than the 5-year average of 750,000 tons.
- Interlake Steamship Company recently announced upcoming construction of a new Great Lakes bulk carrier by Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding. The river-class, self-unloading bulk carrier will be built with steel plate made by ArcelorMittal Burns Harbor.
- The new volunteer Cuyahoga River Ambassador Program in Cleveland focuses on making rowers and paddlers aware of safety issues when sharing the river with commercial vessels. Read more at: <https://www.cleveland.com/news/2019/02/oh-crap-a-freighters-coming-cuyahoga-river-ambassador-program-aims-to-keep-paddlers-safe.html>.

- On May 16, 2019, Ohio State researchers reported a new variety of potentially harmful blue-green algae bloom in the central basin of Lake Erie (Sandusky to Erie). For more information, see <https://news.osu.edu/algal-blooms-in-lake-eries-central-basin-could-produce-neurotoxins/>.



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