



THE DISPATCH

CEO's MESSAGE



Anthony McGuinness, Chief Executive Officer

As I write this message, it is hard to believe that another year is drawing to a close. I wish to thank our Board of Directors and all of our employees and contractors for a successful year.

For many people, 2009 was filled with uncertainty, in light of the global recession. During the first half of the year, news agencies continually reported many businesses in North America declaring bankruptcy or undergoing severe restructuring. This saw many employees being laid off. Atlantic Canada was not immune to this recession but hopefully we have weathered the storm.

The Authority has also had its share of challenges that will continue on in the coming years. As our current fleet of pilot boats becomes older, we have begun a pilot boat replacement program. Two new pilot boats have been in operation in Placentia Bay NL, for the past couple of years and we are planning to have two more boats built, one for Halifax NS and one for Saint John NB. A planning committee, consisting of Board Members, senior management, pilots and launchmasters, was formed to provide input for the design of the boats. Our final meeting took place earlier this year and our designer is finishing up the specifications. We look forward to the tendering process, expected to commence by the end of next year, followed by the construction of the boats.

I wish to thank everyone involved in this pilot boat planning committee for the teamwork that was shown. We have several committees that work cooperatively, such as our

Occupational Health and Safety Committee and our Resource Committee. Concerns and issues are expressed at these meetings as well as many recommendations. Communication between all parties is vital for the Authority to achieve its goals. This spirit of cooperation was also shown during successful APA pilot contract negotiations between the Authority and the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, at the beginning of the year.

I also wish to thank our pilots and pilot boat crews for their attention to safety while on their many assignments. As in previous years, minimal delays and incidents have been reported. Customer satisfaction with our level of service is of the utmost importance to the Authority. We recognize that pilotage takes place any time of the day or night, in both calm and rough seas, in all types of weather, and we recognize your efforts.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our dispatchers and our administrative staff throughout the year. Their work ensures that the Authority continues to run smoothly on a daily basis. Thank you for a job well done.

And finally, I would also like to thank our many customers and stakeholders for their continued support of the Authority. We are proud of the relationships that have been fostered through consultation meetings and open dialogue and we will work on improving this method of communication for mutual resolution of issues.

I wish you all an enjoyable holiday season and a happy and healthy 2010.



FUNDY PILOT'S PASSAGEWAY



This past Spring, the Saint John Port Authority completed construction of its new cruise terminal and offices. It decided to hold an essay competition for Saint John high school students to name the new building. One of the essays received was written by (then) Grade 9 Saint John High School student, Keillor Irving, which gave tribute to the Saint John Pilots. Although Keillor's essay did not win the competition (the Saint John Port Authority called their new cruise terminal the "Marco Polo"), we thought you would enjoy reading Keillor's submission:

When people think of New Brunswick in Canada, they automatically think of the Bay of Fundy and its unique tides. Saint John, New Brunswick, has one of the most difficult harbours in the world to maneuver through. It has difficult waters, which are made increasingly difficult by the incredible tides, the Reversing Falls, thick fog, and changing wind currents. In one tidal cycle, 100 billion tons of sea water come forth, and then recede in the Bay of Fundy, something that happens nowhere else in the world.

Every time a ship enters our Saint John Harbour, brave men and women risk their lives to bring others into safety. As the waters of the Bay of Fundy are so treacherous, someone has to be able to safely navigate and bring in the massive ships that regularly visit our harbour. These brave souls are the harbour pilots of Saint John.

They are responsible for making sure that everyone onboard their ship sees their families again. A pilot is a master seaman, with intimate knowledge of the area where he pilots his ship. It requires many years of training and practice before one can become a harbour pilot. Although all pilots are very well trained, accidents sometimes happen. On January 14, 1957, seven men drowned in the collision between a pilot boat and an incoming ship - a tragedy for the port and the entire city.

Navigating the Saint John Harbour is especially difficult. Its shape, tidal activity and natural barriers (such as fog), make it one of the most difficult harbours to maneuver through. It takes someone many years of careful training of intricate maneuvers and tactics to become a harbour pilot. The harbour pilots of Saint John are especially good at what they do, and for these reasons, I think that "Fundy Pilot's Passageway" would be a good name for the new cruise terminal. It would be a great way for the people of Saint John to give a tribute to the excellent harbour pilots that will be safely bringing in the cruise ships, so that the passengers may enjoy the beauty and charm of our great city.

Written by:
Keillor Irving, Grade 10 Student
Saint John High School



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing

We regret to advise that Michael R. McGrath passed away on April 4 2009, at the age of 68. Mike served as Treasurer of the Authority for 22 years, from 1975 until 1997. He made many contributions to the Authority during his lengthy career and was well respected within the Authority and the shipping industry.



Little Arrival

Jeremy McPherson, Saint John Deckhand, and his wife Julie, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, **Marshall Jeremy**, on April 22nd. Congratulations!



Congratulations!

We congratulate our roving reporter, **Holly Gordon**, and her husband, Jeff McCrossin, on the occasion of their marriage, which took place in Halifax on July 18th. Holly has written numerous articles for "The Dispatch" and we wish her and her husband many years of happiness.



Get Well Soon!

Pam Heisler, Accounts Clerk Dispatcher, is recovering from surgery she underwent last month. Dispatcher, Julie Harvey, is filling this position until Pam returns to work. We miss you, Pam, and we hope that you are back in the office very soon.



New Website Is Up and Running!

The APA's new website has been updated and can be found at www.atlanticpilottage.com. Improvements made were the addition of a "News and Updates" section, a modern photo gallery, and a more user-friendly format. We thank our web service provider, Nicom, for all their work in helping us revamp our site. Please have a look and let us know what you think!

H1N1 Vaccine and the Seasonal Flu Shot

The Authority encourages all of its employees and their families to be vaccinated against the H1N1 flu virus. The vaccine is now available to anyone who wants it in all four provinces and is free of charge. In addition, we encourage everyone to get a seasonal flu shot. The Authority will reimburse any employee if they are charged for their seasonal flu shot. We want everyone to stay healthy!



OTHER NEWS

Saint John LNG

In addition to the new cruise terminal opening in Saint John this Spring, the new Canaport LNG terminal became operational on June 27th, with the arrival of the first LNG vessel, the *Bilbao Knutsen*. This terminal is the first liquefied natural gas terminal to be constructed in Canada, in partnership with Irving Oil Limited and Repsol of Spain.

The APA was involved in the design of the dock and provided specialized training for its pilots, such as having them take part in LNG operations in Boston and Spain and participating in simulation training at the Maritime Simulation and Resource Centre in Quebec City.

The Saint John Pilots were also able to offer advice on the navigational aids used by the terminal. Unique to the dock, is the use of a weather station that provides data on currents, wave action and winds for up to three miles.



Weather Buoys

Halifax Pilot, Captain Andrew Rae, in his role as Vice President Atlantic of the Canadian Marine Pilots Association, is working with Fisheries & Oceans, Environment Canada and other interested stakeholders to have weather buoys provided for Saint John, Halifax and the Strait of Canso. Similar to the weather buoy in Placentia Bay, NL (called SmartBay), these weather buoys provide data to assist pilots, fishers and other mariners.

Tall Ships Nova Scotia 2009

Over 40 tall ships visited various ports throughout Nova Scotia between July 16th to August 1st, including Halifax, Lunenburg, Port Hawkesbury, Louisbourg, Sydney, Pictou and Pugwash. APA pilots in these ports assisted in conducting the Tall Ships to and from their respective berths and during the parades of sail. We acknowledge the pilots for their contribution in making Tall Ships 2009 a tremendous success!



ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Board Departure

We thank **Captain Don Duffy**, Pilot Representative, for his work on the APA Board of Directors for the past four years. Don also served on the Board's Pilot Boat Committee. He continues to be a pilot in Saint John, NB.



Board Departure

We say good bye to **Mr. Yvon Dufour**, Industry Representative from Halifax NS, who served on the APA Board of Directors since 2005. We thank Yvon for his many contributions as Chair of the Pilot Boat Committee and we wish him all the best in the future.



Board Departure

We thank **Captain Ian Swan**, Pilot Representative, for his work on the APA Board of Directors for the past two years. Ian also served as Chair of the Board's PRMM Committee. He continues to be a pilot in Halifax, NS.



Departure

One of our Halifax Launchmasters, **Captain Peter Davidson**, decided to retire on September 12th, after 25 years of service. Peter can still be seen on the Halifax Pilot Boats as a casual Launchmaster. Thank you for your many years of service, Peter, and enjoy your retirement.



Departure

We say good bye to **Sylvie Lepine**, our Confidential Secretary, who resigned from the Authority on November 6. Sylvie was with the Authority for 8 years. We will miss you Sylvie and we wish you the best in your future endeavours.



Board Arrival

We welcome back **Captain Edward Anthony** to the Authority's Board of Directors. Captain Anthony is a retired pilot from NL with 12 years of service. He has also held various marine-related positions in the federal government, private industry and academia. Welcome aboard Ed!



Board Arrival

We welcome back **Mr. Martin Karlsen** as the new Industry Representative on the APA Board. He is President of Karlsen Shipping/Polar Star Expeditions and previously served on a variety of Halifax organizations, including the Halifax/Dartmouth Port Development Commission, and the Halifax Shipping Association. Welcome aboard Martin!



Board Arrival

We welcome back **Captain Alan Stockdale** to the Authority's Board of Directors. Captain Stockdale was a Halifax Pilot for 22 years, now retired. Most recently, he obtained a pilotage licence for the APA's newest compulsory pilotage area of Voisey's Bay, NL. Welcome aboard Alan!



Arrival

We welcome **Captain Ian Wallace** as our newest Launchmaster in Halifax, NS. Captain Wallace has been a casual Launchmaster in Halifax for the past 9 months. Welcome aboard Ian!



Arrival

We welcome **Captain Jim Parsons** as an apprentice pilot for the port of Halifax, as of November 4, 2009. Captain Parsons has worked as a mariner for the past 25 years, and most recently, was a captain on the Oceanex Sanderling. Welcome aboard Captain Parsons!



Send us your news, milestones and announcements for inclusion in the next issue of "The Dispatch". Deadline for submission is April 30, 2010. We also welcome your feedback. Please email the Editor, Elaine Lockhart, at clockhart@atlantepilotage.com or call (902) 426-2551.