



THE DISPATCH

2010 Year in Review and a Look Towards 2011



Pilot ECDIS Training, Maritime Simulation and Resource Centre, Quebec City, May 31-June 4 2010 (L-R): Pat Quinn, Saint John; Jake Hoyles, Southeast NL; Glenn Hoffe, Western NL; John Bell, Halifax; Rick Hanlon, Cape Breton



(L-R): Elizabeth Stewart, Human Resources Administrator and Pam Heisler, Accounts Clerk/Dispatcher; at the October 3 2010 CIBC Run for the Cure in Halifax



Pilot ECDIS Training, Maritime Simulation and Resource Centre (MSRC), Quebec City, May 10-14 2010 (L-R): Bob Evans, Western NL Pilot; Étienne Landry (MSRC); George Hilehie, Halifax Pilot; Christian Ouellet (MSRC); Tony Pierce, Cape Breton Pilot, Ray Whiffen, Southeast NL Pilot; Don Duffy, Saint John Pilot



(L-R): Elaine Lockhart, Executive Assistant; Captain Wolfgang Jahn, retired Lubec/Kiel Canal/Baltic pilot from Germany and his wife. Captain Jahn and his wife spend their summers at their cottage in the South Shore of NS and wanted to see how pilotage operated in the Atlantic Provinces. The APA was pleased to host them on the morning of September 17th, before they flew back to Germany that night.



Halifax Pilot, George Hilchie, met this couple, Jurgen Pertlwieser and Marianne Bogner of Austria, onboard the *Zim Ontario* as it arrived in Halifax on June 13th 2010. They were two of five passengers onboard who booked passage from Genoa, Italy. The couple planned to bike from Halifax to Vancouver. Let's hope they enjoyed their Canadian adventure!

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NEW PILOT BOAT BERTH IN SAINT JOHN, NB



The *Fundy Pilot* and the APA #20 at their new pilot boat berth on Saint John's West Side.

In mid 2009, the APA learned from the Saint John Port Authority (SJPA) that the wharf on Saint John's West Side, where APA berthed its pilot boat, was no longer suitable for use. The wharf was hauled away and the "*Fundy Pilot*" once again berthed at its previous location at the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) base, near the new Marco Polo Cruise Ship terminal across the harbour.

A new wharf was proposed for construction to replace the wharf on the West Side. This was a joint venture between the APA and the SJPA, where both organizations would split the cost of construction.

Work to build the new wharf began in late 2009 and was expected to take several weeks. However, due to weather conditions and other factors, the project was not completed until early March of 2010.



The new wharf was constructed by Maritime Docks Ltd. of New Brunswick and consists of four 55' x 10' heavy duty premier floating docks and one 70' x 3' aluminum ramp. In this way, the docks can rise and fall along with the Fundy tide, making them highly maneuverable and safe to board the boats at any time.

From all accounts, the pilot boat crews are pleased with this enhanced pilot boat boarding platform .

This joint venture between the APA and the SJPA shows the spirit of cooperation that exists between these two organizations. By working together, the common goal of providing safe boarding facilities for the APA's launch crew was accomplished.



Captain Al Soppit, CEO of the Saint John Port Authority and Captain Anthony McGuinness, CEO of the Atlantic Pilotage Authority. (May 2010)

DID YOU KNOW?

In Saint John the height difference from low to high tide is approximately 8 metres (28 ft.) due to the funnelling effect of the Bay of Fundy as it narrows. The Reversing Falls in Saint John, actually an area of strong rapids, provides one example of the power of these tides; at every high tide, ocean water is pushed through a narrow gorge in the middle of the city and forces the St. John River to reverse its flow for several hours.

Wikipedia

APA ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING 2010

Each year, the Authority endeavours to host an annual information meeting that the public can attend to learn more about the APA's operations and financial status. In 2009, the Authority hosted its first public meeting in Saint John, NB during Saint John Port Days.

On June 1, 2010 the APA held its second annual public meeting at the Delta Hotel in St. John's, NL. There were approximately 25 people in attendance, including the Authority's Board of Directors, customers, stakeholders, contractors, local pilots and management representatives. The Authority's Chair, Tom Calkin and Chief Executive Officer, Captain Anthony McGuinness, hosted the meeting. Peter MacArthur, the Authority's Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial information. Copies of the Authority's 2009 Annual Report were available to those interested. After the meeting, a meet and greet reception was held.

This second Annual Public Meeting was well received by those who attended. The Authority strives to hold these meetings in various locations within the Atlantic region. In 2011, the APA's Annual Public Meeting is taking place in Halifax on May 19th in the Compass Room at the Casino Nova Scotia. All are welcome to attend.



DID YOU KNOW?

Hardtack is a simple type of cracker or biscuit, made from flour, water, and salt. Inexpensive and long-lasting, it was used for sustenance in the absence of perishable foods, commonly during long sea voyages and military campaigns. The name derives from the British sailor slang for food, "tack". It is known by other names such as **pilot bread** (as rations for ship's pilots).

Wikipedia

INTERNATIONAL FLEET REVIEW—HALIFAX, NS



This past summer, Halifax hosted an International Fleet Review (IFR), from June 23 to July 2, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Navy. Approximately 30 naval vessels from Canada and around the world took part in the review, with our Halifax pilots having to guide the 18 foreign ships to their berths in Halifax Harbour, to anchor in the Bedford Basin and then escort them out to sea again after the review was over. It was a busy few days for the Halifax pilots and for dispatch, as ships who regularly call at Halifax needed to be guided in and out of the port as well. The Halifax pilots worked diligently to ensure the success of the event and with no delays to commercial vessels.

A Fleet Review is traditionally a British practice in which the monarch reviews the massed Royal Navy as the fleet mobilizes for war. Thankfully this fleet review was a celebration of the Canadian Navy's Centennial year but it was only appropriate that Queen Elizabeth II was in Halifax for the review.

The weather prevented the ships from sailing around the harbour on the day of the review so the Queen had to sail to the ships onboard the *HMCS St. John's*.

MONTREAL LONGSHOREMEN LOCKOUT

No sooner was the IFR over, when the Halifax pilots were required to handle extra ships in the port again, due to a week-long lockout of the longshoremen by the Port of Montreal. Five diverted containerized cargo vessels visited Halifax during the lockout, on top of Halifax's regularly scheduled callers. Once again, the Halifax pilots and boat crew came through, with no delays experienced during this time.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

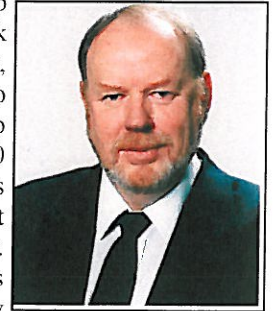
ANNE SOUCIE, Chair, 1998-2006

"I've never been so busy," says Anne Soucie of what most people would call her retirement. While Anne left the APA Board in 2006, after serving three terms as Chair, her training as a health worker has kept her busy as a board member of the Regional Health Board in New Brunswick, and she also organizes fundraising for the Auberge Monseigneur Cormier, an inn for patients who travel to the George Dumont Hospital in Moncton for radiotherapy treatment. When it comes to non-health work, Anne is the president of the Atlantic ECONOMUSEUM[®] Corporation's board, and sits on the advisory council for the Order of New Brunswick. But all that falls to the wayside when compared with the recent arrival of two new family members. "First and foremost, I became a grandmother; that was a feather in my hat," she says proudly. While she lives in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Anne frequently travels to her family's home in Belliveau Cove, Nova Scotia, and says it's open to all her APA friends---though you may want to call before dropping in, as she's often on the go. "People that retire and just sit at home, I really don't understand," says Anne. "It's a state of mind, retirement; not a physical thing."



TORBJORN BORDEVIK, Director 1999-2005

When asked about what he's been up to post-retirement, Torbjorn Bordevik laughs. "Not much, you know, aggravating my wife." He also mentions forming a political party to support banning mornings until 10 o'clock a.m., but judging from his good-natured 9 a.m. disposition it sounds like he's doing well without it. In seriousness, Tor spends much of his time as a member of the voluntary board for the Saint John Multicultural and Newcomers Resource Centre, which is working on both attracting and preparing qualified immigrants for a move to the province. As an immigrant himself---he moved to Canada from Norway in 1987---Tor says he's very interested in helping. Aside from his volunteer work, Tor says he enjoys his little granddaughter, who's two years old, and spending time at his Bay of Fundy cottage. "I escape to it from time to time when She Who Must Be Obeyed puts me to work," he says with a laugh. "And then you know, I enjoy spending time with old friends and having a beer now and then."



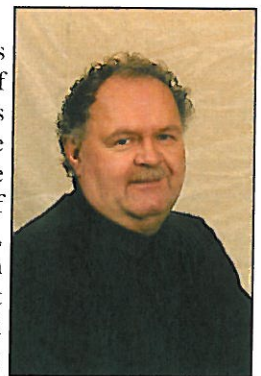
JOHN ASPIN, Director, 1990-2001

Captain John Aspin is not a man to "rest on his oars". Since retiring from the APA Board in 2001, after three terms as a director, he is now on the board of Aspin Kemp & Associates (AKA), an engineering company helmed by his son, Jason, that works in the marine and offshore oil and gas industries. John's knowledge has recently helped with the first prototype hybrid tug: the *Carolyn Dorothy*, to be used in the Port of Los Angeles. When John's not working for AKA---or travelling the world, which happens frequently---he can be found acting as handyman for his wife, Linda, who spends her days operating Anchorage Cottages in Pinette, Prince Edward Island. John says Linda has also been getting after him about completing his memoirs, but that's a work in progress. With three daughters, two sons and the memory of his late son, Tyler, John keeps his family close to heart. That's not to say the sea doesn't call to him from time to time---he spent time in Hobart, Tasmania, in November 2010 for the 60th reunion of his training ship, the *HMS Conway*. "Just us retired mariners getting together and having fun," he says, laughing.



GERARD FITZPATRICK, Director 2002-2008

Gerard Fitzpatrick served two terms as a member of the APA Board of Directors. During his terms, he was Vice-Chair of the Board, Chair of the Audit Committee and Chair of the Board from May until December of 2006. Currently, Gerard and his son, Mike, are enjoying working together in the first father-son chartered accountant firm in the history of Prince Edward Island. They formed their company a little over two years ago and have seen the firm grow from just the two of them to 18 employees. Gerard is also a member of the Canada Revenue Agency Board of Management since 2009. Gerard and his wife, Bernie, enjoy spending time with their three young grandchildren.

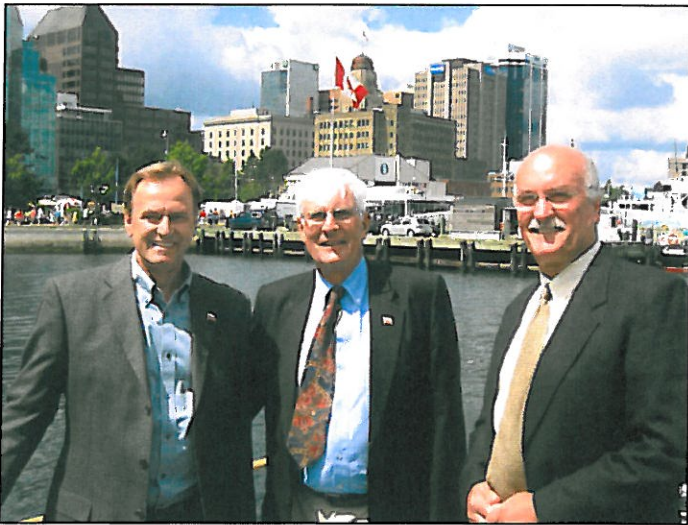


VISIT BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT

The Honourable Rob Merrifield, Minister of State for Transport, visited the head office of the Atlantic Pilotage Authority (APA) on August 11th, 2010. This familiarization tour included a discussion of the Authority's current issues, a briefing on its long-term plans, and tour of Halifax Harbour on one of the Authority's pilot boats.

"It's important for Crown Corporations to have a good working relationship with the Minister responsible, and I thank Minister Merrifield for his support and continued interest in the Authorities operations." said Tom Calkin, APA Chair.

"Having Minister Merrifield here in Halifax provided us with a wonderful opportunity to discuss certain issues, share our plans for the future and to show him first hand how our operations work. It was a beneficial visit." said Anthony McGuinness, APA Chief Executive Officer.



L-R: Minister of State for Transport, the Honourable Rob Merrifield; APA Chair, Tom Calkin; APA Chief Executive Officer, Anthony McGuinness.

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NEW DISPATCH CENTRE



In mid-2010, it was decided that the Authority's Dispatch Centre was in need of a facelift. Consultations began between the Dispatch staff and the Office Manager, Nancy Gordon, and the Controller, Brian Bradley to select the furniture design, layout, office colours and other items.

Renovations began on November 12, 2010. The Authority's Lamont Boardroom became the temporary Dispatch Centre during the renovations, which took 10 days. The new Dispatch Centre was open for business on November 22.

Added features to the new Dispatch Centre include the addition of four mounted AIS monitors so that vessels can be tracked in real time in the Authority's four major compulsory areas of Halifax, NS; Strait of Canso, NS; Saint John, NB; and Placentia Bay, NL. In addition, dispatchers have a larger kitchen area with a small table and chairs for eating, which is beneficial during their 12-hour shifts. The Billing area has expanded to include a larger working area and ample storage space.

One of the best features of the new Dispatch Centre are its new colours—green and yellow—which give the area a more vibrant look. All in all, the renovations have greatly improved a vital part of the Authority's pilotage operations.

HEBRIDEAN MONUMENT DEDICATION



L-R: Tom Calkin, APA Chair; Brian Dempsey, son of pilot Lorne Dempsey who perished onboard the *Hebridean*; Anthony McGuinness, APA Chief Executive Officer; Andrew Rae, Halifax Pilot and Vice-President CMPA Atlantic at the *Hebridean* Memorial in Herring Cove.

Seventy years ago, shortly before midnight on March 28th 1940, the *Hebridean* pilot boat of Herring Cove, NS, set off with her crew of 15 to guide a British freighter, the *Esmond*, into Halifax Harbour. Tragically, as the pilot was about to board the *Esmond* from the smaller “tender” (dorey), the freighter rammed the pilot boat, slicing it in two, and the *Hebridean* sank within moments. Six pilots and three crew were lost and neither they nor the *Hebridean* were ever located. This unfortunate event greatly affected the small community of Herring Cove, as many wives were left as widows and their children became fatherless.

For many years, Herring Cove has been a pilot transfer station for the Authority. Transfers are done at the public wharf and there is a breakwater at the entrance to Herring Cove that the Authority maintains. It was only fitting to erect a memorial at the breakwater to honour the nine who perished onboard the *Hebridean*.

Consultations took place with representatives of the community, most notably with Brian Dempsey, the son of Herring Cove pilot Lorne Dempsey who perished onboard the *Hebridean* that fateful night. Brian said that it was his life’s dream to have a public monument commemorating this tragedy and greatly assisted with the planning for the dedication ceremony that took place at St. Paul’s Catholic Church Hall on October 23rd 2010 in Herring Cove.

Over 150 people crowded into the hall, including the descendants of the lost pilots and crew, the Authority’s Board, Management, office staff, past and present Halifax pilots and crew, and officials from the municipal, provincial and federal government levels.

The ceremony was hosted by APA Chair Tom Calkin and CEO Anthony McGuinness. Moving speeches were made by Brian Dempsey; Stephen Dempsey, grandson of *Hebridean* pilot Carl Dempsey; and Andrew Rae, Halifax Pilot. The plaque was on display at the front of the hall in a temporary wooden structure, for insertion into the base near the breakwater, following the dedication service. Archbishop Emeritus James Hayes blessed the plaque and St. Paul’s priest, Father Zachary Romanowsky, paid tribute to the memory of the lost *Hebridean* pilots and crew. Local city councilors Stephen Adams and Linda Mosher; Mayor Peter Kelly, MLA Michele Raymond and MP Geoff Regan acknowledged the sacrifice made by the Herring Cove pilots and crew. The community was very appreciative of the monument and ceremony and in the words of Stephen Dempsey, “there is finally closure”.

A few years after the *Hebridean* accident, a similar tragedy occurred in Saint John, NB, on January 14th 1957. It was a frigid morning with a thick blanket of Arctic mist covering the water. Pilot Boat #1 went out to meet two incoming ships with four pilots and three crew aboard. At 7:30am, one of the incoming ships, the freighter *Fort Avalon*, radioed that there was a collision made with Pilot Boat #1. Despite rescue efforts, everyone aboard Pilot Boat #1 perished.

A monument was erected in St. Patrick’s Square in Saint John and every year a memorial service takes place in St. John the Baptist Church (a similar service takes place annually at St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Herring Cove to remember the *Hebridean*). For both Herring Cove and Saint John, these memorials ensure that those aboard the *Hebridean* and Pilot Boat #1 will always be remembered.



L-R: Saint John Pilots Ian Biggs, Donald Duffy, Bruce Harrigan, Stephen Johnson, Denis Barry at the Pilot Boat #1 Memorial in Saint John.

SYDNEY HARBOUR DREDGING



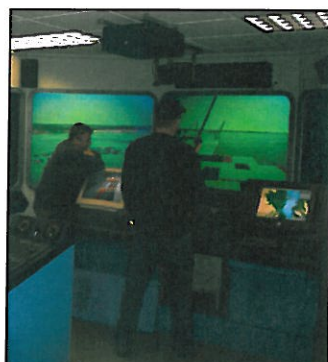
It has been a long process for those involved in the planning of the Sydney Harbour dredging project. But now that funding has been confirmed by the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government, the dredging is expected to commence in October of 2011.

Dredging of the harbour is necessary in order for the Port of Sydney to accommodate large container ships that will visit the port upon the completion of a proposed new container terminal.

The Authority began preparing the Cape Breton Pilots for these large container ship calls by having two of them participate in simulation exercises in May 2010. This took place at Holland College in PEI, and involved the simulation of the handling of a ULC class (124,400 dwt) container ship. The outcome was that the ship could safely transit the Sydney Channel, after dredging was completed, with tug assistance.

The Authority and the Cape Breton Pilots have participated in consultations regarding the dredging and their input has proven to be very valuable. In addition, the benefits of simulation have been shown, as the very realistic conditions (water depth, wind, currents and other factors) helped predict what assistance is required to conduct the arrival/departure of these larger types of ships at Sydney.

Cape Breton Pilots Jim MacKelvie and Scott MacDonald using the simulator at Holland College.



PILOT BOAT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

New pilot boats for Halifax and Saint John are one step closer to reality. On February 7th 2011, a contract was signed between the Atlantic Pilotage Authority and ABCO Industries of Lunenburg, NS to build the two new boats.

The boats were designed by Naval Architect Rory MacDonald of Lengkeek Vessel Engineering. The design was based on criteria established by a joint design team consisting of APA pilots, launch crews, Board Members, and Management. These 17 metre aluminium vessels will be sister ships that will operate at a service speed of 18 knots. The boats will be built to Lloyd's classification, and Mr. MacDonald will be Project Manager on behalf of APA.

ABCO was selected after a rigorous process that attracted interest from shipyards in Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes. ABCO Industries is a diversified company that has been in business for over 60 years. As well as shipbuilding, the company is involved in the manufacture of food machinery, environmental equipment, industrial equipment, and industrial fabrication.

Captain Anthony McGuinness, Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, stated "I am extremely pleased that we have been able to sign this contract and I look forward to seeing our two new pilot boats become a reality over the next 18 months."



From left to right: Rory MacDonald, Project Manager, LVE; Peter MacArthur, Chief Financial Officer, APA; Anthony McGuinness, Chief Executive Officer, APA; David Fox, Director of Operations, APA; John Meisner, President, ABCO; Tom Calkin, Chair, APA; Jim Stoneman, Director, APA; Scott Robertson, Project Manager, ABCO

PASSINGS



CAPTAIN TERENCE PITTMAN 1941-2010

We are sad to announce the passing of Captain Terry Pittman on October 1st 2010 in Halifax, as a result of an accident. Captain Pittman was a longtime Cape Breton pilot, former pilot chair of the Cape Breton pilots, APA Board Member and at the time of his passing, was the contractor of the Authority's pilot boats in Sydney, Cape Breton. Captain Pittman was a staunch supporter of

the Sydney Harbour dredging project. Sadly, the federal government's announcement that cemented the dredging of Sydney Harbour proceeding was announced shortly after his death. Captain Pittman was also Chair of the Sydney Port Corporation. He and his wife, Connie, could always be seen at the annual Sydney Harbour Ports Days and at other ports days events in Halifax and Saint John. Mrs. Pittman has taken over the contract of managing the Authority's two pilot boats in Sydney. Besides his wife, Captain Pittman left behind four children and nine grandchildren, along with many friends and colleagues from the APA.



CAPTAIN DOUG LATTER 1930-2011

We are sad to announce the passing of Captain Doug Latter on March 30th, 2011. Captain Latter served as the Authority's first CEO and Chairman, from 1972 to 1988. Captain Latter began his marine career as a deckhand, obtained his Masters Certificate and became the district superintendent of pilots in Halifax, a division of the federal department of transportation. Captain Latter then transferred to

Ottawa to work at the pilotage division there and was later appointed superintendent of pilotage for all of Canada. He then transferred back to Halifax when the APA began in 1972. In recent years, Captain Latter was pleased to attend APA events, such as the christening of the *Avalon Pilot* in June of 2007 and the *Hebridean* Memorial ceremony in October of 2010 at Herring Cove. Captain Latter leaves behind his wife, two children and two grandchildren.

ARRIVALS

CAPTAIN COLIN MILLAR

Captain Millar joined the Authority as an apprentice pilot for the port of Halifax, on May 1, 2010 and is advancing through the various stages of his Class B licence. Welcome aboard Captain Millar!



CAPTAIN MARTIN MURRIN

Captain Murrin was a Halifax pilot for 15 years, who resigned on January 7, 2010, to pursue other opportunities on the West Coast of Canada. Fortunately for the Authority, Captain Murrin decided to return to the East Coast and resumed his pilotage duties once again on June 11, 2010. Welcome back Captain Murrin!



CAPTAIN ROBERT JOHNSON

Captain Johnson was a Saint John launchmaster since 2008 who resigned in April 2009, to pursue other opportunities. Again, fortunately for the Authority, Captain Johnson decided to return to the Authority and resumed his launchmaster duties once again on June 18, 2010. Welcome back Captain Johnson!



MARILYN HOWELLS

Marilyn began with the APA on May 6, 2010 as a temporary employee in the role of Confidential Secretary/Receptionist. Marilyn's pleasant attitude and calm demeanour has led her to be a great asset to the Authority and she became a full-time employee in November. Welcome aboard Marilyn!



BRENT CARROLL

Brent was first hired as a casual dispatcher in April 2009 and progressed to also be a back-up and temporary replacement for the Accounts Clerk/Dispatcher. As of March 11 2011, Brent is now the Operations Fleet Coordinator, assisting the Director of Operations with managing the Authority's eight pilot boats (soon to be ten!) Brent's cheerful personality and willingness to help makes him a great asset to the Authority. Welcome aboard Brent!



ATLANTIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY'S 14TH ANNUAL SERVICE AWARDS

On December 2nd 2010, the Atlantic Pilotage Authority held its 14th Annual Service Awards Banquet and honoured 9 employees who have reached certain milestones in their career with the Authority. Congratulations to you all!

This year's recipients were:

10 Years Service

Captain Pat Careen
Pilot — Southeast NL

Captain Rick Hanlon
Pilot — Cape Breton, NS

Captain Peter Lawrence
Pilot — Cape Breton, NS

Captain Gary O'Donnell
Pilot — Halifax, NS

Captain Joseph Squires
Pilot — Western NL

15 Years Service
Captain Martin Murrin
Pilot — Halifax, NS

20 Years Service
Captain Donald Duffy
Pilot — Saint John, NB

25 Years Service
Captain Ward Scott
Pilot — Saint John, NB

Paul Harrie
Deckhand — Halifax, NS (unable to attend)



APA Chair, Tom Calkin, presenting Ian Wallace, Halifax Launchmaster with his award.



Recipients (L-R):
Rick Hanlon, Joseph Squires,
Ian Wallace, Peter Lawrence,
Martin Murrin, Pat Careen,
Gary O'Donnell, Donald
Duffy

We presented a special award to one of our Halifax Launchmasters, Captain Ian Wallace, who joined the Authority in 2009 and was on duty in Halifax on the evening of August 19th, 2010

He and casual deckhand, Sam Dauphinee, had just returned from an assignment at approximately 10pm and Captain Wallace went below deck. Suddenly, Sam shouted down to him that someone had just jumped into the water and was in trouble.

Captain Wallace raced up on deck and saw a group of about a dozen young adults on the pilot boat wharf, shouting to a young woman in the water to swim to the side of the dock. Unfortunately, she was not swimming and appeared to be ignoring their shouting.

Captain Wallace saw that she had a gash on her forehead, presumably from hitting one of the rocks when she fell into the water. He threw a lifering that was on the pilot boat into the water for her to grab onto but she failed to do so. Sensing that she would soon drown, Captain Wallace jumped into the water and swam several meters to her with the lifering. He was able to place it over her head and pull her to the side of the dock. From there, several young men helped pull both of them out of the water. Sam had blankets for them and soon police and paramedics arrived.

We thought it was only fitting to acknowledge Captain Wallace's quick reaction to this life-threatening situation and his selfless decision to rescue someone in trouble.

2009 APA Service Awards

The following were honoured for achieving these milestones. Congratulations!

10 Years Service

Robert Hearn
Dispatcher—Halifax, NS

Captain Paul Kean
Pilot — Southeast NL

Captain Charles MacDonald
Pilot — Cape Breton, NS

20 Years Service
Captain Byron McLean
Pilot—Restigouche, NB

Captain Steven Mullin
Launchmaster—Saint John, NB

Captain Nelson Pittman
Pilot — Southeast NL

Captain Gerry Titus
Pilot — Halifax, NS

25 Years Service
Captain Peter Davidson
Launchmaster—Halifax, NS

Retirements
Captain Peter Davidson
Launchmaster—Halifax, NS

Captain Kenneth Raisbeck
Pilot—Halifax, NS
21 years service

CMPA CONGRESS 2011

Halifax, NS is the host city for this year's 3rd CMAA Biennial Congress, taking place from July 5-9, 2011 at the Halifax Harbourfront Marriott Hotel. The theme for this year's Congress is "Beyond the Bridge: Pilots in the Larger World". It is a chance for anyone interested in the marine industry to participate in a variety of seminars, network with each other and enjoy great Maritime food and entertainment. The four Pilotage Authorities (Atlantic Pilotage Authority, Great Lakes Pilotage Authority, Laurentian Pilotage Authority and the Pacific Pilotage Authority) are proud to be platinum sponsors of this event.

If you are interested in attending and/or would like further information, please refer to the Congress website at: <http://cmpacongress2011.com>.



APA PUBLIC MEETING 2011

This year's 3rd Annual Public Meeting, hosted by the Atlantic Pilotage Authority, is taking place on Thursday, May 19th at 4:00 pm in Halifax, NS, in the Compass Room at the Casino Nova Scotia. As in previous years, operational and financial information of the Authority will be provided, highlighting 2010. In addition, the Authority will also be recognizing various shipping companies who have been regular callers to the port of Halifax for 20 years and beyond. We hope to see you there!



For further information, please refer to the Authority's website at: <http://www.atlanticpilotage.com>, under News & Updates.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE APA'S TWO NEW PILOT BOATS

We invite you to follow the construction of the Authority's two new pilot boats (one for Halifax, NS and one for Saint John, NB) as it evolves at the ABCO Industries shipyard in Lunenburg, NS. We will be posting progress pictures, as they become available, on the Authority's website at: <http://www.atlanticpilotage.com>, under Photo Gallery. Photos of the last two pilot boats constructed for Placentia Bay are currently posted on the website.

NEW PILOT CHAIRS

There have been several recent changes regarding pilot representatives in many of the Authority's ports and districts.

The current Pilot Chairs are:

Captain Ian Swan—Chair, Halifax Marine Pilots
 Captain Jim MacKelvie—Chair, Cape Breton Marine Pilots
 Captain Stephen Johnson—Chair, Saint John Marine Pilots
 Captain Jake Hoyles—Chair, Southeast NL Marine Pilots
 Captain Byron McLean—Chair, Minor Ports Marine Pilots

We thank the former Pilot Chairs, Captain John Bell of Halifax, Captain Scott MacDonald of Cape Breton, Captain Bruce Harrigan of Saint John and Captain Nelson Pittman of Southeast NL for their previous service as chairs of their respective committees.

The Pilot Chairs meet with APA Management at least twice a year at operational meetings.

LITTLE ARRIVAL

Chris Naugle, Halifax Deckhand, and his partner Joanne, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, **Kieran David**, on May 17th, 2010. Congratulations!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

We congratulate former Saint John NB Pilot, **Captain Bill Petite** and his wife Betty-Lou, on their 50th wedding anniversary. They married on March 18, 1961.



DEPARTURE

We say good bye to Nalani Perry, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Operations, who resigned from the Authority on November 12, 2010, after three years of service. We wish Nalani all the best in her future endeavours.



Send us your news, milestones and announcements for inclusion in the next issue of "The Dispatch".

Deadline for submission is October 31, 2011. We also welcome your feedback. Please email the Editor, Elaine Lockhart, at clockhart@atlanticpilotage.com or call (902) 426-2551.