



MISSION TO SEAFARERS – HALIFAX

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Caring for seafarers around the world



FALL 2021

Edmonds Landscape & Construction Services Limited Presents \$25,000 Memorial in Honour of Ernest and Marjorie Edmonds



When I originally spoke with Sarah Edmonds about her interest in honouring her grandparents/parents with a tribute to our Mission, I had no idea the donation would be so to make a significant impact on our financial sustainability during this trying year.

Ernest and Marjorie Edmonds were MtS Halifax volunteers many years ago. For background, I called upon our longest standing volun-

teer Elwood Gotell, who was very excited to hear their names. As a volunteer for over 32 years, he remembers Ernest and Marjorie with great fondness. Elwood shared that they engaged seafarers with smiles and enthusiasm as they listened to many stories from crew from all over the globe. I have been told that they were instrumental in creating new projects which brought joy and activity to the mis-

sion over three decades ago.

Edmonds Brothers began operations out of Sarah's Grandparent's garage in 1965, and as they say, the rest is history! The business is now known as Edmonds Landscape and Construction Services Limited and celebrates its 56th year of business.

Edmonds Landscape is known for its trusted quality and exceptional service. Edmonds specializes in landscape services and maintenance, including lawn and landscape construction, snow and ice management. "By God's infinite grace, the most important lesson we've learned throughout the years, has been that the key to our stability is staying true to what we know best and taking that expertise to the highest level possible."

Sarah and her father, Roger are very much involved in the family business. Sarah continues to learn from him and other senior team members within their corporate family.

We are absolutely thrilled to welcome our new community partner and we are grateful for its generosity. We salute Edmonds Landscape & Construction Services and honour Ernest and Marjorie for this fine act of philanthropy.

Please keep this community spirited team in mind should you require landscaping services of any kind. www.edmonds.ca

Helen Glenn, Mission Manager

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Successful Vaccine Initiative for Seafarers visiting Halifax, Nova Scotia

Working together enabled over 160 seafarers to be vaccinated while in our Port. Our discussions with Nova Scotia Public Health requesting assistance with our vaccine initiative for seafarers resulted in the support of their professional teams within community clinics, pharmacies and the IWK Health Centre.

Nova Scotia protocols dictate that all seafarers produce a negative COVID test before presenting for vaccines. We are grateful to Nova Scotia Public Health for providing COVID-19 rapid antigen tests to our Mission. We thank the IWK staff & volunteers for their cooperation and patience during seafarer

visits. Mission staff and volunteers coordinated appointments and transported crew members from ships to clinics in Halifax to receive their first and second doses of vaccine. Everyone counts and working together with Ship Owners, Agents, Port Authorities and Government Agencies we can help make seafarers safe from Covid. We also thank Fady Faltas, Pharmacy Manager and his team at Lawtons Drugs, Bedford.



Augusta Luna crew vaccinated at Shoppers Lacewood Drive



John Attersley transported IT INTREPID crew for second Pfizer vaccines.



IT INTREPID crew at IWK Health Care Centre

Picture from left to right, IWK COVID clinic staff: Emma Timmons, Jaclyn Campbell, Cathy Beaton-Campbell, Aarika Machat, Sarah Grant, Erin Nolan, Amanda MacLean, Laura Bailey, April Stevens, Annie Davidge



Glenn Taylor with crew at Community Clinic

SEA SUNDAY

Volunteer John A, Honorary Volunteer of the day Emmerson and I (Helen), hosted crew members of the Maersk Palermo & KSL Stockholm on this day of thanks. We thank those who celebrated seafarers for the challenges they have been forced to endure

especially during pandemic lockdowns. Over 400,000 seafarers have been stranded at sea after contracts ended. The United Nations has called this situation a "humanitarian crisis." We are grateful to those who bless us with their continued financial support in honour of these "hidden heroes".



Maersk Palermo CAPTAIN & CREW



Emmerson Mazerolle on Sea Sunday



John Attersley KSL STOCKHOLM crew

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International Day of the Seafarer

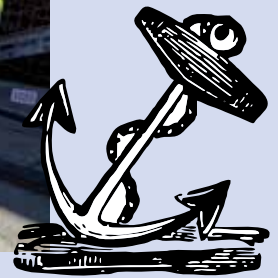
Celebrated on **June 25th**, the focus was on seafarers acknowledging the essential role they play in keeping the global economy afloat. They do so to support their families and in doing so face great challenges. Visiting seafarers love **DONUT DELIVERIES**. This is a small gesture of thanks from our Mission staff, volunteers and friends within the Canada-Philippine community, who pay for and delivered donuts to crew members.



Augusta Luna Crew after 3rd wave



Elizabeth Eustaquio-Domondon



Howard thanks crew of Maersk Patras



CMA CGM BRAZIL happy for donuts from Filipino-Canada Society delivered by Vilma and Celia



Joseph with crew of ONE MAGNIFICENCE and Vilma Balatero/Celia Melia of Fil-Can



Howard delivers to SLNC SEVERN

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The Company of Master Mariners of Canada

Who We Are and What We Do

The Company of Master Mariners of Canada is a nautical professional association with members serving in command at sea as well as members serving in management positions ashore in private and public sectors or as pilots, surveyors, practising law and teaching in nautical schools. Our purpose may be summarized as follows: to provide a representative, professional body for Canadians qualified to command merchant ships, to encourage a high standard of practical proficiency and professional conduct in officers of the Canadian Merchant Service, to offer the experience and nautical expertise to Courts of Inquiry, Royal Commissions, government committees, and to be available for consultation on all matters affecting commercial shipping and the nautical profession. to encourage and develop the education training of Canadian seafarers.

Collaborators, Beneficiaries, and Victims

The Company is a constituent member of the Canadian Maritimes Law Association (CMLA) and a member of the International Federation of shipmasters' Associations (IFSMA). The latter organization has consultative status at the International Maritime Organization (IMO). In collaboration with these organizations, the Company is actively supporting the IMO in its initiative to prevent victimization of seafarers through its Guidelines for the Fair Treatment of Seafarers. From this, you can see that there is a natural synergy between the Company and the Mission to Seafarers.

The current increase in marine accidents and insured losses may be reversed by the shipping industry's investment in the human element, in recruitment, training and a focus on the retention of good career-minded people. Pollution, cargo damage, and losses in general may be prevented by such people.

Encouraging Discussion of Today's Maritime Interests

Involved in national and international issues, the Company's divisions continue to stage conferences and seminars, as well as having members attend conferences and present papers. Among the conferences and seminars that we have organized, topics have included a number of current issues such as: "Security of Ships, Ports and Coasts," a table-top exercise entitled "The Master's Dilemma," "The Human Element in Shipping", and

a number of seminars and conferences dealing with the environment and "Arctic Shipping: Planning for Emergencies". The activities have been supported by the International Maritime Organization, The Nautical Institute, Classification Societies, and port and shipping industries.



Marine Education and Training for a Career in Shipping

Good-quality marine education and training is available at the five Canadian nautical schools with officer cadet programs. The Company is aware of the need to encourage excellence in training for the sea and provides scholarships from the Capt. G.O. Baugh Memorial Fund, and our own Foundation. Canadians have to be informed of the importance to the nation of its shipping industry. Young people who would aspire to be the master mariners, shipping managers and pilots of the future must be informed that the sophistication of modern ships' operating systems calls for a good high school education, an aptitude for learning and a willingness to gain personal maturity in a rigorous environment, often remote from the amenities and comforts of home.

On the Bridge

The Company's 460 plus members are guided by a representative executive council. Each of the seven regional divisions has its own governing council and its Divisional Vice President. The current National President is Captain Chris Connor. The National Assistant Vice-President is Capt. Marshall Dunbar (Maritimes). The administration is headed by Captain Cynthia Brown (Maritimes) as Secretary and Captain Amanda Slade (a Vancouver Island member, who is currently working in Sydney, NS). Captain Jim Calvesbert is the Chairman of MMC Education Committee.

Our group, the Maritimes Division, representing Nova Scotia, is comprised of approximately 100 members, many of whom the Mission to Seafarers here will be familiar with. Our division head is Capt. Marshall Dunbar, who is supported by the Deputy, Capt. Doug Roe; the Secretary, Capt. Jim Calvesbert; and the Treasurer, Capt. Greg Wilkie. We are pleased to continue to support the Mission's activities through the participation of our members as volunteers in MtS and by sponsoring events such as the Christmas Dinner and Golf Tournament.

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SANDRA ATTERSLEY AWARDED THE 2021 PETER G. BERNARD VOLUNTEER MEDALLION

For her invaluable volunteer service to the Mission to Seafarers Halifax. Based on nominations from seafarer centres across Canada, this National Award recognizes and honours the commitment shown by those who generously give their time for the benefit of seafarers. Our staff, volunteers, Board, and the Board of the International Sailors Society are thankful for the dedication and support of seafarers Sandra has provided throughout her many years of service.

Sandra has served on the Board of Directors of the MtS Halifax for more than 13 years and has been an active member of the Executive Committee as Board Secretary, Chair of the Board, and is our current Treasurer. Sandra's commitment to the Mission is inestimable. You would have sampled Sandra's culinary talents if you attended our luncheons/take outs. Sandra has assisted with fund-raising events as well. She is a member of the Canadian Institute of Marine Engineering, Eastern Admiralty Law Association and the Canadian Maritime Law Association. Sandra is active in her home parish of St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Dartmouth. She and her partner John Attersley (also a Mission volunteer) are well known within the Port community as the principals of Quay Marine Associates Inc. We thank Sandra for her passion and commitment and wish her all the very best in her retirement. Congratulations Sandra! Thank YOU!



Captain Anthony McGuinness presents to Sandra Attersley



Helen, Sandra and Tony



Aurora, Susan, Norman



Front left: Pat, Sandra, Aurora; Second: Joseph, Susan, Helen, Joy; Third row: Colm, Norman, Tony, Bob, Elwood, John, Palma
Missing: Captain Jim Calvesbert, Captain Andrew Powell, Mark Clinch and Nancy Eisener.

A celebratory dinner was organized to thank volunteers who have consistently stepped up to assist seafarers during the pandemic. The delectable filet mignon was prepared by Susan & Norman Picton and served by volunteers Aurora, Joy, Patricia and Palma. Pictured left our persistent, compassionate volunteers who have assisted seafarers during this world pandemic. We are most grateful.

The Mission to Seafarers work worldwide in support of seafarers who have been mistreated or abandoned. Please keep the seafarers in your prayers.

Please Donate

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VOLUNTEER PROFILE

CAPTAIN JIM CALVESBERT

In the event that you have not had the pleasure, I introduce Captain Jim Calvesbert. Jim is a true gentleman and scholar as well as an extraordinary ship-welfare volunteer. He has mastered awareness of security, and safety issues relating to port facilities and ships. He is an engaging asset to our outreach ministry and a true pleasure to be around.

You will find him at the Mission many Saturday mornings where he takes special care seeing to the needs of seafarers from all over the world. Always on call when the need arises, Jim has been a member of our family for over 3 years. Jim has sailed with various nationalities in his capacity as a marine consultant and he has vast experience in countries with various religions and cultures. This active volunteer speaks French and offers the perfect skill set for our Halifax Seafarer's Centre. Jim enjoys HAM radio and I understand is learning to play the saxophone. He is a seasoned writer and the editor of the FOGHORN. An inquisitive, compassionate human being.

Jim Calvesbert grew up in Ontario where the Great Lakes probably stimulated an interest in ships and the excitement of being on the water. So, when the opportunity to attend the inaugural class of the Canadian Coast Guard

College arose, it wasn't by sea, but by air that he arrived in Sydney, Nova Scotia. During that time, he sailed on Bluenose II, underwent cross training with the Navy during their winter Caribbean training operations. Jim as a member of the senior class was one of the first to attend the original Coast Guard College at the Point Edward Naval Base. He graduated four years later as a certified ships' officer and his first assignment was aboard a major icebreaker, the Canadian Coast Guard Ship (CCGS) John A. MacDonald headed to the high Arctic for the annual resupply voyage. That trip he was part of the SS Manhattan, the first commercial oil tanker to transit the Northwest Passage in both directions. What an exciting way to begin a 35-year career that was full of wonderful experiences.

Sailing in the Maritimes, Quebec, and becoming certified on hovercraft in British Columbia, Jim eventually returned to his home area of the Great Lakes and sailed on buoy tenders and later held command of Search and Rescue ships. After achieving command, Jim returned to the Coast Guard College as an instructor and in various management positions before



the call from the operational side arose again. To finish out his career with the Coast Guard, Jim served in management positions in the Martimes Regional Headquarters and retired with a world of wonderful memories.

Not that that was the end of his marine involvement, however. Following his retirement, as a marine consultant Jim worked on assignments nationally and internationally in the former republic of Georgia and the United Arab Emirates.

Recently, Jim worked with the cruise industry in Halifax driving double decker tour buses during the cruise season. Strange how the sea keeps coming up in his life. Now, as a ship visiting volunteer at the Mission to Seafarers in Halifax, Jim maintains his contact with seafarers from around the world by making their visits to our port more relaxing and enjoyable. We are truly blessed and hope our relationship continues for years to come. Thank you, Jim, for your passion and commitment. Blessings in abundance to you and yours.

A prayer for seafarers

Lord God, we depend on you for life itself. We depend on seafarers for many of our daily needs. Watch over them, keep them from danger, befriend them in loneliness and bring them safely home to those they love. Amen.



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NAMMA (North American Maritime Ministry Association) is a recognized leader in seafarers' welfare, encouraging maritime ministry, professional development, and networking. Membership in NAMMA ultimately, supports the welfare of seafarers in all our ports.

NAMMA Executive Director, Dr. Jason Zuidema visits Halifax and is seen here chatting with our ship visiting volunteers Captain Jim Calvesbert, Palma Heming, Joseph Loot, Jason, Deacon Art Mitchell, Helen Glenn, Aurora Ulloa-Parsons and Glenn Taylor



Rolando, Aurora, Pat, Dionne, Caroly, John, Joseph and Sandra-chief cook in forefront

Our September luncheon was busy as we delivered pulled pork, cole slaw and desserts to visiting patrons at our Mission. We were graced by guest volunteers, Rolando – Aurora's son and Dionne, Pat's daughter to assist us with this scrumptious take-out meal. Thanks for all the hard work.

Dear friends,

While it is very disappointing, the Mission to Seafarers board is cancelling our 2021 Annual Christmas Fundraising Luncheon. We feel it necessary under the circumstances. This event was a chance for us to thank YOU, community friends and sponsors and a time for you to socialize with colleagues to celebrate another year in our fine Port of Halifax. This atmosphere can only be created when we are confident that we can keep everyone safe, however, given the uncertainty we are presently living with, we are choosing not to host the event this year.

You need no reminder of the impact the pandemic has had on all our lives. We continue to receive complaints from Seafarers of low food provisions, lack of overtime pay, limited communication with family and the inability to shop for essential items. Our ship welfare volunteers are boarding vessels regularly to advocate for shore leave. We continue to share Transport Canada Bulletins with agents and masters in hope that permission will be granted for respite. We continue to shop for those who are unable to do so for themselves.

While we will miss the opportuni-

ty to thank you personally for your support over the year, we will send your STAR award in the mail as we did last year, along with your tax receipt for those who have continued to donate during these extraordinary times.

We hope you will consider continuing to assist us with your donation to help seafarers. They count on us, and we cannot do what we do without YOUR generous support. Thank YOU for all you do for the Mission. Please stay safe and be well.

Blessings in abundance to all.
Helen Glenn, Mission Manager



Captain Marshall Dunbar of Federal Fleet Services delivered quality ergonomic chairs to MtS Halifax. This Captain is an on-going supporter to our Mission and is the divisional head for the Company of Master Mariners, whose members continue to be incredible supporters. Federal Fleet Services have recently moved to 1099 Marginal Road, Suite 105. Thanks so much for your generosity. Note aside, Marshall's wife, Sally Dunbar was the new lead of our shoebox team last year. We appreciate the kindness of Sally and Marshall who drop in frequently with gifts for seafarers. Both class acts! We thank you.

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What is in a shoebox gift?

Scarf, gloves or mitts, socks, wrapped hard candy (no chocolate), soap toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, shaving foam, razors, deodorant, lypstyl, playing cards, mementos of NS, PEI or Canada. The past few years we have included Fisherman's Friends which have been donated by the parent company. Blessed be!

The shoeboxes we use are of regular size for running shoes. Boot boxes are far too large.

Our team of shoebox experts quality check every shoebox received. We understand it's no easy task to purchase items to fill these giftboxes.

We are asked often "what we need". Donations of

items is wonderful to receive, however of late, especially during the pandemic many church parishoners, donors and community partners send in cheques so that we may purchase items to complete gift boxes. The last few years many have found it difficult to source Lypstyl/Blistex, deodorant, body wash and shaving foam at a reasonable price. We shop when items are discounted. Thanks for all you do.



Our Hidden Heroes have gone through very rough days during these extraordinary times. They appreciate all YOU do to help us help them. Thank you.

Announcements

- We are grateful to the **International Sailor's Society of Canada** for the substantial donation. This has been used to purchase Adirondack chairs, a picnic table for our backyard, basketball equipment and recreational games for our internet café. Thanks as well to **Captain Kevin Obermeyer**, CEO, Pacific Pilotage Authority and the Chair, International Sailor's Society of Canada for providing an abundant supply of masks and gloves.
- Thanks very much to **Joe Murphy of Murphy Magnets** for special delivery of magnets!
- **October 21st** luncheon sponsored by **Halifax Port Authority**. Call in your orders for Ham, hash brown casserole, beans and dessert. Tickets only \$12.
- **November 6** – GET YOUR ENGINES STARTED! CAR RALLY 2021 IS ON! We thank Jacqueline & Ronnie Twohig for coordinating this third-party event for MtS Halifax. Contact info@massagemercantile.com for details. Sponsors include **Logistec Stevedoring, CBCL Limited** and **Canadian Steamship Lines**.
- **November 25th** monthly luncheon is Christmas turkey with all the trimmings. \$15. Book in advance. Sponsor is **P and H Milling Group**.

The Mission is thankful to our sponsors!

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