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From the Editors Desk

It's been a while but after a busy few months we are back with another edition. Mat has been sailing over in Europe and just went through the Panama Canal a few days ago. Meanwhile I welcomed another daughter and moved into a shore position.

Hope everyone enjoys this edition and is having a wonderful summer at sea or ashore.

Fair Winds and a Following Sea

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Foghorn Editors

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A Message from The Master



Good Day Everyone,

Spring is here and though it has not been a great one, we have at least left the winter behind.

Of course this means that some of our local members have shipped out for the Great Lakes start up and wish them a safe and prosperous season. Arctic Season still a ways away, but no doubt prep work has started for those folks who head north each year. Likewise, have a safe and prosperous season.

MMC members attended 80th anniversary Battle of the Atlantic ceremonies at Point Pleasant park and onboard HMCS Sackville. Many thanks to our members and of course our continued thanks to our merchant navy veterans. I was fortunate enough to have been asked to present at one of the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic Tuesday Night Talks. I gave a presentation on Canadas and Norways contribution to the BOA. It was truly incredible what these two countries did during the conflict.

Our Division held our Annual General Meeting at the Mission to Seafarers on May 14th. As always the Mission (Helen Glenn and Joseph Loot) were gracious hosts and we are all extremely fortunate to have them assisting seafarers on a daily basis. Many thanks to all who attended and those who continue to volunteer to fill the positions of the executive. Many thanks to Captain Jim Calvesbert who after many years has passed the role of Secretary over to Captain Anthony Potts.

The MMC supported the CMCF in having the seafarers pathway study prepared by Malatest and recently published. It shows that there is great need in the next 5 - 10 years for thousands of seafarers to be recruited, trained and retained. This is a result of a generation of seafarers who are now nearing the retirement age. Of course this is causing concern for companies, their HR departments, training institutions and of course the seafarers who will feel the effect of possibly prolonging their time onboard while their reflex is being arranged. Lots of work is being done to determine the best route to meet the need and we will see if it is successful. It is a situation that should not be a surprise, but not enough has been done to prevent the situation. Hopefully industry corrects the problem and looks to the future and prevents it being repeated.

All for this edition and as always safe sailing.

Marshall Dunbar



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Marshall's presentation at the Maritime Museum



International Day of the Seafarer- June 25



June 25 was the International Day of the Seafarer. This year's theme was My Harassment Free Ship. From the IMO:

My Harassment-Free Ship

*On 25 June, the global maritime community comes together to celebrate the **Day of the Seafarer**. This year, we launched the campaign '**My Harassment-Free Ship**', a bold initiative to promote a culture of respect and zero tolerance for bullying and harassment at sea.*

Building a Future of Respect at Sea

*The **Day of the Seafarer 2025** is more than a celebration—it's a call for action. '**My Harassment-Free Ship**' is about changing the maritime culture to one where every seafarer feels safe, valued, and protected at sea. Explore the **Interactive World Map**, access campaign materials, and join us in making every ship a harassment-free workplace. Together, we can create a safer maritime industry.*





MtS Halifax Announcements:

- MtS Halifax is grateful for the substantial grants from the International Sailors Society of Canada and ITF Seafarers Trust.
- The Annual MtS Golf Tournament will be held at the Avon Valley Golf & Country Club on September 9th, 2025 -1PM Tee-off.
- TAKE OUT luncheon dates for September 18th, October 30th and November 20th.
- The Annual Christmas Luncheon will take place at Kenneth Rowe Hall, Pier 21 on December 3rd, 2025.

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



CANADIAN MARINE CAREERS FOUNDATION



The Canadian Marine Careers Foundation (CMCF) is a national non-profit working with over 50 industry, labour, education, and government partners to build a diverse and future ready workforce for Canada's marine sector.

The CMCF provides:

- A unified voice and approaches to address the challenges facing the marine sector's workforce
- Imagine-Marine one-stop resource centre for information on careers at sea and ashore, training and educational pathways, and financial assistance.
- Imagine Marine National Job Board and Talent Network
- Sector-coordinated careers awareness campaigns
- National Educational Outreach Programs and Resources aimed at teachers, students and parents
- Workforce development tools, resources and programs to strengthen recruitment, retention and training efforts
- Forums to explore and share industry best practices on HR and training
- Decision-making labour market data and information

Imagine Marine CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 7th & 8th 2025 ROGERS (FORMERLY SHAW) CENTRE - OTTAWA, ON PRESENTED BY CANADIAN MARINE CAREERS FOUNDATION





Nova Scotia Heritage Schooner Rescue Society

Keeping Nova Scotia's Heritage Afloat

There is increasing concern that Nova Scotia built schooners are beginning to lose their relevance. There are few new schooners being built and those that exist are getting older and more difficult to maintain. A number have been identified that sit “on the hard”, and many others are abandoned and deteriorating, have broken up, or have been exported elsewhere; soon many will be lost forever. NSHSRS is a new not for profit society formed with the express purpose of reversing this trend and protecting our schooner fleet.



We plan to engage the younger generation, who have less time and disposable income to put into wooden boats, in the Schooner Rescue projects so they can carry on ensuring our maritime heritage is preserved for years to come. And, in the process, build confidence in youth through hands-on skills and sail training, connecting them to a unique part of our history, the ocean and the natural environment.

For more information on the Society and how to get involved please visit the website:

<https://schoonerrescue.org/>



Shipping News



Davie to Acquire Shipyard in Texas

Davie announced its intention to acquire shipbuilding assets located in Galveston and Port Arthur from Gulf Copper & Manufacturing Corporation, a Texas-based leader in ship repair, construction, and marine services.

For further information click here: [Davie Acquisition](#)



Canada Makes Progress in Arctic Projects

After long delays, Canada is racing to complete two of its critical Arctic projects, with the country looking to open up and strengthen the infrastructure of the region

For further information click here: [Arctic Progress](#)



Nova Scotia taking more steps toward offshore wind development



Ambitious Wind West Project

In response to Prime Minister Mark Carney's bid to make Canada an "energy superpower," Nova Scotia Premier Tim Houston is floating the idea of dramatically ramping up the province's nascent offshore wind energy industry.

For more information click here: [Wind West](#)

Thank you to all who have contributed and we hope it was an enjoyable read. Safe sailing and good luck with the ice!

If you have anything you would like to see included in a future issue, please contact myself or Mat at:

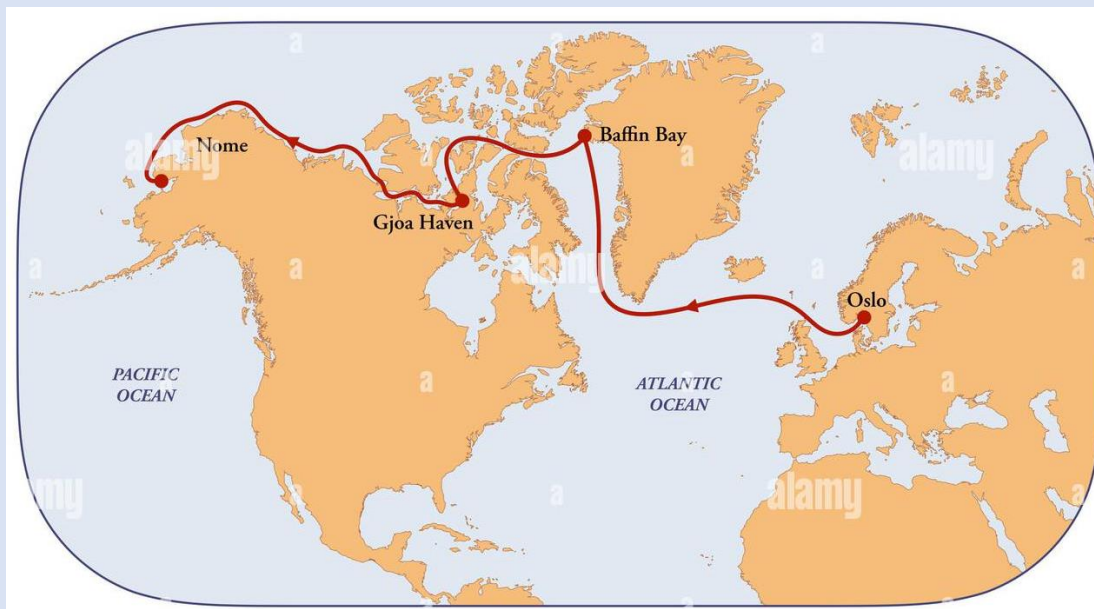
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A familiar ship to many east coasters, spotted in Colón, Panama. Still kicking around!





Trivia

Which famous explorer conducted this expedition, that lasted from 1903 to 1906?

Answer to previous edition: The dolphins are regarded as ancient talismans and helpers to mariners.

