



Canadian Merchant Service Guild  
**Eastern Branch NEWSLETTER**

## **Negotiations take center stage throughout the Eastern Branch**

Every year, as a regular part of doing business, Collective Agreements come up for renewal and negotiation. Some years many contracts are due at the same time and this happens to be one of those years.

A five-year deal has been negotiated for the Officers at CSL. There are six Collective Agreements with this Company and we are pleased to report that the negotiations resulted in contracts that were given excellent membership support. These negotiations started this past fall and were completed and voted on this spring.

Marine Atlantic's Officers contract was settled at Arbitration and we are awaiting final review and signatures on that contract.

We are now getting ready to start negotiations for Algoma's fleet(s). We expect to start with their own previous vessels' contracts first and then to start the contracts for the former Upper Lakes Officers.

The Government Ships Officers' contract covers almost a thousand Guild members and that is a very significant contract in the Eastern Branch. We expect that contract to end up in Arbitration again and expect the naming of an Arbitrator shortly.

Three of the four Pilot Groups of the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority are in negotiations.

The first contract for the M.V. *Umiak* has just been ratified by the members.

The Cancrew Tanker contracts are up for renegotiation and Notice to Bargain has been served.



The Atlantic Pilots' contract is being negotiated; and the APA Launchmasters' contract has just been ratified.

Negotiations are ongoing with Arcelor Mittal for all three groups.

Negotiations are being prepared for the Officers of the M.V. *Arctic*.

Conciliation is ongoing for the Launchmasters in Quebec City.

Notice to Bargain is about to be sent to Rigel Shipping. Notice is also about to be sent to the Department of Works Services and Transportation for Ferry Captains in NF.

## Guild Eastern Branch Board and district meetings

Meetings were held throughout the Branch as scheduled and there was good membership turnout at most of the meetings. District meetings are the forum for members to hear about some of the events that have taken place in the Branch during the year. Those meetings are also the place where members can raise issues, ask questions and meet fellow Guild members. We encourage members to attend meetings whenever possible.



Eastern Branch Executive and Staff, from left: Mr. Kieran Clarke (LRO), Ms. Joy Thomson (National Secretary Treasurer), Mr. Bruce Carter (Secretary Treasurer, Eastern Branch), Mr. Mario Elrick (LRO), Mr. Paul O'Brien (LRO), Capt. Alex MacIntyre (President, Eastern Branch), Mr. Tom Spindler (Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Eastern Branch), Ms. Vivian Arenillas (LRO), Mr. Yann Donnelly (LRO) and Mr. Bernard Talbot (LRO).



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## Congratulations Guild Bursary recipient 2012, Mr. Oleg Mamonkin



The Eastern Branch congratulates Mr. Oleg Mamonkin on being this year's recipient of the Guild Bursary - a \$1,000 award to help offset the costs for certificate upgrading. Mr. Mamonkin is an Engineer at Algoma Tankers. We wish him well in his efforts to achieve his next certificate. This year the Guild maintained the Bursary award. Photo: Mr. Oleg Mamonkin (left) receiving his Bursary cheque from Mr. Kieran Clarke (LRO).

## Kathryn Spirit



The *Kathryn Spirit* was recently sold and is reportedly headed for scrap. The Guild was successful in getting severance pay for the full time Officers who worked on that vessel under Guild contract.

## Grievances

Each Guild office has various grievances being worked on by staff.

There are many grievance issues at Marine Atlantic ranging from disciplinary actions to contracting out issues. At last count there are about 25 outstanding issues.

There are several grievances outstanding at Algoma that we are trying to work through; as well as over a dozen with the Province of Newfoundland Department of Works, Services and Transportation concerning the Ferry Captains on provincially owned ferries.

There are several outstanding issues at Cancrew for Officers on the shuttle Tankers.

There are also several outstanding issues for pilots with the Atlantic Pilotage Authority.

There are also grievance issues for our GSO members (Coast Guard, DND) arising in just about every region. These range from pay issues to discipline to harassment. All are being worked on by staff members.

## Thank you Pilot Angus McNevin



The Guild was recently very pleased when Pilot Angus McNevin allowed us to display an example of his craftsmanship. Capt. McNevin built a model of the former Laker, *TR McLagen*, and it is proudly displayed in our St. Catharines office. We very much appreciate his skill and generosity.

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## Reminders for Guild members: Administrative Monetary Penalties

In the December issue of the Eastern Branch Newsletter, we reminded members about the emphasis on Administrative Monetary Penalties being ramped up in the future. This was reinforced at the latest CMAC meeting in Ottawa, in April 2012, and we've seen evidence of the enforcement.

We reiterate this information in the hopes that strict vigilance to the appropriate rules and regulations will be maintained and thereby keep Guild members from being on the receiving end of these penalties.

## Office Relocation - St. John's, NF



The Guild Office in St. John's has moved location. As of June 1st the office is now located in the "Ultramar" Building at 39 Pippy Place. The phone number, fax number, email address and the P.O. Box remain the same.



### New pilot boat christened for Halifax

The APA's new pilot boat for Halifax, the *Chebucto Pilot*, was christened on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The second of her class is now under construction for service in Saint John, NB. It will be launched later this year and christened, *Capt. Alwyn Soppitt*. Designer: Lengkeek Vessel Engineering (Dartmouth, NS). Builder: ABCO Industries Limited (Lunenburg, NS).



Active and retired pilots at *Chebucto Pilot* christening (from left): Captains Bill Denton, Ian Swan, George Hilchey, Shaun Dauphinee, Don MacAlpine, Andrew Rae, Colin Millar, Gary O'Donnell, Ed Anthony and Alan Stockdale.

### Conclusion

It is once again a very busy time for Guild Officers and staff. Members are hard at work throughout the Branch; and staff members are working on the many contracts or grievance issues described in this newsletter.

We look forward to the results of those efforts and wish all members a safe and productive work year.



The *Sea Rose* FPSO in Conception Bay before heading to Ireland for refit. Two Maersk vessels, with Guild Officers aboard, are shown working that vessel, getting it ready to depart.



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