

sold her. She was then nearly 40 years old."

In "Schooner Days CDLV", Snider mentioned "ZEBRA wrecked at Victoria Park in 1897. A small schooner damaged by fire and rebuilt at Port Credit. Her original name was MERRIMAC."

From "OUC Dive Guide Notes" comes this item re ZEBRA: "Schooner. Fall 1898. Foundered."

The existence of such a vessel seems to be borne out by an item appearing in the "Collingwood Bulletin" on April 10, 1896. "ZEBRA arrived from Port Credit with stone. Harbourmaster Baldwin gave her skipper, Capt. Hurd, the traditional hat."

And that is the extent of what we know about ZEBRA. We have no register details concerning her, and we have been unable to locate any verification (in the press or elsewhere) of her loss. But if she did come ashore at Victoria Park sometime just before the turn of the century, could she have been carrying a cargo of raw glass?

We don't know, but the glass certainly does exist, for Ye Ed. is looking at several lumps of it as he types this page. Can anybody assist us with information concerning the ZEBRA?

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#### CAPT. LESLIE PICKARD - 1893-1989

It is with sadness that we report the recent passing of T.M.H.S. member Capt. Les Pickard, who was one of the last Great Lakes sailors with a master's ticket in sail.

His early days in sail were spent in the service of the Bronte Fisheries on Lake Ontario, and in subsequent years he served in the famous schooners WM. JAMIESON, KATIE ECCLES and ABBIE L. ANDREWS. He then went to salt water and served in schooners there while there still were such vessels in operation.

Les Pickard then returned to the lakes and served with the Lloyd Tankers fleet, although he went back to salt water during World War Two. With the return of peace, he came back to the lakes and served again in sail. He frequently mastered yacht schooners on their annual trips from the Great Lakes to the Caribbean for the winter. During the last twenty years, this modest man of Bronte built eleven small craft, and produced many treasured ropework picture frames.

To his family we express our deepest sympathy.

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Ed. Note: Our thanks to T.M.H.S. committee member Lorne Joyce for his assistance with this tribute to Capt. Pickard.

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#### FIFTY YEARS FOR THE SAM McBRIDE

We had intended to feature in this issue a fiftieth anniversary article concerning the Toronto Island ferry SAM McBRIDE, which was built back in 1939. Unfortunately, with space at a premium, we were unable to fit the article into this issue and it will have to wait until the November issue. That seems fine because it was fifty years ago this November that the McBRIDE ran her trials in Lake Ontario off the C.N.E. grounds.

Do any of our members have special information or anecdotes concerning SAM McBRIDE? If so, please let us know as soon as possible so that we may include them in the next issue.

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