

### CAPTAIN RON TACKABERRY

The members of the Toronto Marine Historical Society were saddened to learn of the passing of Captain Ronald Tackaberry on 25th May, 1991. Ron was a valued member of our Society, and freely shared his knowledge of Great Lakes marine history with us.

His love of ships began at a very early age, and he celebrated his 16th birthday as a deckhand aboard ALGOWAY (I) in 1945. From the ships of the Owen Sound Transportation Company and the Hindman Transportation Company, to those of Mohawk Navigation and Imperial Oil Limited, Ron rose quickly through the ranks and became First Mate in C. W. CADWELL while sailing for Cadwell Marine Ltd.

Ron was part of a group which, on March 13, 1964, formed Norlake Steamships Ltd., of Toronto, and the company soon purchased the steamer ALEXANDER LESLIE from the Lake Erie Coal Company Ltd. In the autumn of 1965, Norlake purchased UHLMANN BROTHERS (I), which had last operated for the Kinsman fleet. She was fitted out at Superior and sailed in early November as (d) MANITOBA, heading light ship for Chicago, where she loaded her first of many grain cargoes. From 1964 until the company's two ships were sold for scrap in 1969, Ron Tackaberry served as president of Norlake Steamships. He later became president of Liquilassie Shipping Ltd.

Subsequently resuming his sailing career, Ron worked with the Great Lakes Pilotage Authority and navigated salt-water vessels on Lake Ontario. He was well known for his proficiency at his profession and he will long be remembered for his many contributions to Great Lakes history.

Ron's funeral, at the Humphrey Funeral Home on Bayview Avenue, Toronto, was very well attended, and eulogies were delivered by his friends, Capt. John Tackaberry and Ron Beaupre. We extend our most sincere condolences to Ron Tackaberry's family and to his many friends.

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Ed. Note: We wish to thank Ron Beaupre for his assistance in preparing this remembrance of one of our most stalwart members of T.M.H.S.

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### A GUIDE TO THE DULUTH-SUPERIOR HARBOR

One of our T.M.H.S. members, James A. Baumhofer, of Saint Paul, Minnesota, has written and published a booklet entitled **WHERE THE BOATS ARE: A GUIDE TO THE DULUTH-SUPERIOR HARBOR**. A 47-page softcover in upright 8½ x 11 inch format, the booklet reviews marine activity in the lakehead port, mentions lake fleets whose vessels are seen there, and provides the necessary information for readers to take a self-guided tour of the port facilities. There are a number of illustrations.

The book is available for the price of U.S. \$6.95, postpaid, and a discount of 45% is offered on orders of ten or more copies. Interested parties may address Mr. James A. Baumhofer, P.O. Box 65493, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55165, U.S.A.

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