

SILENT AUCTION

As a result of the generosity of our members, we have had numerous items, such as books, magazines, photos, etc., for sale at recent meetings, the proceeds donated to the Toronto Marine Historical Society. The funds derived from the sale of such donated materials helps to protect all of our members from increases in the Society's annual membership fees.

Recently, we have received donations of six very special items of marine memorabilia, which we believe should be offered to all of our members, and these will now be sold by silent auction. Each item is described in detail, and a reserve (minimum) bid is shown for each.

1. **LIFEBOAT COMPASS** - No. 28432 B4, manufactured by Henry Browne & Son Limited, Station Works, Barking, Essex, England. Certified as tested 1961. Gimballed compass contained in wooden box approx. 7½" across, 5" high, 7½" deep. Box shows signs of weather but overall in very good condition. From a lake vessel. **Reserve Bid - \$75.00**
2. **AZIMUTH MIRROR** - manufactured by Kelvin & Hughes Ltd., London and Glasgow. Contained in wooden box 12" across, 4" high, 12" deep. Box also contains circular mirror 6½" diameter and a frosted glass disc 5½" diameter. Box slightly weathered but mirror in excellent condition. From a lake vessel. **Reserve Bid - \$75.00**
3. **MISENER HOUSEFLAG** - blue field with gold 'M' and three gold crowns. Approx. 8'3" long, 4'3" wide. Unused. Very choice item for anyone with a flagpole or a large wall space to fill. **Reserve Bid - \$35.00**
4. **STENCILLING PLATE** - manufactured by Toledo Stamp & Stencil Co., brass, approx. 6½" x 6", with cut-out lettering STR. JAMES DAVIDSON in block letters arranged in semi-circular format. Unused, but probably intended for labelling lifejackets. (JAMES DAVIDSON was built in 1920, scrapped 1974.) **Reserve Bid - \$25.00**
5. **ALGOMA CENTRAL MARINE HOUSEFLAG** - black, red and white burgee with traditional bear design. Approx. 7'5" long, 3'4" wide at hoist, tapering to 2' at tips of swallowtail. Unused. Very handsome item. **Reserve Bid - \$35.00**
6. **SHIP'S KEY** - 4¼" long, with brass tag attached by short chain. Tag stamped in block letters PILOT HOUSE PORT on one side, J. W. GATES on the other. (JOHN W. GATES was built for A. B. Wolvin in 1900 and sailed for Pittsburgh Steamship Company from 1901. Scrapped 1961.) **Reserve Bid - \$15.00**

Rules of the Auction:

- All bids to be submitted in writing, mailed to Gordon Turner, 60 Southport Street, Apt. 518, Toronto, Ontario M6S 3N4.
- Bids must be received no later than Wednesday, May 7th. Successful bidders will be announced at the Dinner Meeting, May 10. Winners not at meeting will be notified by mail.
- In the event of identical bids, winner will be bid bearing earliest postmark.
- All bids will be considered to be in Canadian funds. All sales will be considered to be donations to the Toronto Marine Historical Society.
- Payment from successful bidders must be received before goods are shipped. We will arrange to ship items 3 through 6, but winners of items 1 and 2 must agree that items will be picked up at Toronto, as the objects are extremely fragile and cannot be shipped.
- No bids below the reserve will be considered on any item.

We are very pleased to be able to offer these important items of memorabilia and we extend sincere thanks to donors and bidders alike. Good luck to you all in your bidding.