

tain mailing costs; those who contributed historical items for sale for the benefit of T.M.H.S. and those who bought them; those who put on entertainment programmes for us and those who attended them, and all of the many who supported us with their continued membership in the Society.

And now it is time to pass along to you those same words which we say every year at this time. Repetitive they may be, and even unimaginative, but they are sincere, come from the heart, and mean so very much. We can think of no better way to speak of the coming of Christmas and of our inevitable passage into a new year. We are saddened that several of our old friends no longer are here with us to make that passage, but we know that they have "crossed the bar" to a better place and await us there.

Many of our members are closely associated with the lake shipping industry. It is our hope that the 2001 navigation season was for them as pleasant, safe and profitable as possible under the circumstances. To those who were touched by adversity, you are in our thoughts. We wish for all of our sailors, vessel operators and historians the very best for 2002. The coming year just has to be a better one for us all.

But now, as our memories of a long, hot summertime and an unseasonably warm autumn fade away, as the skies and waters of our Great Lakes take on the familiar grey pallor of winter and we work to secure the insulation that we hope will keep the nasty weather on the outside, as the winds rage and the blowing snows obscure the horizons, and as the "smoke" rises from the cold waters, the lake ships scurry to collect and deliver their last cargoes of the year before they seek the calm and safety of winter quarters in snug ports. We wish them all safe passage.

And to all of the many members of our large chosen family, the Toronto Marine Historical Society, we take this opportunity to extend to all of you our very best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and for all possible Happiness in the New Year. Take care, dear friends, and may 2002 bring to us all an increased measure of love, warmth, security, good health and success in all of our endeavours.

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WINTER LAY-UP LISTINGS

Once again, we will feature in our February issue the listings of ships laid up at our lake and river ports, not only to preserve the record but also so our members may travel to distant ports to see the boats wintering there if so desired. So once your local port has welcomed its winter fleet, please drop us a note as soon as possible to identify all lay-ups there. You may write to the Editor at the address shown on the cover, you may phone evenings to (416) 921-8436, or e-mail us at jay.bascom@sympatico.ca

In addition to major commercial ships, we like to include tugs, ferries and other interesting craft. Please include them in your lists but be certain to note what kind of vessel is being named to avoid confusion at our end.

Thank you for helping with this annual endeavour. Please make sure that your lists reach us no later than January 24th. Any subsequent listings will have to wait until the March issue, and by then spring almost will be here!

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CORRECTION RE THE SOO FERRIES

In our feature article of the November issue, mention was made of an incident of July 27, 1957, wherein a car and trailer slipped backwards off the deck of one of the Soo ferryboats when she was leaving her dock. However, the article identified the ferry as AGOMING whereas, in fact, the incident involved the JAMES W. CURRAN. We regret the error.

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