

LLOYD BELCHER

We regret to inform the members that Lloyd Harold Robert Belcher passed away on July 17, in his 87th year, at Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga. The second oldest of five Belcher brothers, he also had four sisters. Apart from siblings, he is survived by wife Barbara, and their three sons and their families. A memorial service was held at Streetsville United Church on August 19.

An enthusiastic supporter of T.M.H.S., who almost always attended our meetings, Lloyd Belcher joined when we featured the story of the Paterson canaller NOVADOC (ii), on which Lloyd served as a crew member when she stranded to a total loss on Lake Michigan in the Armistice Day storm of 1940. Lloyd never again sailed the lake, but did serve in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War Two.

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CHARLES PERKINS

We have more sad duty to perform, and that is to advise that longtime Society member Charles Perkins, of Sarnia, passed away in June. He had been a strong supporter of T.M.H.S. for a great many years.

His wife, Lee Perkins, of 711 Oakdale Avenue, Sarnia, ON N7V 2B1, says that his extensive marine collection will be dispersed once the estate is settled, and invites interested parties to contact her in that respect. We extend to her our most sincere sympathy on his passing.

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The Marine Library

Arriving too late for mention in the May issue was the 2006 edition of Know Your Ships, edited and published by longtime member Roger LeLievre. In the usual successful format, this edition features even more colour photos than ever, with a stunning colour image of the centenarian ST. MARYS CHALLENGER on the front cover. Contact Marine Publishing Co. Inc., P.O. Box 68, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, or www.knowyourships.com For Toronto residents, it is available at the Nautical Mind and at Lynx Images.

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There are two new volumes out from longtime Society member Skip Gillham. The first is Final Voyage: Lakers Scrapped Far From Home, which features lakers sent overseas for scrapping. Wherever possible, the ships are illustrated on their final voyages. They are organized by country of scrapping with, of course, a section on the 16 lakers or former lakers that were lost en route to the scrapyards.

The second Gillham offering is The Keystone Fleet, a profusely illustrated history of the various vessels owned or chartered over the years by Keystone Transports Ltd., a canaller fleet formed in 1909 specifically to carry Pennsylvania coal for the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company. The "Key boats" are particularly fondly remembered by your Editor, who regularly saw them in operation.

For either of Skip's books, please contact the author directly: Skip Gillham, P.O. Box 443, Vineland, Ontario LOR 2C0 or sgillham7@yahoo.com

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Please remember that, as noted on the cover, the Editor's travel schedule means that there can be NO ISSUE IN OCTOBER, although there will be a Meeting. Look for us again in your mailbox or letterslot in November.

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