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## FRONTENAC II HEADS TO HAMILTON FOR DRYDOCKING

-Terry Culbert

At 09:00 am, Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, the Frontenac II skippered by Captain Jim Reid, pulled away from the Stella Dock. Watching her depart were the Loyalist Township Island Road Crew with their dump trucks and front-end loader at the ready. They were waiting for the arrival of the Quinte Loyalist in order to reconstruct the ramp area for the much smaller ship. The Quinte Loyalist will be our link to the mainland for the next six to eight weeks. Meanwhile, the Frontenac II is dry docked in Hamilton undergoing maintenance inspections and any repairs deemed necessary.

As Captain Reid brought the Frontenac II across the 3-mile North Channel, the Quinte Loyalist was on stand-by just to the west of the Millhaven Dock. The Quinte Loyalist came to us from Glenora, Prince Edward County and was manned with a crew of marine specialists from the Ministry of Transportation, Ontario. Anxiously awaiting the transfer of vehicle ferries was a road's crew from Loyalist Township headquarters in Odessa. As a foot note: If you are leaving Amherst Island in the morning between six and nine, get there early as the Quinte Loyalist only holds 18 vehicles.



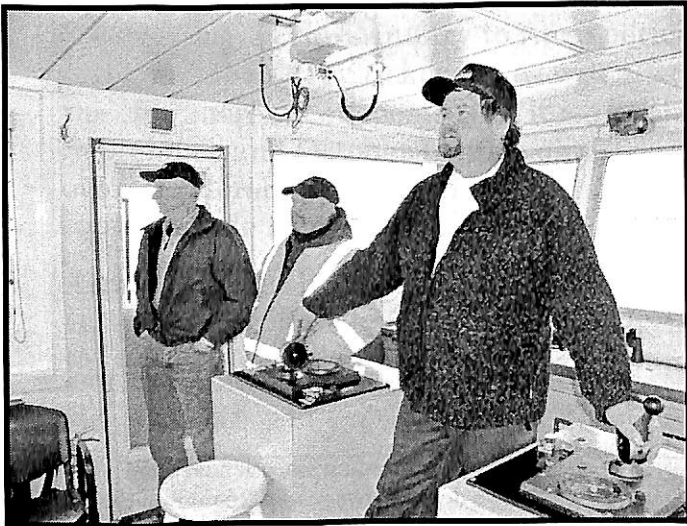
*Above: A Loyalist Township heavy machine operator digs out the gravel base, lowering the ramp area for the much smaller Quinte Loyalist.*

*Below Left: Chief Engineer Garry Hitchins and First Mate Darell Miller watch Captain Jim Reid bring the Frontenac II into the Millhaven Dock at 09:20 on Monday morning, the 7<sup>th</sup> of April.*

*Bottom Left: Captain Jim Reid, Deckhand Michael Joll and Engineer Don Jones in the bridge of the Quinte Loyalist on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.*

*Bottom Right: Looking out from the bridge over the deck of the much smaller Quinte Loyalist enroute to Amherst Island. Three vehicle spaces are lost with the addition of a Johnny-on-the-Spot and a small crew and passenger trailer.*

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