

We earlier reported that the salty MORMACTIDE, which was towed into the lakes during November, would be refitted at Sturgeon Bay as an addition to the Ready Reserve Fleet. In fact, she is to be converted into a training ship for the use of the New York State University Maritime Academy at Fort Schuyler, New York.

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LAY-UP LISTINGS

It seems it was just a few weeks ago that we were watching the lakers fitting out for the 1988 season, and now most of them are in winter quarters again! Accordingly, it is time to prepare our annual listing of vessels laid up at the ports of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River. "Scanner" has an enviable reputation for producing the most comprehensive lay-up list each year, and it is through the efforts of our members that this is possible. We will print our report in the February issue, which should allow time for most late-running ships to reach winter quarters in time to be included in our list. Corrections, etc., will appear in the March issue.

All we ask of our members is that they visit their local port(s) and jot down the names of all ships wintering there. (Please write them down on the spot, rather than trying to remember them until later.) Then send us your list. It's as easy as that! Of course, if you should have lists for other ports, we would be pleased to have them as well, and if you should be lucky enough to receive harbourmasters' lay-up lists or information from any of the shipping companies, we would appreciate receiving the details.

Please remember that accuracy is essential. Your Editor may not be able to verify conflicting information from distant ports, and there is nothing so frustrating as receiving two differing lists for the same port, or reports that the same ship is laid up in several different ports! Also, please do not assume that someone else has sent in a list for your local harbour; it may be that yours will be the only letter we receive!

So please let us hear from you so that we may continue to build this important historical record, which may be a valuable research tool for historians in years to come. We thank you for your assistance, and to put you in the right mood for the preparation of your lay-up lists, there follows the list of ships which laid up at Toronto over the winter of 1934-1935.

AJAX (tug)	BRULIN	MARTIAN (I)	REDFERN (barge)
ASHCROFT	CAPE ETERNITY	F. V. MASSEY	REDWOOD (barge)
BERRYTON	CAPE TRINITY	JOHN A. McDOUGALD	ROUILLE (tug)
BIRCHTON	CAYUGA	MEAFORD	ROY K. RUSSELL (barge)
BRITAMETTE	CEDARTON	MIDLAND KING	SARNIAN
BRITAMLUBE	CHIPPEWA	MUSCALLONGE (tug)	SELKIRK
BRITAMOCO	CORONA	NORFOLK	SHERBROOKE
BRITAMOIL	CYCLO CHIEF	NORTHTON	SIMCOE
BRITAMOLENE	CYCLO WARRIOR	OAKTON	HOME SMITH
BROOKTON	JAMES B. EADS	PELEE	T.H.C. NO. 1 (tug)
BROWN BEAVER	JOHN ERICSSON	RAHANE	J. FRATER TAYLOR
	GREY BEAVER	REDCLOUD (barge)	

Now, that's what we would call a fascinating list! Oh, for a camera with a time-machine attachment! Our 1988-1989 lay-up lists may not be quite as interesting (and certainly not as long), but we'll publish them anyway, with the help of all of our members.

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1988 Seaway Closing: As we go to press with this issue, we learn that the last vessel to clear the St. Lawrence Seaway, downbound, was the Liberian Suncor tanker CHIPPEWA, which cleared St. Lambert Lock at 5:06 p.m., December 23rd. She was the only vessel forced to pay late-season passage charges this year.

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