

prefer a salmon or chicken dinner. Cheques should be payable to Toronto Marine Historical Society, and sent to William R. Wilson, 173 Glenrose Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1K7. Tickets will be held at the door for all who have reserved.

Please Note: We must confirm the number that will attend and also their dinner choices, so reservations, accompanied by payment and meal selection, must be received by Tuesday, April 28th. We regret that there can be no refunds after that date. Please plan to attend and reserve early to ensure that there will be space for you and your party.

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ANOTHER SILENT AUCTION

Enclosed with this issue are separate pages containing details of our second Silent Auction. The first such event, which we held last spring, was so successful that we were able to avoid any fee increase to our members this year. In the meantime, members have donated to the Society more materials to be sold for the Society's benefit, and some of them are pretty interesting items! An auction of such marine items not only serves to put the items in the hands of members who will appreciate them, but also benefits all of the members by enabling us to hold the line on fees. And there are no up-front acquisition costs for the Society which would cut into our profit.

So please take a good look at the details of the items for sale as well as the rules of the auction. Then clip the bid coupon and send it to Gordon Turner as soon as possible so that he can record your bids.

Happy bidding! And thanks to all for their continued support of the Toronto Marine Historical Society.

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LAKERS AND SALTIES 1997-1998

The new edition of Norman Eakins' annual reference work is now available. It runs to 104 pages and follows generally the same format as in last year's issue. However, it now lists all lakers, and not just those which ventured through the Seaway, and hence the slight change in the title. Salties listed are those which made the transits of the St. Lawrence section of the Seaway. It is priced at \$19.50 Canadian or \$16.50 U.S., including postage. Cheques should be payable to Norman Eakins. Canadian orders may be sent to 13 Alfred Street, Point Edward, Ontario N7V 1S4, while U.S. orders should be addressed to P.O. Box 595792, Fort Gratiot, Michigan 48059-5792.

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MARINE NEWS

Last issue, we mentioned that Groupe Desgagnes Inc. had purchased in Sweden a tanker for operation by its Petro-Nav affiliate. We now learn that the vessel involved is the EK-SKY, purchased by Desgagnes from Ektank A.B., of Sweden. Built in 1975, the ship is double-hulled, and of 9712 dwt. An interesting new name has been chosen for the tanker; she will be rechristened PETROLIA DESGAGNES. In the past, Desgagnes ships have been named for members of the Desgagnes family, but this contrived name is a departure from that tradition.

Meanwhile, Algoma Central Tankers has begun to repaint the former Imperial Oil tankers which it acquired in January, and to operate them under their new names. (See our January issue for the renames.) Of particular note is the fact that after being laid up since 1996, IMPERIAL ACADIA was drydocked, repainted, and went back into service on February 11th as (b) ALGOSCOTIA. We now understand that Algoma Central also has acquired A. G. FARQUHARSON (currently laid up at Halifax and under a year's charter to Petro-Nav since last