

when paying, please specify whether you would 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 to the restaurant 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. So please plan to attend and reserve early to ensure that there will be space for you and your party.

In the New Member Department, a hearty welcome goes out to Paul Panabaker, of Toronto. We are very pleased to have you with us in the Toronto Marine Historical Society.

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THE SILENT AUCTION

Members are reminded of our Second Silent Auction, details of which were included on separate sheets mailed with the March issue. A number of very interesting marine items are included in the list of items to be auctioned, and we are sure that they will capture the attention of many of the members. These items all have been donated by members especially for the sale, and the proceeds of the auction will be used to keep membership fees at the current level, despite the inflationary influence of operating costs.

All bids must be received no later than Friday, April 17th, and should be directed to Gordon Turner, 60 Southport Street, Apt. 518, Toronto, Ontario M6S 3N4.

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SEAWAY SHIPS 1997

The 1997, 15th anniversary publication of Rene Beauchamp's Seaway ship directory is now available. The current issue consists of 52 pages, and is illustrated with 52 photos, nine of which are in colour. As usual, it lists all salt-water vessels using the Seaway, and this edition includes some special features.

The cost of the softcover, spiral-bound volume is \$13.85 Canadian, \$11.80 U.S. funds, or \$16.00 Canadian to an overseas address, all including postage. For three copies or more, deduct \$1.00 each. If you require the illustrated mid-season edition (ready on or about September 15), add \$3.65. To order, address Rene Beauchamp, 9041 Bellerive, Montreal, Quebec H1L 3S5.

Rene would also like to advise members that he wishes to buy or exchange colour photos of salties which have traded into the lakes. He is particularly seeking those which entered the lakes in 1959 and the early 1960s.

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MARINE NEWS

In the March issue, we indicated that Algoma Tankers Ltd. had purchased the Imperial Oil tanker A. G. FARQUHARSON, (a) TEXACO CHIEF (II)(86), as well as the other four Imperial tankers whose purchase had been announced in January. We now have a new name for the FARQUHARSON; she will become (c) ALGONOVA. This is promising in that it likely means that the 1969-built tanker will see some operation for her new owners. Although it had been indicated that the second part of the acquisition from Imperial would also include the Halifax bunkering service, we have not yet received words as to the status of IMPERIAL DARTMOUTH, or IMPERIAL LACHINE (II), the first having been operated at Halifax by Imperial since her construction at Collingwood in 1970, and the latter having been towed down from Montreal late in 1997.