

In the March issue, we provided a follow-up to our February Ship of the Month No. 240, the Burke Towing & Salvage Company Ltd. canal-sized bulk carrier ARLINGTON. One of the added items concerned ARLINGTON and the Burke barge SALVUS carrying pulpwood in 1938 to Erie, Pennsylvania. Ooops...!

Bob MacDonald, of Erie, has corrected us on the way we interpreted the follow-up item he provided. The Burke boats brought pulpwood to Dunkirk, New York, not (as far as he is aware) to Erie. We quote from the Dunkirk "Evening Observer" of June 2nd, 1938: "With the arrival of the ARLINGTON and SALVUS again this morning, Dunkirk's public wharf again assumed an important role in the welfare of the town at large... A total of 234 men have found employment as a result of the boats coming here." Bob provided copies of two views of ARLINGTON and SALVUS unloading at Dunkirk during the 1938 season.

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ADDITIONAL MARINE NEWS

Nautical Adventures, the Rogers excursion boat fleet on Toronto Bay, will have one of its boats back on the Bay in 1998 and will also have a newly-acquired boat in service. EMPIRE SANDY, the sailing vessel which Rogers took to the Bahamas during the autumn of 1997, will be back on the Bay sometime in April. The company has also acquired from Jeffrey Beauchamps the Windsor excursion boat RIVER GAMBLER (C.816901), which was built in 1992 at Windsor. She was brought down to Toronto shortly after the opening of the Welland Canal. She is 332 Gross and 314 Net Tons.

"Marine News", monthly publication of the World Ship Society, has recently recorded sales of several vessels of interest to lake observers:

-- JIN XIANG QUAN, (a) TOPDALSFJORD (78), (b) BOONKRONG (81), was sold in 1996 by Shandong Province Marine Shipping Co. Ltd., China, to Tianjin Hailong Shipping Company, China, and renamed (d) CHANGHI. This is the salty that sank CEDARVILLE in the Straits of Mackinac on May 7, 1965.

-- CAROLINA F., (a) KINGDOC (II)(88), (b) NORSTAR (90), (c) LUCKY STAR (95), was sold in 1997 by Cargoazucar S.A., Panama, to Coral Black Shipping Inc., Panama, and renamed (e) BLUE MOON.

-- J. A. Z. DESGAGNES, (a) LIEVRE CONSOL (62), (b) VISON CONSOL (74), which was sold in 1997 by Transport Desgagnes to Sea Land Int. Ltd., Belize, has been renamed (d) SLIL.

-- LE SAULE NO. 1, (a) LUDGER SIMARD (82), the Socanav tanker that was sold Panamanian (to unidentified owners) in 1997, has been renamed (c) AL JOUL.

We have learned more about the PETROLIA DESGAGNES, the tanker recently acquired by Groupe Desgagnes for its Petro-Nav affiliate. In fact, the former (a) JORAVN (79), (b) LIDO (84) (which did Seaway trips under both of her first two names), (c) EK-SKY, is a sistership to THALASSA DESGAGNES, having come from the same shipyard at Fredrikstad, Norway (Anker Lokken Verft Glommen, A.S.) in 1975. She was the yard's Hull 188, while ORINOCO (79), (b) JOASLA (82), (c) RIO ORINOCO (93), (d) THALASSA DESGAGNES, was Hull 189. The name PETROLIA DESGAGNES is reportedly taken from the Ontario town of Petrolia, near Sarnia, the site of Canada's first oil well.

McKeil Marine Limited, of Hamilton, has been making so many acquisitions recently that it is difficult for us to keep track of them. In addition to purchasing the west coast tug ESCORT PROTECTOR (built 1972) and barge T.M.I. 96 (to be renamed OCEAN HAULER), McKeil recently acquired the Pointe-aux-Trembles, Quebec, tug company Montreal Boatman Ltd., an old, established Montreal enterprise.

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Members are reminded of our May 2nd **Dinner Meeting**. Please see the front page for details and contact our Chief Purser for tickets.

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