

which is moored on the east side of Toronto's Yonge Street slip. Parking is available in two lots just east of the ship, and there is easy access via T.T.C. (Bay bus or Spadina/Harbourfront streetcar south from Union Station to Queen's Quay). The cash bar will open at 6:00 p.m. and the five-course dinner will be served at 7:00. Our speaker will be member Clive Dudley from Thunder Bay, who has been much involved in the preservation and restoration of the famous tug JAMES WHALEN.

Tickets will be \$30.00 (Canadian) per person and, as usual, guests will be most welcome. Please send your early remittance to our Chief Purser and, when reserving, please specify whether you would prefer an ocean perch or steak entree. 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 of persons attending and also their dinner choices, so reservations, accompanied by payment and meal selection, must be received by Tuesday, May 2nd. We regret that no refunds can be made after that date. Please plan to attend and reserve early as space is limited. This dinner is always a highlight of our season, and excellent value for your entertainment dollar. Won't you please join us?

In the **New Member Department**, a hearty welcome goes out to Bas Headford who, until his retirement in 1999, had done the lay-out and printing of our photopages ever since we began to produce "Scanner". We welcome him as a member now that he has time to read "Scanner"!

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### THE 2000 SILENT AUCTION

Enclosed with this issue are separate pages with details of our Fourth Annual Silent Auction. Our previous silent auctions were so successful that we have been able to avoid membership fee increases despite rising costs of producing "Scanner" and holding our entertainment meetings.

There are no up-front costs associated with the auction, as all materials on sale have been donated through the generosity of a number of our members, to whom we extend our most sincere thanks. So please take a good look at the details of the many items for sale as well as the rules for the auction. Then clip and fill out the bid coupon and send it as soon as possible to Gordon Turner. All bids must be received no later than Friday, April 7, 2000. Good Luck in your bidding! And thanks to all for their continued support of the Toronto Marine Historical Society.

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### OSSIFRAGE - ONE LAST TIME

In our three-issue feature on the passenger steamer OSSIFRAGE, we mentioned that, in July of 1893, OSSIFRAGE had made excursions to the site of the grounding of the steamer ROSEDALE near Knife River on the Minnesota shore of Lake Superior. We had never thought of looking amongst the photos in our Chicago & St. Lawrence Steam Navigation Company Ltd. album for OSSIFRAGE, but we were going through it the other day and came upon the various views of ROSEDALE. And there, much to our surprise, was a photo of ROSEDALE, with her bow up on the rocks. And what is visible in the right background of that photo? Why, it's OSSIFRAGE with a load of wreck sight-seers on her decks!

We could not resist putting that picture on the photopage this month as a way of saying thanks to all the many members who contributed invaluable photographs and information to assist us with our history of OSSIFRAGE. We also extend our thanks to the many members who have commented so favourably about our series of articles on this famous little passenger steamer.

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