

the vessel's commander. On the day following the storm, several marine men, when discussing the case, declared their doubts that the MAJOR's captain was wise in abandoning the vessel so soon after the storm had struck the boat."

So there we have it, from a source at the port to which MAJOR was towed after her rescue. But does this beg yet another question? When we surmised in March that the rescuing steamer might have been the JOHN J. BARLUM instead of Tomlinson's GEORGE G. BARNUM, we did so because they were very similar in size, and because there were striking similarities in their names. And yes, JOHN J. BARLUM (35), (b) ALGOCEN (I), built in 1909 as Hull 368 of the American Ship Building Company at Lorain, definitely was owned in 1913 by the Postal Steamship Company of Detroit, of which John J. Barlum was manager. And the Soo paper did mention both the name BARLUM and Postal Steamship Company.

But in 1913, the Postal Steamship Company owned two steamers bearing the name. The second of these was somewhat smaller than JOHN J. BARLUM. She was the 480-foot THOMAS BARLUM (35), (b) ALGOSTEEL (I), built in 1907 as Hull 174 of the Detroit Shipbuilding Company at Wyandotte, Michigan. We simply guessed that it was JOHN J. BARLUM that towed in the MAJOR, but maybe, just maybe, it was THOMAS BARLUM. Can anybody find a Soo vessel passages report for the date in question that will verify which steamer it was? Even if the passages surface, they normally showed only a "people-named" ship's last name, but could we hope to get lucky on this one?

Ain't ship history fun...?

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JOHN W. BROWN TO VISIT TORONTO

In a previous issue, we noted that the JOHN W. BROWN, one of only two preserved Liberty ships and the only one based on the east coast of North America (at Baltimore), would be coming to Toledo this summer for the renewal of her hull rivetting. After the work is completed, she will call at several ports where she will be on public display, and three public day-cruises are planned. Day-long trips being operated out of Windsor on July 22 and from Cleveland on July 29 already are completely sold out.

However, we have confirmation from Project Liberty Ship that JOHN W. BROWN will be at Toronto from August 4 through August 7. She will be open to the public each day (except the 6th), 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., adult admission charge \$5.00. On Sunday the 6th, she will run a "Cruise into History" from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Lake Ontario. Tickets will be U.S.\$100 per person. To order, phone (410) 558-0164, or fax (410) 558-1737. You may visit Project Liberty Ship's website at <http://www.liberty-ship.com>

Other Canadian calls for JOHN W. BROWN will be at Montreal, Quebec City and Halifax.

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