

help we could not produce this newsletter at all; those who answered our call for lay-up listings; those who delivered "Scanner" in their local areas, thus saving on postage; those who contributed historical items for sale for the benefit of T.M.H.S. and those who bought them; those who put on entertainment programmes for us and those who attended them, and all the many who supported us with their continued membership. And your editor is particularly grateful for the support and good wishes of the members during some recent health problems which, we hope, are now nearing successful resolution.

And now it is time to pass along to you those same words which we say every year at this time. Repetitive they may be, and even unimaginative, but they come from the heart and mean so very much. We can think of no better way to speak of the coming of Christmas and of our inevitable passage into a new year. We are saddened that several of our old friends no longer are here with us to make that passage, but we know that they have "crossed the bar" to a better place and await us there.

A number of our members are closely associated with the lake shipping industry. It is our hope that the 2006 navigation season was for them as pleasant, safe and profitable as possible. We wish for all of our sailors, vessel operators and marine historians the very best for 2007.

But now, as our memories of summertime fade away; as the days grow shorter and the skies and waters of our Great Lakes take on the grey pallor of winter; as we work to secure the insulation that we hope will keep the nasty weather on the outside; as the winds rage and the blowing snows obscure the horizons, and as the "smoke" rises from the cold waters, the lake ships scurry to collect and deliver their last cargoes of the year before they seek the calm and safety of winter quarters in snug ports. We wish them all safe passage.

And to all of the members of our large chosen family, the Toronto Marine Historical Society, we extend to all of you our very best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and for all possible happiness in the New Year. Take care, dear friends, and may 2007 bring to us all an increased measure of love, warmth, security, good health and success in all of our endeavours.

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#### SHIPPHOTOS 2007 CALENDAR

T.M.H.S. member Paul Beesley has produced a 2007 calendar featuring his excellent colour marine photography. It is in 8½"x11" format. Each month features a different photo taken along the Welland Canal, and for almost every day of the year, an important historical event of the lakes is noted. It is entitled "Ships of the Welland Canal". Paul also has a 2007 calendar featuring "Ships of the Canadian Coast Guard". Each calendar costs \$24.99 U.S. which includes all shipping, handling and taxes. Contact Paul at (905) 941-2266, or by mail at Shipphotos, 18 Biagi Court, St. Catharines, Ontario L2M 7Z6. You also may order on line via [www.shipphotos.com](http://www.shipphotos.com) and PayPal secure shopping is available for credit card purchases.

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#### PURVIS MARINE LIMITED

The latest collaboration of longtime T.M.H.S. members Buck Longhurst and Skip Gillham is a book that presents the history of the Purvis marine contracting fleet of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and all of the vessels it has owned. Purvis Marine was only formed in 1967, but the Purvis family shipping ventures date back as far as 1850. The book is an 8½"x11" soft-cover, with 114 pages. There are 143 photos, the covers in colour (both sides) and the rest in black-and-white. The volume also contains daily details taken from the log of the tug AVENGER IV on her harrowing late-season delivery trip to Canada from England in 1985.

The Purvis book sells for \$24.00 and may be ordered from Skip Gillham, P.O. Box 443, Vine-land, Ontario L0R 2C0.

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We would advise the members that our annual **LAY-UP LISTING** for lake ports will appear in the February issue. A major undertaking, it requires the assistance of all members who live near lake and river ports. Please send your local lists to Jay Bascom at his winter address 100 Whitehall Road, Toronto, Ontario M4W 2C7 or email [jay.bascom@sympatico.ca](mailto:jay.bascom@sympatico.ca) as soon as you can in January once the majority of lakers are in winter quarters. Please ensure that your lists are accurate and complete. Thank you for your help with this project.

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