

The Welland Canal has been drained this winter from below Lock 7 all the way to Lock 1 for winter maintenance, which probably is the most extensive draining we can recall in recent years. The draining is, of course, facilitated by the fact that no vessels are wintering at the Port Weller shipyard, although we can recall many years when the area between Locks 1 and 2 were winter-drained despite the presence of many ships wintering at the shipyard. They just sat on the mud for the winter!

The most recent Algoma Central tanker acquisition, the Danish AMALIENBORG, sistership of ALGOSEA (the former AGGERSBORG), continues to trade under charter in European waters. But ALGOSEA has been sent to the lakes for the winter, while ALGOEAST has gone to the east coast. These shifts reflect Algoma's winter cargo commitments.

The former Toronto - Rochester fast ferry SPIRIT OF ONTARIO 1 was, as previously reported, "spirited" out of the lakes quickly before the closure of navigation to facilitate her sale, to which the "new" mayor of Rochester has remained committed. It had been said that the big catamaran ferry would spend the winter at the shipyard at Shelburne, Nova Scotia, but she went only as far as the shipyard at Halifax, where she arrived safely on Christmas Day. Bay Ferries remains the manager of the vessel until her sale.

We should set the record straight in respect of the tug now lying for scrapping at the International Marine Salvage scrapyard at Port Colborne. She is not the former TECHNO-VENTURE, but rather the TECHNO-ST-LAURENT, which had unofficially been renamed KRISTIN before she was towed to the scrapyard.

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#### ST. CLAIR SHIPPING - MARINE HIGHWAY

This latest book by longtime T.M.H.S. member Alan Mann, of Wallaceburg, is a 128-page softcover containing many interesting photos of shipping scenes in the St. Clair River area. There are good detailed captions to all of the photos. The 6" x 9" book is published by Looking Back Press, An Imprint of Vanwell publishing Limited, and sells for \$22.95.

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#### SEAWAY SHIPS

Our Montreal member Rene Beauchamp has produced the 2006 issue of his annual Seaway Ships, listing of all of those vessels transitting the Seaway during the year together with much other useful marine information. The publication is available direct from the author, Rene Beauchamp, 9041 Bellerive, Montreal, QC H1L 3S5, or phone 514-355-3891 or email enquiries direct to [oceanaute@videotron.ca](mailto:oceanaute@videotron.ca)

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#### WE NEED YOUR HELP

We would like to remind all of our members that we still are seeking help with our annual Lay-Up Listing. If you do not see your local port listed in this issue, or if the report is not correct or complete, please contact us [jay.bascom@sympatico.ca](mailto:jay.bascom@sympatico.ca) to let us know.

And your contributions to our upcoming Silent Auction are still solicited. Won't you please help us out with this major fund-raiser?

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