

The first vessel built at Port Lambton, Ontario, since 1964 was launched there on December 6, 2007. The 45-foot tug, christened MARY ELLEN 1, is powered by a 350 h.p. Detroit Diesel engine and was built by and for the Lambton Marine Contracting Company, a local firm owned by Jerry and Curtis Peats.

Another vessel got into trouble late in the navigation season and wound up having one of the longest tows of an active vessel in recent memory. ALGOSTEEL which, with ALGOMARINE in the salt trade out of Goderich, had unloaded at South Chicago, experienced rudder problems there and need to go to a shipyard for repairs. Sturgeon Bay could not take her, and with all the canals closed, the only viable alternative apparently was Toledo. ALGOSTEEL was taken in tow by the 110-year old tug JOHN M. SELVICK, of Calumet River Fleeting Inc., Chicago. After a long trip beset by ice and bad weather, the tow passed down at the Huron Cut on January 20, with the Malcolm Marine tug MANITOU assisting. The tow finally reached Toledo on the late afternoon of January 21, with MANITOU on the bow line and the SELVICK breaking ice ahead.

The St. Ignace Downtown Development Authority has accepted the gift from Purvis Marine Ltd. of one of the triple expansion steam engines that was taken from the former carferry CHIEF WAWATAM when Purvis reduced her to a barge in 1988. Some of the parts from the disassembled engine will be moved to St. Ignace shortly, but details of the movement of the 35-ton engine bed are yet to be worked out. It is hoped that the engine can be incorporated into a hoped-for state-funded transportation museum at St. Ignace.

The newest member of the Canada Steamship Lines fleet is the Panamax bulker CSL METIS, which sailed from China on October 29, 2007. On November 6, she was at the Taboneo Anchorage, Indonesia, to load low-sulphur coal for New York City. Her metric dimensions are 230.08 x 32.30 x 20.20, 43022 Gross and 16103 Net. and she has seven holds and seven hatches. The choice of name for the new vessel is unusual, to say the least.

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SEAWAY SHIPS 2007

The 25th annual edition of member Rene Beauchamp's seaway ship directory is now available. In the usual 8½ x 11 spiral-bound format, it has 48 pages and 20 colour photographs. It gives details of 240 salties that traded through the seaway in 2007, as well as all Canadian lake fleets and 83 miscellaneous vessels. The price is \$19.45 Canadian, \$20.75 U.S., or \$28.00 overseas.

To order Seaway Ships 2007, address Rene Beauchamp, 9041 Bellerive, Montreal, Quebec H1L 3S5. Phone (514) 355-3891 or e-mail oceanaute@videotron.ca

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SHIPPHOTOS CALENDARS

Member Capt. Paul Beesley now has available his excellent marine photo calendars for 2008. There are ten different calendars including two featuring Algoma Central ships and two featuring Fednav ships. Some have 13 photos while other have seven pictures, but all photos were taken by Paul, who is an excellent photographer. The 13-photo calendars sell for \$29.99, while the seven-photo versions are \$19.99.

You may see the calendars at www.shipphotos.ca/calendars/calendars and you may order on the site using PayPal. Or write Paul Beesley, 18 Biagi Court, St. Catharines, Ontario L2M 7Z6. Phone (905) 941-2266 or fax (905) 346-0641.

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MEETING PROGRAMMES

As those who regularly attend our entertainment meetings will be aware, we have had an excellent selection of programmes of many different types over the years. However, we always are looking for new programme ideas. There can be slide or digital photo presentations, quizzes, show-and-tells, and all sorts of other shows. But we do need your input so that we may continue to have meetings that will interest our members.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, and especially if you would like to volunteer to put on a programme, or even half a programme, please contact our Programme Chairman, Capt. Gerry Ouderkirk, who may be e-mailed at captkirk@sympatico.ca Or speak with any member of the executive committee. It is your Society and we need YOU. Thank you.

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