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(Society founded in 1995 by the British Columbia Branch of the Nautical Institute)

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The Year in Review

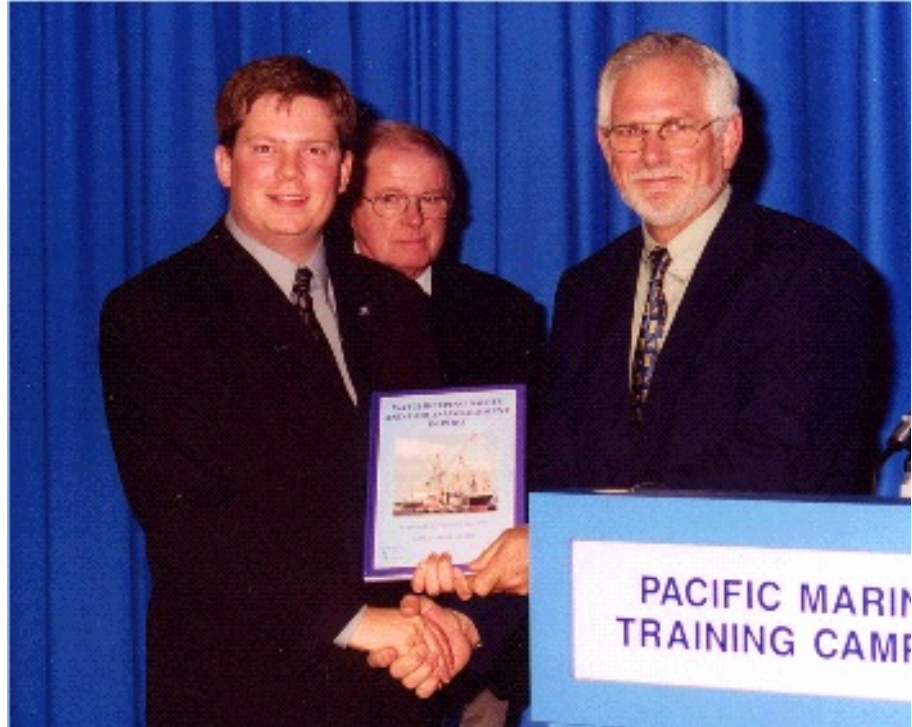
During the year 2003, the Nautical Professional Education Society of Canada was quite active.

In July, the first intake of Nautical Science Cadets graduated from the Marine Campus of BCIT. The Society was there to present books to two deserving cadets. We prevailed upon the faculty at the college to select the two cadets who they felt should receive the awards.

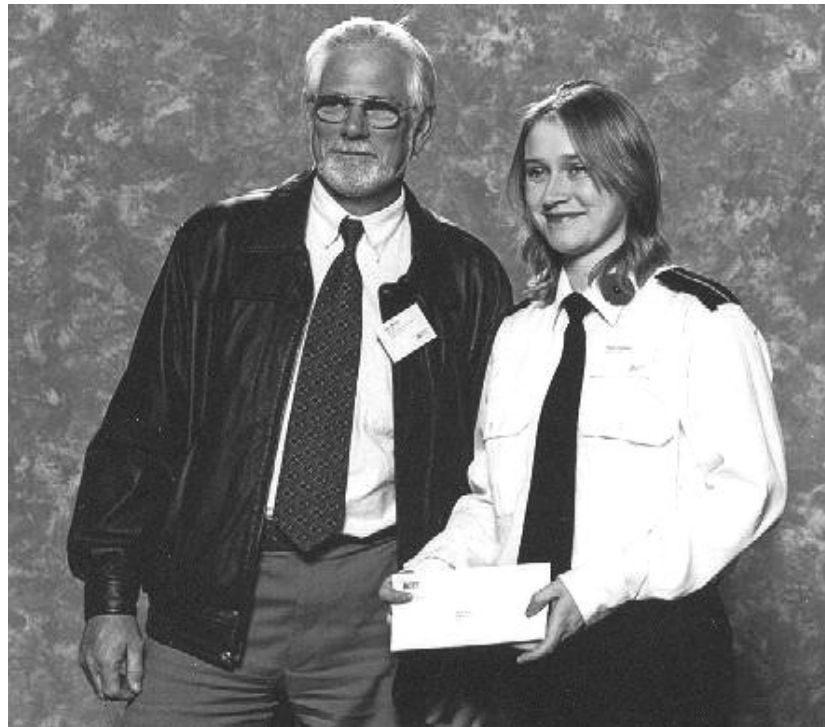


James Earles, who had delivered the class Valedictorian speech, was presented with the NI publication, "Bridge Watchkeeping" by Capt. Stan Bowles, carefully monitored by Capt. David Whitaker.

The other recipient was David Willows AMNI. He received a different NI publication, "Watchkeeping and Cargo Management in Ports". Again, this was presented by Capt Stan Bowles ably assisted by Capt. David Whitaker.



The Society was invited to attend the BCIT Foundation Award Ceremony on November 5th to present the Society's Scholarship for First Year Cadets to Nautical Science Cadet Megan Sampson.



In July the Society had advertised its first Scholarship, derived from income of the funds invested with the Vancouver Foundation. At the time, we offered a Scholarship for \$800.00 but at our AGM in November, before making the selection, we increased this amount to \$1,000.00. Applicants for the

Scholarship had to be Second or Third Year cadets participating in the Engineering or Nautical Cadet programs at the Marine Campus of the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT).

Nine cadets submitted applications by the deadline of November 24th. This included one Second Year Engineering, one Third Year Engineering, four Second Year Nautical Science and three Third Year Nautical Science Cadets. All of the applicants met the prescribed criteria.



The Scholarship Selection Committee met in early December to determine who should receive this award. The committee comprised of three members of the BC Branch of the Nautical Institute (Stan Bowles, Bob Kitching and David Whitaker), one member of the Company of Master Mariners of Canada (David Bremner) and one member of the Canadian Institute of Marine Engineers (Peter Davis). All three of the above organisations are affiliated members of the Society. The committee deliberated over the applications and ultimately chose Engineer Cadet Kamalpreet Gill to be the successful applicant. At that time, Ms. Gill was away at sea as an Engineer Cadet on board the P&O Princess vessel, Dawn Princess. The award was presented to her at the Marine Campus by Captain Bob Kitching on February 20th 2004.

A notice advertising the 2004 Scholarship for \$1000.00 has been posted at the Marine Campus. The selection committee will meet in December to choose the successful applicant.

Investments

One year ago, the BCIT Foundation requested that we try to add \$1,800.00 to our investment. This was to allow the funds to generate the income necessary to keep pace with the students' increasing costs. We conveyed this message to members of this branch of The Nautical Institute with great success. By year's end we were able to increase our investment in the BCIT Foundation and we have also been able to add to the funds in the Vancouver Foundation.

Today, one fund generates about \$800.00 of interest and the other creates about \$1,000.00 annually. An award of \$1,000.00, although sufficient to help buy books today, may not be sufficient to meet a student's needs in the years to come. So the need now is to continue to add to these two funds on an annual basis.

In addition, the Society is hoping to create a Scholarship for Nautical Students at colleges on Vancouver Island.

Your tax-deductible contribution will always be welcome. Annual membership in the Society is \$40.00. However we would gratefully accept any amount.

Contributions, payable to NPESC, may be sent to: -

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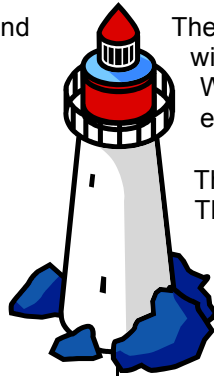
Items of Interest

The Lighthouse Lullaby

Lay down your head and close your eyes and
rest your weary soul,

For the lighthouse shines through fog, and
rain, and night as black as coal!

Though winds are lashing and waves are
crashing on coral reefs below,



The beacon calls and beckons all
with its majestic beam aglow.
When stars are out and seas are calm and
eventide draws nigh –

The seafarer rocks in a cradle of waves to
The Lighthouse Lullaby.

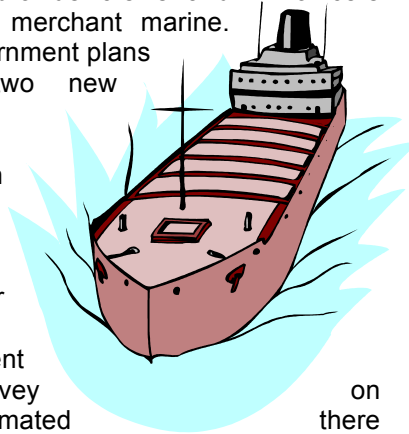
Philippine Certification

In the Philippines, maritime schools and colleges are using a new screening process to ensure that students are channelled into career paths that will make Filipino mariners “the seamen of choice” by foreign ship owners and operators. More than 340 formal charges were brought against Filipino deck and engineering officers carrying fake certificates of competency. The action was the latest in a series of governmental attacks on hundreds of forged certificates, school records and ship service documentation.

India to Train Officers

India will compete with the Philippines and China to provide crews and officers for the world’s merchant marine. The Indian government plans to set up two new maritime universities, equipped with the latest equipment and simulators and acquire four training vessels.

A recent BIMCO/ISF survey on manpower estimated there will be a global shortage of about 46,000 qualified merchant marine officers by 2010.



Head Shakers

The official report stated, “The impact threw the skipper from the command chair forward against the wheelhouse bulkhead, which woke him up.” He was the New Zealand skipper of the fishing vessel “*Da Vinci*”, his vessel had just hit the anchored Japanese car-carrier “*Trans Pacific 8*” and he had been asleep for more than two hours!!!

Following an engine breakdown on the fast-ferry “*Flying Cloud*” its hull was holed in rough waters between Nantucket Island and the Massachusetts Mainland the vessel made its way to port, no passengers were hurt, but two crew members were taken to hospital for “anxiety related conditions”!!!

