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## The Newsletter of the Nautical Professional Education Society of Canada

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Another group of students just graduated from the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) Marine Campus. A Convocation Ceremony was held on August 11<sup>th</sup> 2007 for students who had completed their four years in the Nautical Sciences or Marine Engineering Co-op programs of BCIT. The event was held on board the Princess Cruises vessel, **Sapphire Princess** at Canada Place in Vancouver. The group consisted of 10 students from Nautical Sciences and 17 from Marine Engineering. Each received a Diploma in Technical Studies. The Nautical Sciences student also received a Watchkeeping Mate Unrestricted Certificate of Competency, as issued by Transport Canada. The Engineering student received exemption from Part A of the Third Class and Second Class certificates.



The Nautical Professional Education Society of Canada (NPESC) was on hand to make book presentations to students, selected by the school's faculty, for their academic achievements. The Society presented the NI's *Watchkeeping Safety & Cargo Management in Port* to **Omer Jhangir** and *Marine Fire Fighting* to **Martin McConnell**, both in the Nautical Sciences program. *Marine Fire Fighting* was also presented to **Dennis Kolk** from the Marine Engineering program.

**Captain Tony Crowther** presented the *Watchkeeping Safety* book. Omer Jhangir was unable to attend, being away at sea in the Arctic with the Northern Transportation Company Ltd.

The award was accepted on his behalf by **Cheryl Caldwell**, the Nautical Sciences Class Valedictorian.

**John Lewis** presented the *Marine Fire Fighting* books. *Marine Fire Fighting* is a publication of the International Fire Services Training Association. John Lewis is a contributing author of this book. He is seen here making the presentation to **Dennis Kolk**.



The ceremony began with a welcoming speech from **Captain Nick Bates**, Master of the *Sapphire Princess*. One of his previous commands had been the **Queen Elizabeth 2**. Various local dignitaries addressed the audience until it was time for speeches from the Class

Valedictorians, **Cheryl Caldwell** for the Nautical Science graduates and **Tyler Cairns** for the Marine Engineers. This was followed by the presentation of Diplomas to the graduates.

The presentation of Achievement Awards followed. The Society has participated in this for a few years. We tell the school how many books we are offering and allow the faculty at the Marine Campus to determine who should receive them. This was our second year to offer a book for a graduating Engineer.

For the past four years we have been joined by the *Conway Club of Vancouver* which also presents a book. This year they presented the NI publication, *Bridge Watchkeeping* to **Cheryl Caldwell**. Also making a presentation was the Canadian Institute of Marine Engineers (CIMarE). The CIMarE Vancouver Chairman, **Bill Stewart**, was there accompanying **Mrs Sigrid Creighton** who made an award in memory of her late husband, **Lyall Creighton**, a long time member of CIMarE. Two awards were made by **Mr. Jack Hsu**, Executive VP of **Oak Maritime (Canada) Ltd.**

Presentations complete, the graduates adjourned for "Class of 2007" photographs. For all the families and guests the ship offered appetizers and beverages and the opportunity to explore the ship before it sailed once more for Alaska.

Before year's end the Society will be involved in two more activities. In November we shall be called upon by the BCIT Foundation to present a cash award to a 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Cadet. Then in December our Selection Committee will meet to determine the winner of our Annual Scholarship.

It is very pleasing to be able to help the Cadets and to see them graduate. With your help, your Society can continue to provide them with support. We would like to present books to selected cadets other stages of their course – but this all costs money. The scholarships provide some assistance but their values are not improving with time because we are not able to increase the size of our principal investment fast enough.

If you have recently made your annual gift, thank you. But if not, please give as generously as you can to show your support for your Society and for those who will benefit from our investments. Your donation is eligible for charitable donation calculation for Canadian income tax purposes so you will receive an official tax receipt.

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