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January 30, 2016

The fifth annual Nautical Skills Competition (NSC) took place today at the Marine Institute of Memorial University. This Competition is an annual project of the Company of Master Mariners of Canada NL Division with great support from the Marine Institute of Memorial University. **The Marine Institute provided their facilities for the Events.**

The Competition has the following Events:

- 1- Seamanship
- 2- Cargo Work
- 3- Navigation/Shiphandling
- 4- Offshore Operations
- 5- Dynamic Positioning

The Competition is always open for the first, second and third year Nautical Science students. **These students, we believe are the future of our marine industry. This Competition is extremely valuable and definitely very educational.**



The First Place Award is the Captain Jim Thorpe Plaque together with \$1000.00 for each of the winning team members.

Captain Jim Thorpe

“Captain Jim Thorpe was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He passed away in January 2009 here in St. John’s. At our first Nautical Skills Competition in 2012 his wife Dawna Vivian and his son Lydon Thorpe presented the 1st Place Award.

Jim was a native of Stratford, Connecticut, and a member of a sailing family, all of whom were active in the Housatonic Boat Club. He attended Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, Maine, where he was involved with sailing and club activities.

Jim sailed the world with American Export Isbrandtsen Lines as Deck Officer and Navigation Officer, obtaining a USCG license of Master, any gross tons. He managed Bannister’s Wharf and Newport Yachting Center in Newport, Rhode Island. Vessels he operated included the barquentine Gazela Primero, the New York Yacht Club committee boat Black Knight, and the Hinckley-built yawl Nirvana. Jim retired to Newfoundland with his family, where he collaborated with the Company of Master Mariners of Canada among other projects. Jim was a mariner of the old school, a community builder, and a loving family man with an active circle of friends.”



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2016 is the fifth anniversary of this great Nautical Skills Competition (NSC). We have to recognize one individual regarding NSC.

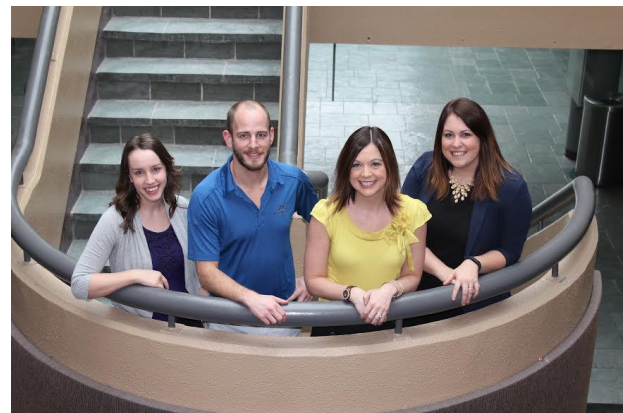


Ms Maria Halfyard, B.Sc., MBA, Manager, Applied Research and Industrial Projects at the Centre for Marine Simulation, Marine Institute of Memorial University, who is an Associate Member of the MMC NL Division.

Since the start of this NSC in 2012 Maria has continued to be the **Voluntary Coordinator** of this NSC. There is no doubt she is doing a fantastic job and she is very happy to do this.

Maria receives great support from some of the employees of the Marine Institute. The

NL Division is extremely happy that she is getting this support. Here are some of them:



L-R: Erin Brocklehurst, John Thomas, Jennifer Howell and Krista Sweetland (missing from the photo is Angie Clark)

We would like to thank and recognize the following **members of the Division** who so willingly volunteered their time to make this our fifth Competition such a success. They are: Chris Hearn, Ed Anthony, John Broderick, Andrew McNeill, Jamie White, Jim Parsons, Victor March, Roy Marsh, Glenn Fiander, Paul Kean, Chris Whelan, John Ennis, Eben March, Maria Halfyard and Zaki.

Non-members who volunteered are: Jerome Kennedy, Philip Martin, John Jenner (member of CMMC Fundy Division), Steve Decker (Ex CCG) and Chris Connolly(CMS)

This year we had 9 High School students embedded in the Competition. We also had



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3 Nautical Science students (one from 1st year, one from 2nd year and one from 3rd year) from **Croatia** as observers. These three students were accompanied by 2 Professors from the Croatian Nautical College.

At the **Awards Banquet** 3 high school students received scholarships. The scholarships valued at \$690.00 to cover one academic term at the Marine Institute, nautical science program. These were **two** scholarships from the Master Mariners of Canada Foundation and **one** from MMC NL Division. The recipients were: **Dylan May**, Bluefield High School, Hampshire, PEI; **Zachary Gatherall**, St. Kevin's High School, Goulds, NL and **Victoria Gillett**, J. M. Olds Collegiate, Twillingate, NL.

This year there were 9 teams with a total of forty seven (47) students. The teams were selected with a mix of first year, second year and third year students.

Every year there is continues improvements to the events. Since some of the students may be taking part in the Competition two or three times, every year new challengers are incorporated into the events.

This Competition also provides the students with realistic operational experience.

The following are pictures of the Awards Presentation.



Team 4, **First Place Winner**, Capt. Jim Thorpe Plaque and \$1000.00 for each student. L-R: Marc Legresley, Susan MacNeill, Adam Dyson, Capt. Hearn, Devon Duffett, Owen Morris and Claude Beaudoin



Team 3, **2nd Place Winner**, \$500.00 for each student. L-R: Jack Smith, Katharine Barke, Jay Burge, Capt. Hearn, Trevor Keating and Chris Blackwood



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Team 6, **3rd Place Winner**, \$100.00 for each student. L-R: Tyler Kelloway, Alexander Brissen, Capt. Hearn, Jaden Diamond, Nathan Finlay and Jacob Healey



Team 8, **Safety** (VMT Sponsor)
L-R: Nathan Stanley, Brenda Jacobs, Capt. Hearn, Daesun Park, Dylan Saunders, Jordan Murphy and William Coleman



Team 7, **Honourable Mention** (Marine Institute Sponsor)
L-R: Muen Guo, Nicholas Doherty, Capt. Hearn and Adam Tanner



Team 9, **Spirit** (Kongsberg Maritime Sponsor)
L-R: Lucas Hillier, Christopher West, Capt. Hearn, Nicholas Penton and Michael Flynn



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Team 5, Communication and Leadership

(Wrightway, UK Sponsor)

L-R: Paddy Thompson, Bryan Broaders, Emile Mahler, Branden O'Brien, Capt. Hearn, Colette Sullivan and Nathan Keil



Team 1, Achievement (Canadian Coast Guard Sponsor)

L-R: Ben Tobin, Stephen Flynn, Jordan O'Brien, Capt. Hearn, Thomas Anstey and Jordan Singleton



Team 2, Professionalism (Marine Atlantic Sponsor)

L-R: Issac Fitzgerald, Ryan Coughlin, Hardy Winsor, Noah Smith, Capt. Hearn, Mike Murphy and Amber Costello



Team from Croatia

L-R: Dr. Igor Rudan, Matej Mionic, Capt. Hearn, Emanuel Pokovic, Dr. Srdjan Zuskn and Marko Suljic



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Two of the High School students who won Scholarships. L-R: Victoria Gillett, Capt. Hearn and Dylan May



SEAMANSHIP



Here are some pictures from the Competition

CARGO WORK





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OFFSHORE OPERATIONS



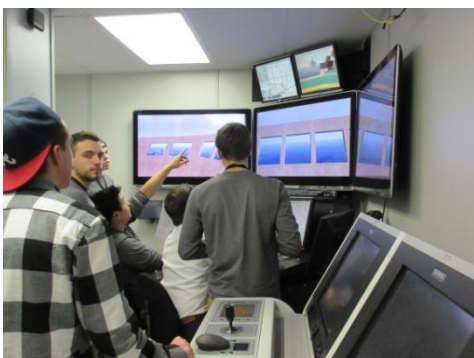
NAVIGATION AND SHIPHANDLING





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DYNAMIC POSITIONING



SOME OF THE VOLUNTEERS



L-R: Philip Martin, Glenn Fiander, Jim Parsons, Maria Halfyard, Roy Marsh, Victor March, Chris Hearn, Eben March, Andrew McNeill, John Jenner and Jamie White



L-R: John Broderick, Chris Whelan, Ed Anthony and Paul Kean



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AWARDS BANQUET



Maria Halfyard received a bouquet of flowers and a gift from the Division for her great work



Dr. Rob Shea (represented Mr. Glenn Blackwood, Vice President Memorial – Marine Institute) and Dylan May