



# The Company of Master Mariners of Canada

will host an International Conference

## “Security of Ships, Ports and Coasts”

22nd and 23rd September, 2005

*Holiday Inn Harbourview, Dartmouth, N.S., Canada*

### Papers will be presented on:

- **Ship and Port Facility Security – is the ISPS Code a Benefit or a Burden – Should it be Amended?**
- **ISPS Experience of Flag States, Shipping Companies, Seafarers, Port Authorities, Port Workers and Maritime Security Agencies**
- **Places of Refuge and Detained Seafarers; Security, Political, and Legal Issues**
- **Maritime Boundary Security and Homeland Defence Strategies**

### Presentations from the Following Organizations Confirmed:

- **International Maritime Organization (IMO), London, UK**
- **The Nautical Institute, London, UK**
- **American Bureau of Shipping, Houston, Texas, USA**
- **Shipping Federation of Canada, Montreal, Canada**
- **Halifax Port Authority, Halifax, Canada**
- **Unitech Inc., Centreville, VA, USA**
- **Transport Canada, Ottawa, Canada**
- **International Chamber of Shipping, London, UK**
- **Centre for Seafarers’ Rights, Seamen’s Church Institute, NY/NJ, USA**
- **Canadian Navy**
- **United States Coast Guard**
- **Comité Maritime International, Advisory Group to IMO/ILO, London, UK**

For a complete Conference Program, please visit our website at:

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on Maritime Security ..2**



# The Company of Master Mariners of Canada

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SECURITY OF SHIPS, PORTS AND COASTS

### Who We Are

The Company of Master Mariners of Canada was incorporated in 1967 as a professional association for those qualified to command merchant ships. It was established to encourage and maintain high and honourable standards of the nautical profession, further the efficiency of the sea service and uphold the dignity and prestige of Master Mariners. The business of The Company is non political and is carried out without pecuniary gain to its members.

The Company, the membership of which has expertise that covers most fields of the shipping industry at sea and ashore, provides opportunities for study and discussion of Safety of Life at Sea, Navigation and associated systems. Also, The Company fosters Marine Education through scholarships and grants awarded by its Foundation.

### Our Previous Conferences

In October 1996, The Company held a conference entitled SAFER SHIPS – COMPETENT CREWS. The conference in Halifax covered topics current at the time, including Safety Issues concerning Ro-Ro Ferries and Bulk Carriers; the ISM Code and the Revised STCW Convention.

In October 2000, in Toronto, our conference entitled STRATEGIES FOR CANADIAN SHIPPING set out to chart the future of Canada's waterborne domestic trade. The conference included workshops on Marketing, Human Resources, Technology, Ship Financing and Taxation.

Our last major conference held in Halifax in October, 2001, was again entitled SAFER SHIPS – COMPETENT CREWS. It reviewed the experience with the ISM Code and the Revised STCW Convention; studied the Enhanced Class Survey of Bulk Carriers, Crew Training for High Technology Vessels in the Oil and Gas Industry and the complex issue of Places of Refuge.

### This Year's Conference

Halifax/Dartmouth is again the locale for our conference entitled: **SECURITY OF SHIPS, PORTS AND COASTS**. The ISPS Code, applying to ships and port facilities, was developed by IMO, post 9/11 and after one year's experience, it is time to review and assess it from differing viewpoints. New National Security Policies and regulatory regimes will be assessed; also the new cooperation among the Canadian Navy, the US Coast Guard and related government agencies involved in homeland security. A current IMO/ILO initiative, "Fair Treatment of Seafarers", will be discussed with those involved in this complex, politicized issue at IMO and in the EU

The objective of this year's conference will be to develop recommendations to IMO and national governments. The conference will be of interest to shipping company executives, maritime administrators, seafarers, port authorities and port facility operators, representatives of port workers, security systems and equipment providers. It will also be of interest to Naval and Coast Guard officers and the various government agencies involved in maritime boundary defence against illegal activities.

The conference venue is again the **Holiday Inn Harbourview, Dartmouth**, overlooking the Halifax waterfront and it will afford attendees a suitable atmosphere and ample opportunity to mingle and exchange opinions. After each chaired session of three papers, there will be a time allotted for interactive dialogue between the conference attendees and presenters

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