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PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

Events for our members

I am taking advantage of this edition of the St. Lawrence Express to invite you to our annual general meeting (AGM) to be held June 12 in Montréal. This yearly get-together offers an opportunity for reviewing our achievements over the past year and giving our members a chance to benefit from the many services available to them. This broad range of services was enhanced still further last year to increasingly meet our members' needs.



Nicole Trépanier,
President

The management team is particularly proud of our performance, which reflects respecting our members' concerns as revealed in a survey conducted in early 2012.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the companies and organizations which, from year to year, show their confidence in SODES by becoming members and maintaining this affiliation.

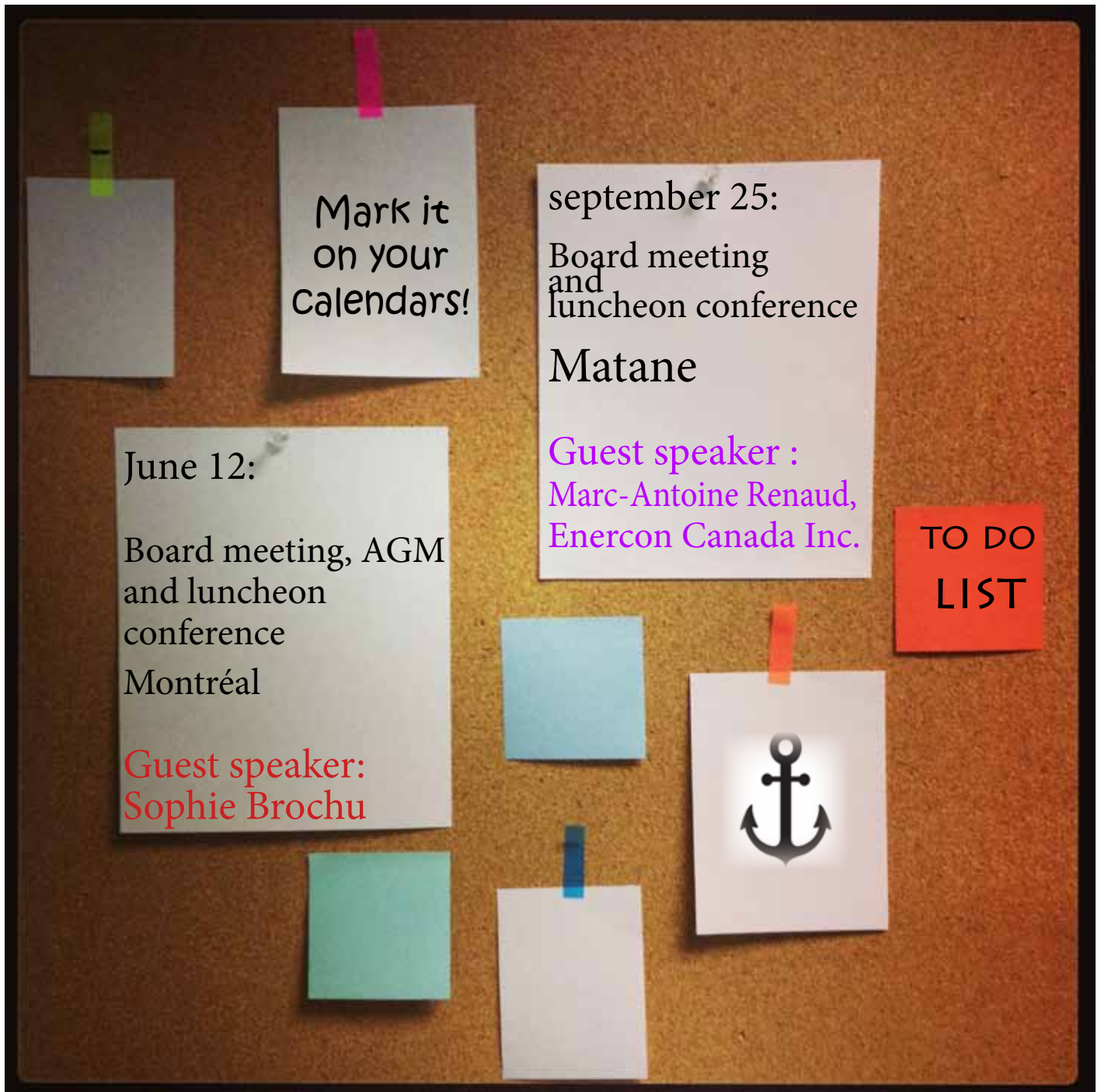
Finally, I would like to point out that the AGM will be followed by a luncheon conference featuring guest speaker Sophie Brochu, President and CEO of Gaz Métro. Ms. Brochu's presence at a SODES luncheon conference is no accident; it reflects the need for our sector to open up to other viewpoints and other activity sectors with which our industry would do well to create ties.

I look forward to a good turnout on June 12 and hope that you will all benefit from these events we have prepared for you.

President,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicole Trépanier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SODES' EVENTS



SODES NEWS

New Québec Marine Day formula

SODES, in conjunction with the St. Lawrence Shipoperators, is organizing the 13th edition of [Québec Marine Day](#) (QMD). Once again, this year, QMD will be held at the Québec National Assembly on the fourth Tuesday in October, that is, October 22, 2013.

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Merci, mon fleuve!

The Québec Marine Day formula has remained largely unchanged since its inception: the industry meets with parliamentarians to present the issues affecting the sector. However,

we have decided to review the formula to reflect the need for innovation manifested. Consequently, this year, the industry will ask the elected officials to state their position on the choices and challenges it faces. To do so, MNAs will be invited to inform themselves on carefully chosen subjects via a file containing a range of documentation that we will send them in advance. Each party will share its opinion on these issues during meetings scheduled on QMD.

Furthermore, since the industry and Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ) wish to enhance public awareness, a “general public” component will be added to QMD 2013. In a festive atmosphere, citizens will be invited to meet industry representatives and visit certain facilities.

Trade Corridor Follow-up Committee

As previously announced, in the coming weeks, SODES will be setting up a committee to follow up on the St. Lawrence – Great Lakes Trade Corridor study published in March. This committee will be mandated to define an action plan to prioritize the study’s recommendations. Then, a communications plan will be implemented to ensure the dissemination of these recommendations and the resulting priorities. Those people chosen to sit on the committee will be contacted in the coming weeks and a start-up meeting will be planned during the summer.

Marine Transport Forum Meeting May 14th, 2013

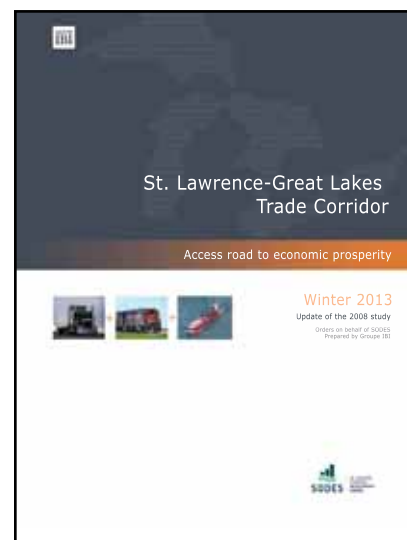
On May 14th, Mr. Sylvain Gaudreault, Minister of Transport and Minister of Municipal Affairs, Regions and Land Occupancy, co-chaired with Mr. Pierre Préfontaine, SODES Chairman of the Board, the Marine Transport Forum Meeting in Quebec City.



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The Minister took advantage of this first participation at the Forum to highlight the Government of Quebec's acknowledgement of the important role the marine industry plays in Quebec's economy. Notably, he mentioned that his presence at the Forum, as well as that of his colleague's, Mrs. Lorraine Richard (his Parliamentary Assistant responsible for Quebec's Marine Transportation Policy), speak clearly for the government's determination to focus on marine transportation, in particular to perpetuate the Forum created in 2001 by the Deputy Minister at that time, Mr. Jacques Baril. The Forum is one of the main instruments permitting implementation of the Marine Transportation Policy.

Discussions at the meeting largely concerned the study regarding the Gulf of St. Lawrence – Great-Lakes Trade Corridor recently completed by the firm IBI, short-sea shipping, research, assistance programs targeting greenhouse gas reduction and the continuation of the Marine Transport Promotion Campaign.



INDUSTRY NEWS

David Suzuki Foundation, Stratégies Saint-Laurent and more than 20 partners launch the first-ever “St. Lawrence Week”!

It is with great enthusiasm and vitality that the [David Suzuki Foundation](#) (DSF), Stratégies Saint-Laurent (SSL) and 20 other partners are working to enhance public awareness of the St. Lawrence River by launching the first-ever “Semaine du Saint-Laurent – St. Lawrence Week”.

This joint initiative will offer dozens of activities proposed by partner organizations to help Quebecers get to know the St. Lawrence and invite them to get closer to it. Activities will run mainly June 7 to 15, with some before and after these dates.

Happy St. Lawrence Week!



Photo: Louis Rhéaume

Port of Montreal open to post-Panamax vessels

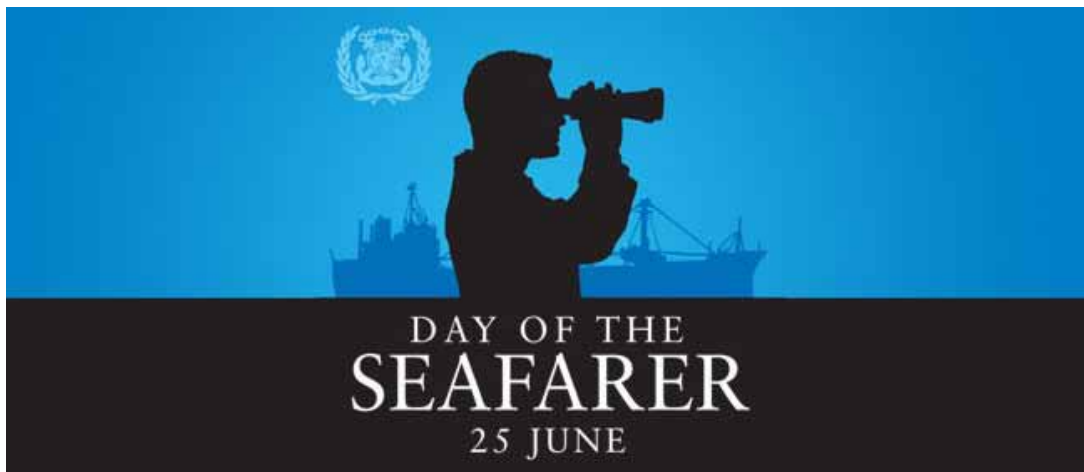
The Canadian Coast Guard is now authorizing ships measuring a maximum of 44.0 m wide in the Québec City - Montréal section of the St. Lawrence Seaway. The maximum width previously authorized was 32.1 m (unrestricted). Some vessels up to 40 m wide have navigated the sector since 2009, but only with special permission and great care. André Desrochers of Transport Canada estimates the number of trips by these ships over the years following the coming into effect of these new provisions at 25.

These new standards adopted by the Canadian Coast Guard follow on a study commissioned by the Montréal Port Authority (MPA) and conducted jointly with Transport Canada, the Canadian Coast Guard, the Laurentian Pilotage Authority and the Corporation des Pilotes du St-Laurent central. Concretely, these new measures allow all post-Panamax vessels, including 6000 TEU container ships, to navigate the Québec City– Montréal section.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Day of the Seafarer

The next 25th of June will be the Day of Seafarer. This year's theme for [Day of the Seafarer](#) is Faces of the Sea. It is a natural evolution from last years successful theme of It came by sea and I cant live without it. Fundamentally it moves the theme to bringing the campaign back to the unsung heroes of shipping – the seafarers themselves and literally spotlights the human face of shipping and the sacrifices that seafarers make.



Like in previous years, your participation will be key to the success of this campaign and we will invite you to voice your support using social media.

For example, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) will ask you to take a picture of yourself, or ask a colleague to take it, from a ship while working at sea or in port in a situation that surprises, or that inspires those that rarely consider what it's like to be at sea.

Post to any of the IMO's social media channels, telling them how many days you have spent at sea this year and why you posted this picture.

But this is just a small glimpse of what IMO has in store, so stay tuned for more information on how to get involved, their toolkits will be available in a few days.

In the meantime, feel free to download the campaign's branding and start spreading the words.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Logistec loads three wind turbine towers in Trois-Rivières

On May 14, 2013, Logistec Stevedoring Inc. successfully loaded its first wind turbine in the Port of Trois-Rivières.

Logistec is currently working with GE Energy to carry three wind turbine towers from the Port of Trois-Rivières, located on the St. Lawrence River, to Midwest US markets.

GE Energy purchased the towers from Marmen manufacturing. This Trois-Rivières-based company is the biggest wind turbine tower manufacturer in North America and, for several years now, it has delivered to the US wind turbine market.

Previously, GE Energy used another alternative to ship the towers. Then, Logistec suggested shipping through the Port of Trois-Rivières.



The towers are taken to the port in three 26-m-long sections varying from 29 tonnes for an upper section to 55 tonnes for a lower section. Transport Bellemare International, a Trois-Rivières company, carries the sections from plant to port, where they are prepared for shipping. Each voyage carries 42 sections, totalling 18 000 cubic meters.

PORTRAIT

Bunge's presence in Quebec City and around the world

Each time you sit down to eat a meal, there is a high possibility that something on your plate has come from Bunge. As a global agribusiness and food ingredient company, Bunge works with growers to originate raw agricultural commodities and transform them into animal feed and value-added ingredients used by trusted brands in the food industry.

The grain elevator in Quebec City, Canada, is one of the world's most modern port locations.

The terminal receives large quantities of grain by barge or rail car from the region's prairies. Using sophisticated machinery, the grain is then transferred and loaded into ocean-going vessels for export to a growing customer base that extends from South America to Europe via North Africa. While the elevator started out as little more than a simple woodshed in 1904, significant expansions over the past century have turned this location into one of Canada's most significant export terminals.



Photo: Port de Québec



PORTRAIT

In 1913, the Federal Government initiated the construction of the grain elevator, providing 51 storage silos and a total capacity of 8,000 tons. The government expanded the facility in 1917, 1928, 1958 and 1964, until Bunge began leasing the property in 1967. Since then, the company has continued investing to improve the port terminal. It now has 604 silos and a capacity of 225,000 metric tons, and accounts for 25 percent of total grain exports along the St. Lawrence River.

Did you know?

The Québec City terminal is the only one east of Thunder Bay that has a state-of-the-art grain-winning system. This system allows impurities in unprocessed grain to be removed and sorted.

As a member of the Green Alliance, the company is proactive in improving its impact on the environment. By implementing new processes and installing cutting-edge technology, terminal performance is more optimal

in terms of productivity, quality, safety and the environment.

Bunge is a global agribusiness with significant presence on five continents. Bunge transports food produced by farmers from where it is grown to where it is needed around the world. For example, a poultry farmer in Colombia or a producer of baked goods in China can purchase seeds or soy flour according to their specific preferences, availability, delivery and price from Brazil, Argentina or Canada.

Interesting:

[See recipes](#) for delicious meals from around the world made from ingredients that transited through Bunge's silos!

Bunge North America. The shortest distance from harvest to market.



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