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**SODES MEMBERSHIP  
MORE POPULAR  
THAN EVER**

**CHANGES AT THE  
BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS**

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**MOVING THE  
QUÉBEC REGION'S ICE  
OPERATION OFFICE**

MONTREAL •



# PRESIDENT' MESSAGE

## Moving the Québec region's Ice Operations Office Still in the plans of the CCG

As 2014 began, we were all delighted to hear federal Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs Denis Lebel confirm that the activities of the Québec City Search and Rescue Centre would be maintained in Québec City.

More than two years after having announced that the Centre would be shut down, and following the efforts of many stakeholders, including SODES, the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) has revised its position. A sweet victory indeed. However, further discussions are now required to ensure that the level of services dispensed by the CCG meets the needs of the St. Lawrence Seaway's commercial users.



Nicole Trépanier,  
President

Among other things, the CCG still plans to move the Québec region's Ice Operations Office. Given that the equipment and personnel area already in Québec City, why should they be moved to Montréal? Is the Centre's staff prepared to leave Québec City? If not, how can we hope to maintain their valuable expertise in a different location? Moreover, the fact that all of the icebreakers are outdated continues to be cause for concern. Currently, close to one-third of the units in service are operating at limited capacity (missing engines, etc.). Their advanced age (33 years on average) and the difficulty in finding replacement parts adds to the fleet's instability. In recent years, the industry has denounced this situation many times since it doubts that the federal agency would be able to intervene during a winter season like this year or more severe.

These repeated requests aside, the difficult navigation conditions marking the onset of winter 2013 have been faced head on. The ice cover formed earlier this year, which required immobilizing about 20 ships throughout the St. Lawrence Seaway between January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, causing significant economic losses for our domestic industries and our foreign trading partners.

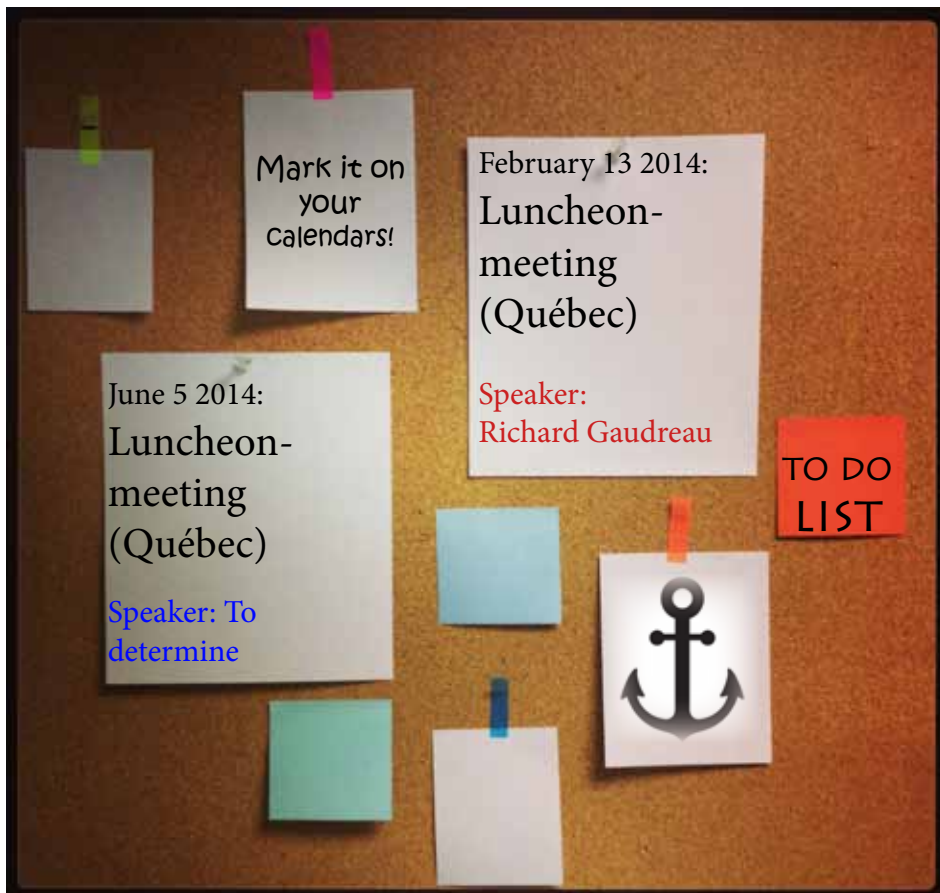
Currently, there is no renewal plan for acquiring new units, apart from extending the service life of existing resources. However, there are plans for building a \$1 billion polar class mega-icebreaker whose operations would be limited to the Canadian Arctic.

With other marine industry sectorial associations, SODES has taken steps to keep encouraging the CCG to review its investment priorities in the form of a jointly signed letter sent to several federal and provincial ministers to report this situation. Rest assured that SODES will continue to push for this to happen as soon possible. It is essential that the services offered in the St. Lawrence – Great Lakes system be reliable. Our companies must be able to count on dependable, ongoing services in order to remain competitive.

The President,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicole Trépanier".

# SODES' EVENTS



## Luncheon meeting in Québec city

Hotel Manoir Victoria

Speaker:

**Richard Gaudreau**  
Tanker Safety Expert Panel  
member

Conference title:

***A Review of Canada's  
Ship-source Oil Spill  
Preparedness and  
Response Regime  
-Setting the Course for the  
Future-***

The luncheon meeting is at  
11:30 am.

[Register to the event](#)

Mr. Gaudreau practiced law from 1969 until the end of 2012. His experience includes all activities related to maritime and admiralty law, particularly ship purchasing/selling/financing/chartering, carrier liability, environment law, collisions, salvage and all aspects of marine and Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurance. He also practiced in all activities related to international trade. He has vast experience before Canadian and Québec courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada. He was the chairperson of several Québec and Canadian marine-related organizations. Mr. Gaudreau has been involved in numerous arbitrations, both as a lawyer and an arbitrator. He has chaired a number of public inquiries and has studied and contributed to the drafting of maritime and port legislation/ regulations in Canada and abroad. From 2000 until 2010, Mr. Gaudreau taught post graduate courses in marine transportation management at l'Université du Québec à Rimouski. He served as a Lieutenant in the Canadian Naval Reserve, and held the positions of Director of the St. Lawrence Economic Development Council, and Chairman of the Board. Mr. Gaudreau was an active member of the National Coalition on the Coast Guard Recovery Program and the Canadian Bar Association.

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WE INVITE YOU TO USE:**

SPAO Hôtel-Dieu de Québec, Parking  
1, rue de l'Arsenal (Vieux-Québec)

l'Hôtel de ville Parking  
2, rue des Jardins (Vieux-Québec)

# SODES NEWS

## Changes at the Board of Directors

In the last two months, the SODES Board of Directors has undergone numerous changes, which we feel are important to report here.

SODES would like to begin by thanking the following for their involvement and dedication:

- Jean-Luc Bédard, Vice President, Operations, and Harbour Master, Montreal Port Authority
- Laurent Bellavance, Executive Director, Technopole maritime du Québec
- Éric Boisvert, Vice President, Somavrac
- Jean-Claude Bouchard, Council Member, Communauté métropolitaine de Québec
- Raynald Bourrassa, Executive Director, Société de promotion économique de Rimouski (SOPER)
- Gaston Déry, Vice President Sustainability, Roche Ltd, Consulting Group
- Gaby Gauthier, Council Member, Ville de Sept-Îles

We would like to welcome our future directors, who will take up their duties at the next Board meeting, on February 13:

- Sylvain Desbiens, Vice president, Somavrac
- Guy Dumoulin, Council Member, Communauté métropolitaine de Québec
- Fulvio Fracassi, Chief Executive Officer, Laurentian Pilotage Authority
- Marie-Thérèse Houde, Director Business Development, Canadian National (CN)
- Jean Masse, City councillor, Ville de Sept-Îles
- Sylvie Vachon, President and Chief Executive Officer, Montreal Port Authority

SODES will issue a call for nominations for its next AGM, scheduled for June 5, 2014. A nomination form will be sent to all members in good standing on April 3.



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# INDUSTRY NEWS

## Construction of the F.-A.-Gauthier right on schedule!

Last month, at the Fincantieri shipyard in Castellammare di Stabia (Italy), a section of keel weighing 230 tons was installed in dry dock in a ceremony marking the beginning of the F.-A.-Gauthier's hull assembly. The F.-A.-Gauthier is a latest-generation ferryboat built for the Société des traversiers du Québec (STQ)'s Matane-Baie-Comeau-Godbout crossing.

"Another phase has been completed. I'm very pleased with the way work is moving along at the shipyard. So far, we're right on schedule and this 133-m-long ship should be delivered to the crossing in late 2014, as planned," said Georges Farrah, STQ President-Director General.

One of the next key steps will be to create life-sized models of certain venues, like the bistro, officers' lounge and passenger lounges, to allow us to validate the layout, decoration and finishing.



Photo: STQ



Photo: STQ

### About the F.-A.-Gauthier

Construction of the F.-A.-Gauthier, whose cost is estimated at \$148 million, began in July 2013 at the Fincantieri shipyard. The new vessel will replace the Camille-Marcoux to constitute the STQ fleet's most impressive element. Able to accommodate 800 passengers and 180 cars, it will surpass its predecessor, which could carry 600 passengers and 120 vehicles. The Matane-Baie-Comeau-Godbout crossing employs 115 people.

# INDUSTRY NEWS

## Well-deserved retirement

Jean-Luc Bédard, Vice-President, Operations and Harbour Master, retired on January 24, 2014. After a career spanning more than 23 years, Jean-Luc Bédard leaves a significant legacy at the port through his numerous accomplishments.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Bédard for his significant contribution to SODES and the marine industry and wish him a long, happy retirement.

## Two appointments at the Port of Montreal

Daniel Dagenais has been promoted Vice-President, Operations effective January 27, 2014. Daniel has been with the Montreal Port Authority for more than seven years and has extensive experience in managing land and marine operations.

Christian Demers has been appointed Director of Operations and Harbour Master. Christian Demers has more than 20 years' experience in the marine sector, largely in management positions and holds a Master's certificate.



SODES congratulates Daniel Dagenais and Christian Demers on their appointment and wishes them every success in their new duties.

# INDUSTRY NEWS

## Quebec VIP Louis-Marie Beaulieu

Louis-Marie Beaulieu received the Grands Québécois 2014 award from the Québec City Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIQ ) on January 24.

LES GRANDS QUÉBÉCOIS

Mr. Beaulieu is one of four Québec leaders whose si-

gnificant contribution to Québec's social development has led them to be inducted into the Académie des Grands Québécois.

**SODES congratulates Mr. Beaulieu on this well-deserved honour!**

## Marine industry photo contest

Calling all Québec marine industry workers... who are talented photographers!



**Prizes!**  
Two gift certificates worth 300 \$ each  
AMÉLIORATIONS  
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**PHOTO CONTEST**  
for Québec marine industry personnel

In conjunction with Maritime Magazine, CSMOIM is pleased to present the 4th edition of its annual photo contest.

Enter and you could win one of two Tanguay Électronique and Brault & Martineau gift certificates worth \$300 each and see your photo published in the spring 2014 edition of Maritime Magazine. Don't miss this opportunity!

[Click here](#) to download contest rules and entry form.

You have until March 14, 2014 to submit your photos for one or both of the following categories :

- Marine transport
- Marine personnel in action

# PORTRAIT

## Canadian National

### **SODES membership more popular than ever!**

SODES is proud to announce the arrival of a new member: Canadian National!

CN confirmed its interest in becoming a SODES member in late 2013. The St. Lawrence – Great Lakes Trade Corridor file and the perspective of working with SODES to enhance the latter's visibility convinced the railway company to join the voice of the maritime community. SODES is pleased to note that more and more actors in the multimodal transportation chain wish to work with it to successfully complete major projects. Here is a portrait of SODES' new member.

### **CN, creating solid ties with the marine sector...**

Over the years, CN has developed a preferred relationship with the maritime industry, and more specifically with the Port of Montreal, working closely with the latter to implement effective, sustainable solutions for its clients.

### **A rich history and a bright future**

CN is more than just a railroad. It is a transportation company that offers integrated transportation services: rail, intermodal, trucking, freight forwarding, warehousing and distribution. They continue to deliver the goods year in and year out. They are an engaged corporate citizen, committed to the safety of our employees, customers and the public.

### **CN, an economic driving force**

- Nearly 20% of Canada's export-based traffic moves over CN's network
- Currently employs over 22,000 railroaders in Canada and the United States
- Has approximately 20,600 route-miles of track in North America, offering rail connections to 3 coasts
- Serving the ports of Vancouver, Prince Rupert, B.C., Montreal, Halifax, New Orleans and Mobile
- Earned CDN\$9.92 billion in revenue in 2012
- Operates the largest rail network in Canada
- Operates the only transcontinental network in North America





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