“Port-based welfare providers in Canada: A history of collaboration”

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Outline

1. Key points in history of seafarers’ welfare in Canada
2. Seafarers’ centres and ministries
3. Support organisations
4. Connections with industry, government, and labour
5. Opportunities and threats
1. Some key points in history

- Maison du marin 1847 (Quebec)
- Montreal Sailors’ Institute 1862 (Montreal)
- Catholic Seafarers’ Club – 1893 (Montreal)
- Ministry to Seafarers of the Christian Reformed Church – 1960s (Montreal, Vancouver)
- Sailors’ Society – 1907 - Rev. J. Wheeler in Vancouver
- Lighthouse Harbour Ministries – 1981 – West Coast
2. West Coast

Port Alberni - Ministry to Seafarers (new seafarers center)

Nanaimo - Lighthouse Harbour Ministries

Victoria - Lighthouse Harbour Ministries

Prince Rupert - Lighthouse Harbour Ministries

Vancouver Centre and Deltaport - Mission to Seafarers (with AoS and Ministry to Seafarers of the CRC)

Vancouver Centre (North) and Surrey - Lighthouse Harbour Ministries
2. Great Lakes/St. Lawrence

- Thunder Bay - Mission to Seafarers with other ecumenical partners
- Sarnia - Mission to Seafarers
- Windsor - Mission to Seafarers
- Welland Canal – Evangelical and AoS
- Hamilton-Toronto-Oshawa - Mission to Seafarers with AoS
- Montreal – Mariners’ House with Ministry to Seafarers / AoS / Mission to Seafarers
- Sorel – seafarers’ centre
- Trois-Rivières – Stella maris
- Québec - Mission to Seafarers with ecumenical partners
2. St. Lawrence/East Coast

- Saguenay, QC – Mission international des marins
- Sept-Iles, QC – AoS
- Bayside, NB – Champlain Christian Seafarers’ Mission
- Saint John, NB – Mission to Seafarers with other ecumenical partners
- Halifax, NS - Mission to Seafarers with other ecumenical partners
- St. Johns, NL - nothing active, but formerly a seafarers' centre

- Government – local contact, Canadian Marine Advisory Council
- Industry – many individuals sit on local seafarers’ centre boards, some strong local connections
- Labour – strong connections with local ITF inspectors
Terms of Reference

1. The Canadian Marine Advisory Council (hereafter referred to as “CMAC”) is a consultative body representative of parties that have a recognized interest in shipping, navigation and marine pollution matters. CMAC is coordinated and chaired by senior members of the Department of Transport and is intended to advise the Department on matters that fall within the mandate, such as, but not necessarily limited to:

   - The development and acceptance of international conventions, regulations, codes, standards, and recommendations.
   - The development and implementation of national statutes, regulations, codes, standards, recommendations and procedures.
   - Operations and services.
   - Any other matters related to marine safety, marine services and marine pollution prevention.

Participation in CMAC Meetings

2. National CMAC is comprised of parties that have a recognized interest in shipping, navigation and marine pollution matters.
Support Organisations

- International Sailors’ Society Canada
- Apostleship of the Sea – Canada Region
- Mission to Seafarers – Canada Region
- Center for Seafarers’ Rights of NY&NJ
- NAMMA and ICMA
The International Sailors’ Society’s presence in Canada began in 1907 when the Rev. J. Wheeler of the British Sailors’ Society in London arrived to work with loggers and sailors in Vancouver. On July 26th, 1949 the Society became an autonomous body under Dominion Charter.

For many years the Society operated its own seafarers’ centres in ports across Canada, providing ship visiting, accommodation, canteen services, library and writing facilities, social programmes, compassionate care and spiritual counselling to visiting seafarers.

However, by the 1970s, for a variety of reasons, there was a gradual closing of ISSC branches and the Society became a support agency for other organizations such as the Canada Christian Seafarers’ Society and the Canadian Seamen’s Service Society.
The Mission to Seafarers: Canada

Sea Sunday
July 8, 2018

Please pray for seafarers and the work of the Mission to Seafarers, the Apostleship of the Sea and the International Sailors Society

Our mission is to promote the spiritual, moral and physical well-being of Seafarers and their families world-wide.

The Mission to Seafarers, founded in 1856, is a world-wide Anglican outreach ministry. Mission to Seafarers: Canada is a Region of the world wide mission. Ten stations in Canada provide service ranging from Seafarers' Centres with full-time chaplains in Halifax, Toronto and Vancouver, and Centres with part-time Chaplains in Saint John, Oshawa, Hamilton and Thunder Bay,
Opportunities and Threats

- **Opportunity** – signatory of MLC, 2006, good shore leave and strong welfare organizations

- **Threat** – diminished support from traditional sources

- **Threat/Opportunity** – no *national* coordination of seafarers’ welfare among all stakeholders
Questions?

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