



Shore Leave Alert!

Doug Stevenson and Jim Von Dreele met with RAdm. Larry Hereth, Director of Port Security for the USCG in Washington, DC on September 24th, concerning shore leave and chaplain access issues.

They discussed access for seafarer shore leave and chaplains aboard ship. A great majority of terminals are complying with the new Coast Guard regulation, but there are still terminals denying access. The Coast Guard is committed to making sure all seafarers cleared by Immigration shall have unfettered access to shore leave, and chaplains have access to the ships.

Please contact Doug Stevenson at the Center for Seafarers Rights (212-349-9090 or csr@seamenschurch.org) to report non-compliant terminals AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

REPORT:

Terminal

Port

Company

Description of the Access Problem

USCG HQ has assured us that it will deal with non-compliant terminals. They have also agreed to survey every port for a compliance update and your local Captain of the Port may call you for a report of which terminals are not in compliance.

If you have not seen the relevant regulations regarding access issues, here they are:

33 CFR

Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security Subchapter H – Maritime Security

Part 105.200b(7) The facility or operator must...ensure coordination of shore leave for vessel personnel or crew change-out, as well as access through the facility for visitors to the vessel (including representatives of seafarers' welfare and labor organizations), with vessel operators in advance of a vessel's arrival.

Part 105.255c(5) The facility owner or operator must ... allow temporary or continuing access for facility personnel and visitors, including seafarers' chaplains and union representatives, through the use of a badge or other system to verify identity.

IF YOU ARE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH ACCESS TO SHIPS OR SEAFARERS CANNOT GET SHORE LEAVE, CONTACT CSR IMMEDIATELY. WITH THE HELP OF THE USCG, WE CAN RESOLVE THESE ISSUES.

–Jim Von Dreele

World Chaplains Came, Saw, Celebrated

The Ninth Plenary World Conference of ICMA opened with a grand ecumenical worship service in the Cathedral of St. Louis, New Orleans, July 29, 2004. Designed and coordinated by Deacon Ernie Elfer, Jr., the service began with a procession of flags of many of the ministries and countries represented as well as two color guards with US flags. The officiant was Bishop Roger P. Morin, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans; preacher was Archbishop Terry Finlay, Episcopal Promoter for Port Ministry for the Mission to Seafarers, Canada. Lesson readers and prayer leaders represented a range of Christian traditions, races, nationalities and ministries.

The program continued with Bible study and two keynote addresses, one from a seafarer and the second from a fisher. The first keynoter, Capt. Bill Douglas from Seamen's Church Institute- NY/NJ's Houston Education Center, spoke about the need for chaplains to attend and assist with the spiritual and personal needs of crews and their families. Skipper Floyd Squires, a retired crabber from Seattle, was the second speaker. Grounded by open heart surgery the week before, Floyd wrote out his address, which was read by Dr. Robin Mattison. Floyd said chaplains who wish to minister to fishers should be willing to get their hands dirty, and to minister over sharing tasks such as tending to the catch and repairing nets. Some thirty talks, eleven workshops (repeated or advanced over three days), four special events, too many worship events to count, and a very active hospitality room completed the activities of the six-day conference. A volume of addresses and proceedings will be published in the coming months.

–PRM



Douglas Stevenson addresses the NAMMA Plenary in New Orleans on port security and his work with the ILO.

Letter from the President

by the Rev. Jim Von Dreele



As I begin my second and final term as President, I want to express my appreciation to the Board and you the members for what we have accomplished over the last two years to strengthen and enhance

NAMMA's role in maritime ministry. The Visioning Committee presented the results of two years of strategic planning at the NAMMA Plenary this July and they were well received by the membership.

Peter Larom, Peter Michaelson, and I are working with our development consultant, Carleen Lyden-Claus to flesh out the implementation of the Strategic Plan. Carleen's extensive connections with the Maritime Industry will help us in gaining support for these various initiatives. Because of her deep appreciation of and commitment for maritime ministry, she will be of tremendous help in this development process for NAMMA.

At the close of the NAMMA Conference, we recognized Alice Thomas and Ed and Barbara Munro for their outstanding contributions to maritime ministry. They are all retiring this year and we wish them refreshment in their well-deserved retirement.

Thanks to Rivers Patout, Bill Hempel, David Hurty and Ted Mall who have stepped down from the Board this year. Their many years of leadership and experience have been most invaluable to NAMMA.

I want to give a special word of thanks to our New Orleans organizing committee: Philip Vandercook, Ernie Elfer, Chris Garrett, Heinz Neumann, Horace George, and their staffs for the tremendous job in organizing the NAMMA and ICMA conferences. They showed us the true hospitality spirit of New Orleans.

My final thanks goes to Peter Michaelson. Peter spent much of the last year as the go-between with NAMMA and ICMA for the conference arrangements. He also has served as the Honorary Treasurer of ICMA, which was anything but an honorary position. Peter keeps NAMMA moving forward, attending to the many administrative details. For all this I am quite grateful.

Faithfully yours,
Jim Von Dreele



Jim Von Dreele congratulates Alice Thomas upon her retirement as chaplain of the Port of Newport News, VA.

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Waterlines Schedule Shifts

The present issue of *Waterlines* will take the place of both Summer and Fall issues for 2004. The next issue, for winter 2005, will observe its deadline Feb. 4, 2005.

World Conference Glimpses



From top: First day of plenary, with presider Peter Michaelson (photo: Sakari Lehmuskallio); Awards to local Committee, Mardi Gras Night, with Jürgen Kanz, Paula Herko, Ernie Elfer, Hans Neumann, Jared Walley; "Chaplain as Entrepreneur" Workshop (photo: Sue Hanby); Part of the Cruise Ship Ministry Panel (photo: Sue Hanby); Local Committee Chair, Phil Vandercook & Family plus staffer Paula Herko and non-local chaplain Marshall Bundren (photo: Sue Hanby).

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ICMA Report



The Rev. Sakari Lehmuskallio, outgoing chairman of ICMA, welcomes the Rev. Canon Bill Christianson to the job. Normally a past chair remains with the Executive Committee to represent his society. This time, Sakari's seat for the Nordic Council will be assumed by the Rev. Kjell Nyland, from the Norwegian Seamen's Mission.

ICMA's Annual General Meeting was held just before the opening of the World Conference in New Orleans, on July 28, 2003. The Interim General Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Juergen Kanz, had contacted all 24 ICMA members about the meeting and as a result, 21 member ministry societies and organizations were represented, far more than other AGM's of recent history.

ICMA is an association of ministry societies, such as the worldwide Apostleship of the Sea, NAMMA, and the African Assistance Association of Rotterdam, rather than individual ministries. The AGM conducted extraordinary and routine business at this year's session. The extraordinary business was a presentation of ICMA's Development Study and discussion of recommendations and reports which issued from it. The structure of ICMA proved controversial: chaplains arriving early for the World Conference questioned their exclusion from the AGM. The discussion thus tended towards a more transparent structure for ICMA and its member societies, including better information flow and more channels for feedback from the ministers themselves. There has emerged a consensus to strengthen the ICMA's regional networks and regional gatherings between global conferences to accomplish these changes. Interest of ICMA members and regional coordinators also focused on selection of a new General Secretary for ICMA. There was no call for downgrading or leaving vacant the GS position; there was a call for a GS more sensitive to ministries outside Western Europe.

In a brief meeting before leaving New Orleans, on Aug. 3, ICMA's Executive Committee met to transfer its chairmanship from Probst Sakari Lehmuskallio, of the Nordic Council, to the Rev. Canon Bill Christianson of the Mission to Seafarers, and the Vice-chair to Herr Hero Feenders of the Deutsche Seemannsmission. Following on the discussion of ICMA's restructuring, the terms of the new officers are likely to be three years, as opposed to the five years of previous officers.

The regular fall meeting of the Executive Committee took place two months later in Rotterdam, Oct. 8-9, at the Secretariat office, located in donated space at the Finnish Seamen's Mission.

A generous tour of the port, the largest in the world, was provided by the Rotterdam harbormaster aboard his 80' "launch," complete with hors'd'oeuvres, bar, and waitpersons. Some 25 members of the local ministries joined ICMA executives for the tour and a meeting. The Rotterdam port is completely under the command of the harbormaster, including law enforcement. The port is covered by harbor radar every km or so, completely computerized and controlled with a system like the aircraft control of less-developed nations such as the US.

Led by NAMMA Executive Secretary and ICMA Honorary Treasurer Peter Michaelson, a portion of the first day of meetings focused on the ICMA budget for 2005, funding needed for the emerging Development Plan, and general terms for the next term of ICMA's Development Plan, 2006-2009. The corrected 2005 budget stands at £69,020 GBP for operations, largely funded from membership contributions; plus £140,454 for programs, mainly funded by an ITF grant. Copies of the ICMA 2005 budget may be received from Fr. Michaelson on request.

Plans for an upgraded schedule of regional conferences were discussed and approved. Progress and policy for Seafarer Ministry Training was reviewed and approved. ICMA sponsored SMT's will now go forward with a maximum of 20 students and a minimum of 12, subject to Standing Committee (officers of ICMA) review. This action was taken to keep the cost/benefit ratio of the school at a low level.

The next ICMA SMT is proposed for fall of 2005 in South Africa, to support the first meeting of a new Southern Africa Region. Meanwhile, status of the Houston School as a version of the ICMA SMT was reviewed and approved. Student number limits for Houston were not clarified but in view of the Houston School's extremely low cost, comparatively, and its independent administration, a departure from the fully funded school policy may be expected.

The Rev. Jean Smith reported progress in writing a new ship visitor's handbook. The Committee agreed to sell remaining copies of the 2003 ICMA Directory at reduced prices. (Request additional copies from Fr. Michaelson from within North America.) The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in Rome, in late April, 2005.

—PRM



Jean Smith, Gabrielle Kanz and an unidentified Rotterdam chaplain wait for their Rotterdam harbor tour. Fall had arrived that day.



The new NAMMA Board in New Orleans: Lacy Largent, Bill Hempel (since replaced by Robin Mattison), Jim Keating, Aias de Souza, Maggie Whittingham-Lamont, Jim Lindgren, Jim Von Dreele, Lloyd Burghardt, Jerry Key, John Jamnicky, and Glenn Teske. Christian Villagomez, Michael Cicalese, and Peter Larom were not present. Clint Padgitt was present but missed the picture.

Notices

RIP: **Mr. John S. Brzek**, AoS Green Bay, August 21, 2004. Plans for the **NAMMA Conference 2005** are developing for August 24-27, hosted by Mariners' House and the Ministry to Seafarers of Montreal. Final approval is pending.

Six port ministries of New England, including NAMMA, are planning a **fund-raiser and awareness reception**, at the Scandinavian Living Center in Newton, Mass., on Dec. 10, 2004. The featured speaker is the Rev. Andy Moore, from Seamen's Church Institute - NY/NJ; suggested donation is \$60. Check the NAMMA web page for reservations and more information, or send an e-mail note to Peter Michaelson.

Bob Middleton left the **Bay Area Seafarers' Service** in Oakland in August. BASS, who invited three other port ministries of Oakland to join in partnership in 2003, is reconsidering its role and staffing. Deacon David Ross, Chaplain at BASS, was featured in the latest issue of *Diakonia*, the newsletter of the North American Association for the Diaconate.

Capt. Charles Hubbard was appointed Director of the **Mission to Seafarers in Seattle**, in August. Fr. David Gunderson accepted a call to a parish in Livingston, MT. (Livingston is prime trout fishing territory.)

The application process is open for ICMA's **Sailing Chaplains' Program**. Training and support are offered for port chaplains taking two weeks at a time aboard a merchant vessel to minister to crew underway. Materials and information may be downloaded from the NAMMA web page or may be received by request from the NAMMA Secretariat.

The **NAMMA Directory 2004** is now in preparation. Anyone interested in placing and advertisement may call Fr. Michaelson as soon as possible. Updates to contact information should also be sent ASAP; however, changes are entered in NAMMA's records constantly.

The **Houston School** is set for February 13-25, 2005. Coordinator will be the Rev. Lacy Largent, staff chaplain at the Houston International Seafarers' Center. The School is now fully accepted as a site of ICMA Seafarer Ministry Training. Enrollment is open to chaplains worldwide; the School is also the training facility accredited by the Apostleship of the Sea USA for appointed port chaplains. The School is intended as basic training for Protestant and Roman Catholic chaplains, in service for a year or more. Information and application materials may be downloaded from the NAMMA web site or from the NAMMA Secretariat.

The Rev. Christine Anttila is the interim port chaplain at **Twin Ports Seafarers' Ministry in Duluth**, following the resignation of

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NAMMA Re-elects Officers, "Kick Starts" Development

NAMMA's annual Plenary Meeting was held in New Orleans, July 26-27, immediately preceding the ICMA World Conference. Kept to two days only, main business items included election of officers and board members, a report of port security developments in North America, and presentation of NAMMA's final Visioning Committee report.

All NAMMA's incumbent officers were re-elected for an additional two years' term. Incumbent board member Lloyd Burghardt was re-elected for two more years, and new board members Jerry Key, Clint Padgitt and Glenn Teske were elected. Meanwhile, LAMM elected new officers and appointed Robin Mattison to represent them *ex officio* on the NAMMA board.

Doug Stevenson and Jim Von Dreele reported on port security and led a discussion of local developments. Please see article elsewhere in this issue concerning reporting of detained ships and crew.

The Visioning Committee's report was received with approval and enthusiasm. Draft materials for advancing the public's awareness of port ministry were shared. In the months following the Plenary, Peter Larom, Jim Von Dreele, and Peter Michaelson met with development consultant Carleen Lyden-Kluss to form an action plan and "kick-start" the first phase of the NAMMA Development Plan which will result. The "kick start" will focus on finding funding to design and implement the full plan, expected to cover four years and a total increased expenditure of nearly \$400,000, if everything remains in the plan.

The next meeting of the NAMMA Board is set for February 1-2, 2005, in Gulfport, MS, just after the Gulf Coast Conference 2005. A major item of the Board's agenda will be to refine and adopt an action plan for the new work. Plans will be announced and published as they are drawn up.

Terry Stratton.

Boston Seafarers' Friend has reorganized its port ministry in New Hampshire and Maine. **Marianne Wallace** is running the ministry on the Fish Pier in Portland, ME; and the **Rev. Nash Garabedian** is visiting ships in Portsmouth, NH.

Kent Williams has taken over the **Ft. Vancouver Seafarers' Center** in Vancouver, WA, replacing Carl Landerholm.

From the Secretary's Desk

by Executive Secretary
Peter Michaelson



As fall deepens we look back on an eventful summer. NAMMA is no longer the organization it was. If it is true that we are what God makes of us, our Creator has been busy this year.

The centerpiece of the year was the World Conference in New Orleans, July 28-August 2, with accompanying meetings of many different organizations. The NAMMA conference is always an important part of who we are, and this year it was that and more.

That we could come together and pray, celebrate, learn and act across so many culture, language and geographical barriers is remarkable every year. This year it was miraculous because of the increased scope, complexity, and diversity of our worldwide association. We are all due the congratulations for being God's people in a way that made New Orleans possible. We are also indebted to those who worked the hardest to allow the event to take place, the local chaplains of New Orleans, their staff and volunteers: Phil Vandercook, Chris Garrett, Ernie Elfer, Paula Herko, Jared Walley, Heinz Neumann, and Horace George. And, of course, not so local was Jürgen Kanz. It's over now, all but the final accounting, and we will carry the memories with us for a long time.

The hurricane season is now almost over, thanks be to God. Many of our people narrowly escaped disaster; New Orleans and the Central Gulf Coast were among those areas. Our ministries in central and south Florida became involved

in helping neighbors recover their personal tragedies and losses, putting to work their experience and training in Crisis Ministry. We can give thanks that none of our centers were reduced to matchsticks (this time) and none of our chaplains was injured, according to reports received. All of us have been listening sea stories about the storms; thank God for his mercy in bringing back the mariners to tell the stories.

As the fall deepens we all have put away the excitements of the summer and apply some of the enthusiasm of the summer to continuing, improving, and initiating the "bread and butter" activities. As far as NAMMA is concerned, this involves tending to developments in port security in the US, Canada, and abroad. Several of us are working out the action plan to make the vision of our Visioning Process a reality. The report of the port survey on sources of support, conducted by the Seafarers' House, Ft. Lauderdale, has been printed and sent out just now.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are not that far off and most are already collecting ditty bags and Christmas boxes. Christ is active, and well, and working among us.

Thanks be to God! ###

Meeting Dates and Info

Gulf Coast Conf., Jan. 30-Feb. 1,	2005 Gulfport, MS.
NAMMA Board, Feb. 1-2,	Gulfport
Houston School, Feb. 13-25, 2005.	
ICMA Executive Cmte, April 29-30	Rome
NAMMAC 2005, Aug. 24-27	Montreal (tentative)
ICMA Executive, AGM, & Regional Coordinators	
Oct. 8-10, 2005	Dunkirque, France

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