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BEEGHLY Arrives for Repowering

Str. **CHARLES M. BEEGHLY** arrived at the Bay Shipbuilding yard in Sturgeon Bay, WI, at 0444 on November 25, 2008. When she departs in spring 2009, it will be as **MV CHARLES M. BEEGHLY**.

The winter-long repowering project includes removal of her 8500-horsepower steam turbine plant, which will be replaced with two (2) Bergen 6-cylinder B:32:40L diesels and associated machinery. Repowering will extend the life and maintain the efficiency of the 50-year-old ship. Maintaining vessel efficiency is important as we continue to deal with less-than-ideal water levels, the critical need for dredging, and the region's aging infrastructure. In addition, the new diesels meet the latest EPA marine diesel engine standards, and installing this power plant is just one of the ways that Interlake is taking significant steps toward reducing the environmental impact of its vessel operations. (See photos on page 6.)



The **BEEGHLY** (Hull #193) was built in 1959 by American Ship Building Company at Toledo, OH, as *Shenango II* for the Shenango Furnace Company. She was christened in Cleveland on May 14, 1959. At the time, she was one of the largest vessels on the Great Lakes with dimensions of 710' x 75' x 37.5'.

The ship joined the Interlake fleet on March 1, 1967. In a ceremony in Cleveland on June 9, 1967, she was renamed **CHARLES M. BEEGHLY** for Charles Milton Beeghly, a native Ohioan and then president and chairman of the board of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation.



In 1972, the **BEEGHLY** was lengthened by 96 feet at Fraser Shipyards, Inc., Superior, WI. At the same shipyard, she was converted to a self-unloader in 1981.

Top: **CHARLES M. BEEGHLY** at Marquette.

--photo by Lee Rowe

Bottom: **BEEGHLY** departs Sturgeon Bay at fitout, March 23, 2008.

--photo by Rick Eichmueller

*Interlake Wishes You All the Best
for the Holiday Season
and the New Year*

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY AT 50

2009 marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway – Montreal to Lake Ontario. The following article appeared in the Winter 1993-94 *Interlake LOG* in commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the Seaway.

1959 was proclaimed the “Seaway year,” as the waterway opened to deep draft navigation on April 25. First vessel to enter the St. Lambert Lock at Montreal was the *Prins Willem George Frederik*. The first US-flag vessel to use the Seaway was the Grace Line Str. *Santa Regina* upbound on April 26 to inaugurate general cargo trade between lake ports and South America.

On June 3, the US Bertrand H. Snell and Dwight D. Eisenhower Locks at Massena, NY, were formally dedicated.

It wasn't until June 26, 1959, that ceremonies marking the official opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and President Dwight D. Eisenhower took place. A short distance downstream of St. Lambert Lock, across the river from Montreal, the Royal Yacht *Britannia* crossed through ceremonial gates at the approach to the lock. The next day, June 27, Vice President Richard M. Nixon welcomed Queen Elizabeth to the Eisenhower Lock at Massena.

During the remaining days of June and July, the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, with Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip aboard, celebrated the Seaway by visiting both US and Canadian ports.

In the Interlake fleet, the Str. **E. G. GRACE** found a place in maritime history as the first US-flag Great Lakes ore carrier to transit the Seaway. She departed Ashtabula on June 2, 1959, carrying coal for Hamilton, Ontario.



From there, she proceeded to Sept Iles, Quebec, arriving June 9. There she loaded Labrador ore in 2 hours, 40 minutes. The **GRACE** arrived back at Ashtabula – a 1,950-mile round trip – on June 14. Congestion at the locks caused the trip to be much longer than the expected eight and a half days.

An article in the November 1959 *Interlake LOG* reported that the **GRACE**'s crew encountered whales in the Gulf

of the St. Lawrence and fished for cod dockside at Sept Iles. The article continued, “Months of preparation and planning were required before the first salt water voyage was attempted. . . In all, more than 30 pieces of additional gear were added. . . Due to delay, water and fuel had to be replenished several times. The run was made to see if it is practical and economical. . . Experience gained from the Interlake voyages will permit an accurate evaluation.”

Mentioned in the article were the following members of the **GRACE**'s crew: Captain **Johan Larsen**, First Mate **Jim Gallagher**, Second Mate **Charlie Haase**, Third Mate **Al Lynch**, and Chief Cook **Leo Salminen**.

Strs. **HERBERT C. JACKSON** and **HARRY COULBY** joined the **GRACE** on the Sept Iles run later in 1959.

Following a second season of Seaway trading for the **GRACE**, as well as the Strs. **FRANK ARMSTRONG** and **SAMUEL MATHER**⁽⁴⁾, the September 1960 *LOG* reported, “commenting about the Seaway trade, John Sherwin, president, had this to say: ‘While the existing freight rate for iron ore is not adequate for the length of time require for a trip in this trade for American vessels, we feel that the information and experience gained will be valuable for future planning.’”

Str. **J. L MAUTHE** later made history in 1993 when she carried US PL480 export grain to Montreal. The following is excerpted from the Fall 1993 *Interlake LOG*.

On June 29, 1993, when the Str. **J. L. MAUTHE** cleared St. Lambert Lock downbound and arrived at the Port of Montreal's Elevator 4, she became the first US-flag vessel to transit the St. Lawrence Seaway since 1989. Her cargo – PL 480 “Food for Peace” US grain for transshipment -- was bound for St. Petersburg, Russia. The **MAUTHE**'s load was the first PL 480 US aid cargo to use the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence system aboard a US-flag ship. PL 480 grain has previously been shipped through US Gulf or US East Coast ports.

The **MAUTHE**'s cargo (3,000 tons loaded at Huron, OH, and 14,000 tons loaded at Toledo) was combined with another load delivered by another ship in July. The combined total of more than 36,000 metric tons of wheat was loaded aboard Mormac Marine Transport's Str. **MORMACSKY** on July 15 for delivery to St. Petersburg.

The **MAUTHE** had last transited the Seaway in 1978.

As the self-unloading barge **PATHFINDER**, the former **MAUTHE** again found her way out the Seaway. In June 2000, tug-barge **DOROTHYANN-PATHFINDER** arrived at Quebec City on June 19 to load pumice stone which was delivered to Fairport Harbor, OH, on June 23.

“MIGHTY SHIP” PAUL TREGURTHA ON DISCOVERY CHANNEL

The *Mighty Ships* series episode filmed by Exploration Production Inc. and featuring MV **PAUL R. TREGURTHA** aired on Discovery Channel Canada at several times during August and September 2008. The segment covers the **TREGURTHA**'s first trip of the 2008 season, including departure from Sturgeon Bay, being stuck in ice, repair of ice damage, loading and delivery of her first coal cargo of the season. A number of crew members make appearances. While there are a couple minor errors, the overall result is a dramatic snapshot of life on the Lakes under harsh conditions and the importance of timely cargo delivery.

According to Exploration Production, the *Mighty Ships* series will be airing in the US on Discovery HD in early 2009.



Seated: Exploration Production filming crew; Standing: PAUL TREGURTHA crew members.

MV PAUL R. TREGURTHA Receives NWS Award



Left to right: With their 2007 Outstanding Performer VOS award aboard MV PAUL R. TREGURTHA are 3rd Mate Tim Madden, 1st Mate Dan Culligan, Capt. Tim Dayton, 2nd Mate Steve Nevin.
--photo from Tim Dayton

MV **PAUL R. TREGURTHA** recently received an award from the National Weather Service for their outstanding performance in submitting weather observations during 2007 in the NWS' Voluntary Observing Ship (VOS) program. 765 observations were submitted from the **PAUL TREGURTHA**.

MV **JAMES R. BARKER** also received a 2007 Outstanding Performer award for submitting a total of 881 weather observations during the year.

The mission of the VOS project is two-fold: (1) to collect and disseminate critical real-time maritime weather observations through the recruitment and support of ships to fulfill national needs and international agreements supporting commerce, forecasts and warning programs, and the Safety Of Life At Sea (SOLAS) worldwide; and (2) to define the global climate and help measure extreme weather events, climate variability, and long-term climate changes.

Weather Observations – NWS VOS Program

	<u>2008 through June</u>	<u>2007</u>
James R. Barker	269	881
Mesabi Miner	144	228
Paul R. Tregurtha	206	765
Stewart J. Cort	143	521
Charles M. Beeghly	83	151
Herbert C. Jackson	75	147
Kaye E. Barker	36	81
Lee A. Tregurtha	15	223

Photos from the Fleet



Photos on this page by: Anne Terry, Tracy Burke, Jim Nuzzo, Mark St. Pierre, Tim Dayton, Bob Thibaudeau, Frank Frisk, Scott Parker, Gary Schmidt.

Retirements

Best Wishes to the following Interlakers who have "swallowed the anchor":

Peter Bedard III - AB GPMR (MV *JAMES R. BARKER*) - July 1, 2008

Thomas B. Perry - AB GPMR (MV *MESABI MINER*) - August 1, 2008

James L. Nuzzo - Master (MV *LEE A. TREGURTHA*) - August 1, 2008

Krist Maedke - AB GPMR (Str *KAYE E. BARKER*) - October 1, 2008

Captain **James L. Nuzzo** leaves MV *LEE A. TREGURTHA* for the last time at Indiana Harbor, IN, and turns over command to Captain **Paul Franks**.



Tom Perry, GPMR Wheelsman aboard MV *MESABI MINER*, retired after 30 years of service with Interlake. He joined Interlake on July 19, 1978, and left the ship on July 19, 2008, at Marquette, MI. Here are a few photos from his retirement celebration aboard the *MINER*.

--photos by Scott Briggs and George Rydberg



BEEGHLY

Repowering Project

Here are a few recent photos of work underway on the repowering of the *CHARLES M. BEEGHLY* at Bay Shipbuilding, Sturgeon Bay, WI.

Right: Demolition work in the BEEGHLY's engine room.
Below: New Bergen diesels waiting for installation.
--photos by Mark Barker

Below right: Portion of galley space above engine room is removed for access.
--Bay Shipbuilding photo



Final Bells

Clarence Macomber - AB Maintenance Man (Retired 1969) - March 26, 2008

Fern Morris - Surviving Spouse - March 28, 2008

Richard D. Madden - AB Maintenance Man (Retired 2002) - April 16, 2008

George E. Long - Chief Engineer (Retired 1969) - April 18, 2008

John Fischer - QMED (Str. *CHARLES M. BEEGHLY*) - May 1, 2008

Elton "Pete" Hoyt III - Pickands Mather CEO 1973-1983 (Retired) - June 1, 2008

Paul Cortese - AB Deckhand (MV *STEWART J. CORT*) - August 9, 2008

William L. Jarvis - Chief Engineer (Retired) - August 25, 2008

Richard Summerskill - Conveyorman (Retired) - August 27, 2008

Gerald E. Zimmer - Chief Engineer (Retired) - October 12, 2008

Edward S. Rickey - Wheelsman (Retired 1996) - December 15, 2008

In the News...



- A photo of MV **MESABI MINER** in the ice-filled Duluth Harbor appeared in the Spring 2008 issue of *North Star Port*, magazine of the Duluth Seaway Port Authority.
- A photo of MV **MESABI MINER** in Duluth Harbor appeared in the March 26, 2008, edition of the *Duluth News Tribune*.
- A photo of MV **PAUL R. TREGURTHA** crew members Capt. **Tim Dayton**, Chief Cook **Tom Auer**, 1st Assistant Engineer **Rich Laksonen**, Chief Engineer **Lorne Warczinsky**, 1st Mate **Dan Culligan**, along with members of the production crew filming for an episode of *Awesome Ships* on the Discovery Channel-Canada accompanied the “Duluth Shipping News” column in the *Duluth News Tribune* on March 28, 2008.
- A photo of MV **PAUL R. TREGURTHA** at the Duluth Port Terminal accompanied the “Duluth Shipping News” column in the *News Tribune* on March 29, 2008.
- The April 5, 2008, edition of the *Port Huron Times Herald* ran an article about the filming of MV **PAUL R. TREGURTHA** by Exploration Production Inc. for an episode of the new series *Mighty Ships*. At the time the article appeared, broadcast dates had not been determined, but the series was expected to air on the Canadian Discovery Channel (see page 3).
- A photo of Interlake Steamship President **Mark Barker** with Legislator of the Year Congresswoman **Stephanie Tubbs Jones** in Washington, DC, appeared on page 3 of the April-June 2008 issue of *Great Lakes/Seaway Review* magazine.
- A winter layup photo of MV **LEE A. TREGURTHA** was included with the “Duluth Shipping News” column in the July 17, 2008, *Duluth News Tribune*.
- Two photos of MV **PAUL R. TREGURTHA** appeared in the July 22, 2008, edition of the *Duluth News Tribune*. A color picture showed the **TREGURTHA** inbound approaching the Aerial Lift Bridge. A July 21, 2008, photo accompanied the “Duluth Shipping News” column.
- Capt. **Timothy Dayton**, MV **PAUL R. TREGURTHA**, was the author of the article, “Shipping waste: Lots of fuss over a little dust,” that appeared in the *Duluth News Tribune* on September 9, 2008. The article was in response to an earlier story in the *News Tribune*, “Ruling on ships’ waste cargo ahead.”

Former CEO Pete Hoyt Passes Away

Former president and CEO of Pickands Mather & Co. and Interlake Steamship Company, **Elton “Pete” Hoyt III**, passed away on June 1, 2008, at the age of 88. Pete was a great storyteller, and his experiences were the stuff that stories are made of.

In his early twenties, Pete joined the US Army Air Corps during World War II where he became a B-17 pilot and flew 23 missions. On his 23rd mission over occupied France, his plane and three others were shot down. He followed his crew in bailing out. A friendly peasant found him and took him into cover of nearby woods. The peasant took Pete’s wallet, watch and belt buckle so that he wouldn’t have them if captured. Pete was missing in action for six months as his wife **Barbara** waited at home. With the help of the French Resistance, Pete made it to England safely.

Almost 60 years later, the French peasant and his village honored Pete and Barbara with a party. At that time, the Frenchman returned Pete’s wallet, watch, and belt.

**In the World:**

- ❑ On January 25, Pope John Paul II signed a new Roman Catholic code.
- ❑ A railroad wreck at Empalme, Mexico, killed 100 people on February 19.
- ❑ Fires killed 64 at a Turin, Italy, movie theater on February 13, and 83 at a Madrid, Spain disco on December 17.
- ❑ On May 25, a Nile steamer caught fire and sank in Lake Nasser with a loss of 357 lives.
- ❑ A May 26 earthquake in N. Honshu, Japan, measured 7.7 on the Richter scale and caused 81 deaths.
- ❑ At Wimbledon, Martina Navratilova took the women's championship. Men's champion was John McEnroe.
- ❑ World figure skating champions were Scott Hamilton and Rosalynn Sumners, both of the US.
- ❑ Men's World Cup Alpine skiing champion was Phil Mahre. The Women's World Cup went to Tamara McKinney.
- ❑ "Crack" cocaine was developed in the Bahamas.
- ❑ Benigno S. Aquino, Jr., opposition leader and political rival of Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos, was assassinated by a gunman at the Manila airport on August 21.
- ❑ A South Korean Boeing 747 bound for Seoul apparently strayed into Soviet airspace and was shot down by a Soviet SU-15 fighter after it had tracked the plane for two hours. All 269 people aboard the 747 were killed.

In the United States:

- ❑ US population stood at 233,791,994. Average life expectancy was 74.6 (male – 71.0; female – 78.1). The infant mortality rate was 11.2 per 1000 live births.
- ❑ The unemployment rate was 9.6 percent.
- ❑ A first-class stamp cost \$0.20.
- ❑ Federal spending totaled \$808.38 billion, and the Federal debt stood at \$1,371.7 billion.
- ❑ The successful maiden voyage of the second space shuttle, *Challenger*, included the first US space walk in nine years on April 4.
- ❑ Gasoline prices averaged 115.7 cents/gallon for leaded regular; 124.1 cents/gallon for unleaded regular; and 138.9 cents/gallon for unleaded premium.
- ❑ 2,964,000 students graduated from high school. 1,562,000 enrolled in college.
- ❑ 80 nuclear reactor units were in operation; 3 were in startup; and construction permits had been granted for 53 more. The 80 operable reactors produced

293,677,000,000 KWH, or 12.7 percent of domestic electricity generation.

- ❑ On April 28, President Ronald Reagan signed a bipartisan compromise bill to rescue Social Security from bankruptcy.
- ❑ From May 18-22, tornadoes killed 12 people in Texas.
- ❑ A June 21 mine disaster at Dante, VA, killed 7 people.
- ❑ 17 people were killed when hurricane *Alicia* struck southern Texas.
- ❑ The June 18-24 *Challenger* space shuttle mission had not only the first woman astronaut – Sally Ride – among the crew, but also the first 5-person crew.
- ❑ Washington Redskins defeated Miami Dolphins, 27-17, in the Super Bowl. Washington's John Riggins was Super Bowl MVP.
- ❑ Joe Theisman of Washington was the NFL's MVP. Rookie of the Year was Dan Marino of Miami. The number one NFL draft choice was quarterback John Elway.
- ❑ In the Rose Bowl, UCLA defeated Michigan, 24-14. In the Orange Bowl, it was Nebraska 21, Louisiana State 20.
- ❑ Mike Rozier of Nebraska won the Heisman Trophy.
- ❑ In the CFL Grey Cup championship game, it was Toronto Argonauts 18, British Columbia Lions 17.
- ❑ The Philadelphia 76ers defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 4 games to 0 to take the NBA championship.
- ❑ The NBA MVP was Philadelphia's Moses Malone. Rookie of the Year was Terry Cummings of San Diego.
- ❑ North Carolina State defeated Houston, 54-52, to win the NCAA Division I basketball championship. NIT champion was Fresno State. In the NCAA Division I Women's championship, USC defeated Louisiana Tech, 69-67.
- ❑ Winner of the Indianapolis 500 was Tom Sneva, with an average speed of 162.117 mph. Cale Yarborough won the Daytona 500 with an average speed of 155.979 mph. Bobby Allison was NASCAR's Winston Cup champ.
- ❑ Jimmy Connors won the US Open Men's Singles; Martina Navratilova took the Women's Singles.
- ❑ On August 15, the US admitted shielding former Nazi Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie, wanted in France for war crimes.
- ❑ *Terms of Endearment* won the Academy Award for Best Picture. Best Actor went to Robert Duvall in *Tender Mercies*, and Best Actress was Shirley MacLaine in *Terms of Endearment*.
- ❑ Other movies we watched included *The Big Chill*, *Fanny & Alexander*, and *The Right Stuff*.
- ❑ Grammy Awards for recordings released in 1983 were: Record of the Year – "Beat It," by Michael Jackson; Album of the Year – *Thriller*, also by Michael Jackson.
- ❑ On March 23, President Reagan proposed the Strategic Defense Initiative, also known as "Star Wars," to use ground and space-based systems to protect the US from attack by strategic nuclear ballistic missiles.

On the Great Lakes:

- ❑ The US Army Corps of Engineers ranked a second Poe-sized lock high on its list of national defense projects. A preliminary study put the cost of a new lock at \$240 million, with a benefit-cost ratio of 4:1. The Corps estimated that construction could begin, at the earliest, in 1992, with completion four years later. Michigan Congressmen introduced House and Senate bills authorizing construction to start as early as fall 1984.
- ❑ Lake Carriers' Association advocated compulsory participation in the Sarnia Vessel Traffic System to enhance safety in the Detroit-St. Clair Rivers and forestall development of a duplicate US Coast Guard system.
- ❑ 15 companies composed Lake Carriers' Association. Together, they operated 111 vessels with a total per trip capacity of 2,623,984 GT.
- ❑ With the exception of Lake Ontario, water levels throughout the Great Lakes were above the long-term average.
- ❑ Lake Carriers' Association supported Senate bill S 2026, prohibiting the diversion of water outside the Great Lakes drainage basin (unless approved by a Great Lakes states controlled established exception procedure).
- ❑ Glen Nekvasil and Carol Ann Lane joined the Lake Carriers' Association staff.

In the Interlake Fleet:

- ❑ Six vessels fit out in the spring, amid projections of a healthy increase in ore tonnage over the previous year, and moderate increases in other commodities.
- ❑ Formal firefighting/emergency squads were organized aboard active vessels in the fleet. Each ship had two, four-person squads under the direction of the first mate, who was designated as "fire marshall." Each squad member underwent training at the US Maritime Administration Fire Fighting School in Toledo.
- ❑ A mid-season downturn forced MV *MESABI MINER* into layup at Detour alongside MV *JAMES R. BARKER*, which had not fit out in the spring.
- ❑ Elton "Pete" Hoyt III retired as President and CEO of Pickands Mather & Co. and The Interlake Steamship Company on July 30 after more than a decade at the helm. Robert McInnes became President & CEO of Pickands Mather and Interlake.
- ❑ Suzanne Congdon, former assistant personnel supervisor – unlicensed personnel, was appointed assistant supervisor – marine personnel with responsibilities for licensed personnel. James Stiegel, former assistant marine payroll supervisor, was named assistant personnel supervisor – unlicensed personnel. Joseph Vargo, former dock dispatcher, became assistant marine payroll supervisor.

**Just Launched**

Steve (2nd Mate, MV *LEE A. TREGURTHA*) and Mary Elson are the proud grandparents of twin girls born on September 25, 2008, to Sarah and SSgt. Scott Polzin of Puyallup, WA. In this photo, Sarah is holding Elizabeth Mary, and Mary is holding Emily Rose. Mom and babies are staying with Steve and Mary in Panama City Beach, FL, until dad Scott returns from US Army duty in Iraq.

**Legislator of the Year
Passes Suddenly**

We note with regret the sudden passing of Congresswoman **Stephanie Tubbs Jones** (D-OH) on August 20, 2008, at the age of 58, from a ruptured brain aneurysm. Congresswoman **Tubbs Jones** was honored for her commitment to Great Lakes shipping and named 2008 Great Lakes Legislator of the Year by the Great Lakes Maritime Task Force. She received the award in Washington on April 2, 2008.



The Eagle Has Landed

This photogenic young eagle chose the perfect spot to perch for a ride aboard MV *MESABI MINER* this summer, and deckhand **Kevin Davis** caught the event on camera.

Interlake Day at the Soo



Capt. **Bob Thibaudeau**, MV *STEWART J. CORT*, snapped this picture of four Interlake vessels at the Soo on May 14, 2008. In the foreground are Str. *KAYE E. BARKER* and the *CORT*. In the background at the locks are MV *LEE A. TREGURTHA*, and Str. *HERBERT C. JACKSON*.

Interlake Steamship

Our Vision -

To be the premier self-unloading partner for our iron ore, coal, stone and other customers.

Our Mission -

To deliver value through our commitment to a customer-first philosophy.

Our Values -

We embrace the values of integrity, respect, high performance and accountability.

Quality, Safety and Environmental Policy

Interlake Steamship is committed to providing innovative solutions, quality service and the highest possible level of customer satisfaction. We operate in the safest and most environmentally responsible manner possible through established continual improvement, quality, safety and environmental management practices, while maintaining compliance with all mandatory rules and regulations.

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MV PAUL R. TREGURTHA departing the Soo upbound, August 25, 2008.

--photo by Capt. Scott Briggs

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