

May 8, 2019

Kim Wingrove  
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Dear Ms. Wingrove: *Kim*

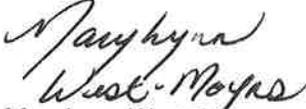
On behalf of Georgian College, I want to thank the County of Grey for its continued support of the Algoma Central Marine Emergency Duties Centre at Georgian College's Owen Sound Campus.

Whether supporting students enrolled in Georgian's postsecondary marine programs or by assisting working mariners who require certification or refresher training – the impact is substantial. Promotion, partnerships and innovative thinking are increasing demand on the Centre. The local economic benefits are improving too as students and industry professionals travel to Grey County to access training and local services.

We have included a report, which highlights the achievements of the Centre this past year and provides a glimpse into the future.

Again, on behalf of the staff and faculty at Georgian, as well as our students and the industries that we serve, I want to thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



MaryLynn West-Moynes  
President and CEO

## Highlights from Georgian College's marine programs in Owen Sound

The Algoma Central Corporation Marine Emergency Duties (MED) Centre at Georgian College's Owen Sound Campus has been fully operational for more than two years now, furthering the marine field with highly trained cadets preparing for careers out on the water.

We'd like to share some marine program highlights with you as one of the key contributors to the centre. It's because of your generous investment that we now offer unparalleled marine training within Owen Sound to serve the Great Lakes shipping industry.

### TRAINING THE FUTURE MARINE WORKFORCE

Unsurpassed training for both cadets and mariners offered through our three postsecondary marine programs.



PROGRAM	ENROLMENT (winter 2018 semester)
Marine Engineering Technology advanced diploma	43 cadets
Marine Technology – Navigation advanced diploma	71 cadets
Marine Engineering Management graduate certificate	14 students
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>128</b>

Between September 2018 and August 2019, our cadets will undergo marine emergency duties courses in:

- Standards of Training, Certification of Watchkeepers (STCW) Basic Safety
- STCW Proficiency in Survival Craft
- STCW Advanced Firefighting
- MED Refresher
- Marine Advanced First Aid
- Marine Basic First Aid
- Vessel Personnel with Security Responsibilities



## TRAINING THE CURRENT MARINE WORKFORCE

One of the many advantages of the Centre for Marine Training and Research, which houses the Algoma Central Corporation Marine Emergency Duties Centre, is that courses are offered both on and off site. In most cases, mariners, (i.e. the shipping industry) come on site for training while commercial vessel clients (e.g. ministries, fire departments and electric utilities) receive off site training.

In the 2018-19 season, out of town participants accounted for approximately 90 per cent of the training carried out at the MED Centre. The specialized training attracts participants from across Canada, who stay an average of five days.

Semester	Number of registrants 2017-18	Number of registrants 2018-19	Difference between years	Breakdown of registrants
May 1 to Aug 30, 2018	635	995	+360	54 cadets 188 on site 753 off site
Sept. 1 to Dec 30, 2018	148*	661	+513	72 cadets 378 on site 211 off site
Jan. 1 to April 30, 2019	695	906	+211	55 cadets 715 on site 136 off site
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>1,089</b>	

\*Please note that registration was about 70 per cent less in 2017-18 due to the Ontario college faculty work stoppage.

## SOME OF OUR CLIENTS

- Algoma Central Corporation
- Lower Lakes Towing
- McAsphalt Marine Transportation
- Canadian Coast Guard
- Canada Steamship Lines<sup>†</sup>
- Mariposa Cruise Lines, off site
- Seafarers International Union
- Mckeil Marine Ltd.
- Owen Sound Transportation
- Safety Scope<sup>†</sup>, off site
- Ministry of Natural Resources
- Niagara Regional Police<sup>†</sup>, off site
- Parks Canada, off site
- Toronto Water Taxi, off site
- Cree Nation – James Bay, off site

<sup>†</sup> new client



The Centre maintains an on-going relationship with the Owen Sound Fire and Emergency Services. Meaford and Hanover fire departments are now interested in utilizing our facility for training.



## NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAMMING

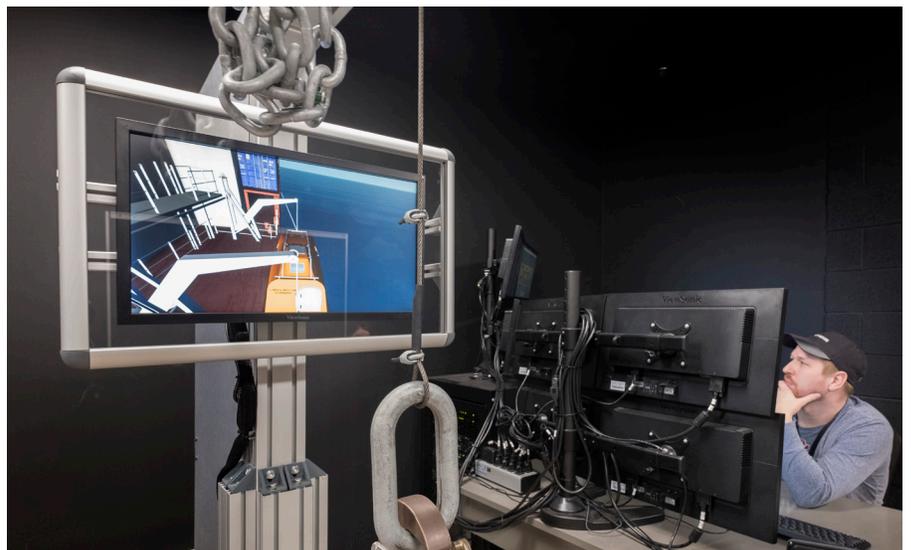
The MED Centre's new director, Thomas Aulinger, has conducted needs analyses with a variety of corporations to determine their employees' training needs, leading to a spike in training this past winter. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the marine industry, further advancing the centre and opening up new avenues for programming and partnerships.

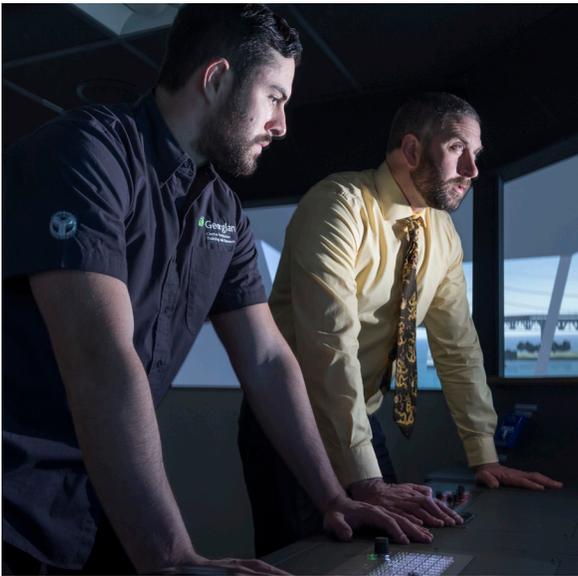
The Centre for Marine Training and Research (CMTR) now offers several new courses to attract a wider range of clients including:

- Electronic positioning system
- Leadership and management
- Leadership and teamwork
- Oil and chemical tanker familiarization

Bradley Moore, simulation operator and developer, created software for the Pelee Islander and Goderich Harbour. This led to the CMTR delivering Azimuth training programs for staff at Owen Sound Transportation. Upgrades to the simulators will take place soon, allowing for expansion of programs.

A partnership in Panama remains a priority for future training opportunities and programming.





## IN THE COMMUNITY

Company training increased this year, with several large employee groups from various organizations staying in the area for extended periods. This influx of people benefited the Owen Sound community and local economy.

Building on our growing reputation, we are advancing the promotion of our training in both Toronto and Ottawa through boat shows. Many students tell us they found out about our training through these events. Our program has been featured on CTV News in both Toronto and Ottawa. More than 1,000 people visited our booth in Toronto and another 400 connected with us at the Ottawa show.

To strengthen our ties and increase awareness at these boat shows, we partnered with companies in the marine industry, including Seafarers International Union, Lower Lakes, Algoma, Mckeil and Canada Steamship Lines. Teaming up benefited the firms with their recruitment campaigns and also helped promote our programs.

The upcoming cruise show in Toronto will also benefit the MED Centre, as cruise ships have a high demand for MED courses.

## IN CONCLUSION

Another successful year is behind us and the growth of the Algoma Central Corporation Marine Emergency Duties Centre is showing no signs of slowing down. In fact, it's full steam ahead. Word of our exemplary training is spreading. Promotion, partnerships and innovative thinking are helping to meet our enrollment targets and support the achievements of our alumni in their marine careers.

Our success would not be possible without you. Thank you for your continued support of marine studies at our Owen Sound Campus.

If you have specific questions regarding the operations of the centre, please contact Fred Varkaris, Dean, Owen Sound Campus, 519.376.0840, ext. 2041 or [fred.varkaris@georgiancollege.ca](mailto:fred.varkaris@georgiancollege.ca)

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