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Canada Marine Day set for May 26

OTTAWA – The Chamber of Marine Commerce (CMC) announced today that Monday, May 26 has been chosen as Canada Marine Day 2008.

After consultation with industry and parliamentary colleagues, Marine Industry Caucus Chair, Mike Wallace (MP, Burlington, Ontario) agreed this date would be ideal for the annual national celebration of Canada's marine industry. "The marine industry is vital to Canada's industrial future and overall prosperity," said Wallace. "And Canada Marine Day is one day during the year for everyone to officially recognize and celebrate the importance of the marine sector to our country."

CMC Chair, Michael Kennedy (ArcelorMittal Dofasco) noted, "This is an important day to pay tribute to our marine industry past, the importance of our present marine industry and the opportunities for us all from future marine transportation success."

Len Penner, President of Cargill Limited and CMC Director added, "We look forward every year to joining colleagues and officials in Ottawa to celebrate what marine transportation means to our success as companies and to our prosperity as Canadians."

President and CEO of the Montreal Port Authority, Patrice Pelletier, further commented, "With marine transportation accounting for 97% of non-U.S. Canadian-international trade, it's clear we must continue to invest in our marine highways as gateways to the world."

Amongst scheduled Canada Marine Day activities on May 26, federal parliamentarians and senior government officials will join industry executives at the Canadian Museum of Civilization for a private reception followed by an exclusive premiere of the new IMAX feature film, *Mysteries of the Great Lakes*.

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The Chamber of Marine Commerce (CMC) is an Ottawa-based association that represents more than 185 marine industry stakeholders including major Canadian and American shippers, ports, terminals and marine service providers, as well as domestic and international shipowners. The CMC represents the interests of its members by addressing government issues affecting marine transportation. Advocacy extends to both the federal and provincial levels of government and, when appropriate, to U.S. federal and state governments and agencies. The marine industry is vital to our prosperity by enabling efficient trade within North America and around the world. As the safest and most environmentally sound method of carrying bulk freight, the increased use of marine transportation offers opportunities to alleviate highway congestion, improve utilization of waterway capacity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.