

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **We've got a Winner! Kingston resident wins Great Lakes eco-freighter trip**

September 11, 2017 – The Chamber of Marine Commerce and Canada Steamship Lines (CSL) are pleased to announce that Kingston resident Robin Ball has been confirmed the official winner of the Win a Trip on a Great Lakes Ship contest.

Motorcycle enthusiasts Ms. Ball and her husband Barry Grant will be trading their usual rides – for a rare trip aboard one of CSL's new eco cargo freighters now sailing the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence system.

"I didn't believe my husband at first when he told me my entry had been chosen," said Robin Ball. "We're excited. It's a new experience for us, a new adventure. We both ride motorcycles and take trips to the U.S. and we've been on a passenger cruise on the St. Lawrence – but this is really going to be different."

Ms. Ball and her husband will participate in a one and half day experience aboard a CSL Trillium-class vessel between September 1st, 2017 and October 31st, 2017 or May 1st, 2018 and October 31st, 2018.

The Chamber of Marine Commerce partnered with CSL on the "Win A Trip on A Great Lakes Ship" contest as part of its 2<sup>nd</sup> summer festival program to raise awareness in Ontario of marine shipping's investment in innovation and environmental stewardship. The contest was also held online.

Great Lakes-St. Lawrence ship operators are investing more than \$4 billion on modernizing their fleets with cutting-edge technologies that significantly reduce marine shipping carbon and air emissions and improve navigation and crew safety.

Bruce Burrows, President of the Chamber of Marine Commerce, said: "This is a unique opportunity to see first-hand all the bells and whistles on a world-class 21<sup>st</sup> century Great Lakes freighter as it sails through one of the most beautiful areas in the world. At the same time, Robin and her husband will get to stay overnight on the ship and see how a Great Lakes shipping crew lives and works as they support commercial trade in Canada."

### **PHOTO OF A CSL Trillium Class ship:**

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### **About the [Chamber of Marine Commerce](#)**

The Chamber of Marine Commerce is a bi-national association that represents more than 130 marine industry stakeholders including major Canadian and American shippers, ports, terminals and marine service providers, as well as domestic and international ship owners. The Chamber

has merged with the Canadian Shipowners Association, combining resources to advocate for an efficient regulatory climate that promotes a strong and competitive marine industry for the benefit of all industry stakeholders throughout the bi-national Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region and along the eastern seaboard and northern coasts. Based in Ottawa, Canada, the merged entity will continue to be called the Chamber of Marine Commerce.

About [Canada Steamship Lines](#)

Canada Steamship Lines is a division of The CSL Group, the world's largest owner and operator of self-unloading vessels. Headquartered in Montreal with divisions based in the United States, Europe, Asia and Australia, CSL delivers cargo annually for customers in the construction, steel, energy and agricultural sectors.

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