



# What's New at CTC?

## Election of Board Members

Two current board members were reelected at the Annual Meeting for another three year term - Susan Stranahan and Lew Holman. John Martin and John Birkett were elected as new board members. Michael Hollander was elected to the Board in June to fill the vacancy from Wayne Dyer. Lew Holman was elected as clerk of the corporation.

## CTC Officers

The CTC Board held a meeting after the Annual Members Meeting to elect officers as follows: John Rent, President and Treasurer; Susan Stranahan, Vice President; Lew Holman, Vice President.

## Freight

*The CTC bus drivers and boat crew will not handle weight over 50 pounds. We encourage customers to ship freight by Casco Bay Lines.*

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## CTC Annual Members' Meeting

The 6th Annual Member Meeting held on 7/20 was well attended. Following are the highlights:

President John Rent called the meeting to order and started the meeting by recognizing current and past directors. John also recognized the contribution of CTC employees and their commitment to customer service and safety.

John presented the Treasurer's Report. 2018 was a very successful year with revenue of \$1,238,256 and net income of \$188,370. Current assets at year end were \$887,763 - a strong position as we assume the debt for construction of the new ferry.

John also presented the President's Report. Following are some highlights of the meeting.

### Continued Focus on safety.

CTC continued to exceed the required safety drills; participated in industry educational events; received an excellent Coast Guard inspection; and focused on improvements in safe access to the ferry floats. Our evaluation of a powerful motorized chair proved that we could not safely transport passengers with crew assistance below 1/2 tide. Therefore a crew assistance schedule was adopted and is published monthly CTC continues to work with the Town of Chebeague to urge installation of longer ramps for the benefit of passengers with disabilities.

### The Independence

John reviewed the features in the new ferry Independence—with a focus on safety. The Independence is four feet longer and two feet wider than the Islander and has a full width pilot house, an enclosed area for deckhands when landing/departing, an improved ladder to the upper deck, and a head. The Independence is financed through a local bank.

### Sales Tax Exemption (passed in 2019)

Through the diligent work of our representatives in Augusta—Senator Cathy Breen and Representative Janice Cooper—CTC was able to benefit from legislation that makes the cost of the Independence's construction tax exempt. This results in roughly \$63,000 in savings to our company! Critical in getting the bill passed were the Island Institute's Nick Battista, Tom Federle, summer resident, and the many residents who submitted testimony for the taxation committee. Some even traveled to Augusta to present their testimony in person to the Committee (Donna Damon, David Hill, Chris Loder). The entire effort was led by CTC President John Rent who did an exceptional job (We were told we had a very small chance of getting the bill approved, but John persevered!) Thanks also to the Board of Selectmen who submitted a letter in support.

General Manager Carol Sabastanski presented the Service Report, Customer Service Program, a review of other 2018 activities, and a look at 2019.

The financial statements, slide presentation, and meeting minutes can be found on the Members page of our website. The page is password protected. Members should email the office if they need the password.

## THE Launch

The Independence was launched on 7/19 at Washburn and Dougherty in East Boothbay. Over 150 people attended the event. Representatives from Washburn and Dougherty, and CTC President John Rent spoke at the ceremony. The blessing was performed by Reverend Barrie Shepherd. Arlene Dyer did the christening in memory of Wayne, who served for many years as a CTC board member and volunteer. Wayne was instrumental in the design and planning for the Independence and was fondly remembered for his significant contributions to our company. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of the launch.

## Job Opportunities

CTC has openings for deckhand positions. Please email or call the office for more information.

## August Employee Birthdays

Matt Ridgway, Manager of Marine Operations - 8/17

Captain David Etnier and Deckhand Lucas Phipps- 8/29