Everyone who knew Trent Lloyd-Rees admired him. He was tragically taken from us on August 5th in an accident aboard the ship SLNC Goodwill where he served as a 3rd engineer. He was 23 years old.

We were fortunate to have Trent work as a deckhand at CTC in 2018 while attending Maine Maritime Academy. Trent worked on both the ferry and the barge. He was a natural mariner and made a strong impression on those who worked with him and knew him. We would like to share some of the comments we have received from his co-workers and the community.

“I’m thankful he worked on the Islander and that so many Chebeaguers had the chance to interact with him and find out what an excellent kid he was. His work ethic and generous spirit really did make the world a better place, wherever he happened to be. His death is a huge loss...perhaps one that will make those who knew him want to be a little better themselves.” (Island resident—commuter)

“Trent always had a smile and a willingness to be of help to all in any way he could. His two everyday encounter sayings were “Can I help you?” and “Thank you”. I always got a kick out of the ‘thank you’ because he would do the work and then ‘thank’ me! Mature beyond his years and a true gift to all he encountered. RIP” (CTC bus driver)

“You always knew it was going to be a good trip when Trent was the deckhand. His cheeriness rubbed off on everybody.” (Island resident)

“Some of my favorite CTC memories include Trent. You couldn’t help but enjoy working with him. He kept things fun while always managing to get the job done. I always counted on his sense of humor to make a regular work day a great one. Working with Trent, you always learned something. He was an amazing problem solver. I can’t get on any of our boats without a memory, whether it was working in a Nor’easter on the Islander, barge up the river, or the first time he looked around the Independence. Trent left a mark on this company and we certainly gained a lot by having him as part of our crew.” (CTC captain)

“My first impression of Trent as a deckhand was how energetic and gregarious he was. It didn’t matter if the boat was full to capacity. His demeanor never changed. Always with a smile and a thank you. A special kind of young man.” (Island resident—commuter)

“Trent was an extraordinary young man whose intelligence, maturity, initiative, drive and ingenuity were exceptional for anyone, but especially for someone of his age. Above that though, he was a great guy, a pleasure to be around and a lot of fun to work with. He will be missed.” (CTC Captain)

Trent was a very special young man who made a lasting impression on our community. Our thoughts are with his loved ones.