

Captain Sidney Hynes receives Noia's Outstanding Contribution Award

Noia, the Newfoundland & Labrador Oil & Gas Industries Association, announced today that Captain Sidney J. Hynes has been named recipient of its 2012 Outstanding Contribution Award. Captain Hynes was described as a true pioneer in the development and growth of the offshore industry in our province.

Sidney Hynes' 35 year career in the offshore and marine transportation environment spans the private, public and academic sectors. He has an excellent record of responsibility for multifaceted projects and a wide experience from Seaman to Master to Owner, President and Chairman.

A Master Mariner who received his initial training at the Fisheries College, now the Fisheries & Marine Institute of Memorial University, Captain Hynes began serving in senior levels onboard offshore vessels supporting early drilling efforts off the coast of Labrador in the 1970s. He became the first Canadian Diving Support Vessel Master and served as Master for the team which successfully completed one of the most complex diving operations attempted in the North Atlantic.

During his offshore employment, Captain Hynes worked for all the major oil companies and established a good liaison with all. He also served with the Ship Safety Branch of Transport Canada as an offshore surveyor. As President of Canship Limited, a company he founded in 1986, he operated a wide variety of vessels worldwide. After forming a joint venture with the JJ Uglund group of Norway, he became Chairman of Canship Uglund Limited, a company formed to operate three shuttle tankers on the Grand Banks. In 1992, after the collapse of the fishery, Captain Hynes initiated a training program that resulted in 150 former Newfoundland fishermen being employed onboard these new 100% Newfoundland crewed shuttle tankers. Captain Hynes also successfully negotiated the only known 25-year term labour union agreement covering the Hibernia shuttle tanker operations.

In 2000, Captain Hynes was appointed by the Government of Canada to manage Marine Atlantic, the largest Crown Corporation in Atlantic Canada. In 2007, he led a consortium which acquired Oceanex, and today serves as its Executive Chairman, focusing his energies on making this company the most successful transportation provider in Eastern Canada. In 2009, a new division formed under Captain Hynes' direction – Oceanex Offshore - formed a joint venture company with Stena Drilling PTE Limited of Aberdeen. This new company, Stena Drilling (Canada) Corp., provides highly qualified Canadian operations personnel to support Stena Drilling in their worldwide operations in Eastern Canada, Brazil, Greenland, Egypt and Scotland.



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As a volunteer, Captain Hynes is actively involved with Memorial University's Fisheries and Marine Institute as long time Chair of its Industry Advisory Committee and is also a member of the Canadian Coast Guard Marine Advisory Committee. In the past, he has served as a member of the Advisory Board for the Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development, Chairman of the Transport Ministerial Committee to review the Marine Atlantic Ferry Service and as a director of many private companies, including the Marystown Shipyard.

Jack Lawlor, Chair of the 2012 Outstanding Contribution Award Selection Committee, said, "Noia's annual Outstanding Contribution Award was established to recognize the exemplary contribution of an individual who has influenced the development of our local oil & gas industry through their work and lives. Captain Hynes will be honoured at Noia's *Oil & Gas Week Luncheon* on **Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at the Sheraton Newfoundland Hotel from noon – 2 p.m.** Media agencies are encouraged to send representatives.

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