



March 2019

International Women's Day: March 8th



#BalanceforBetter
#InnovateforChange

“From now on you can call me captain”



The Port of Belledune was excited to welcome the most recent addition to the Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker fleet, CGCS Captain Molly Kool, to the harbor at the Port. Although her home port is St. John's, N.L., she made the trip last month through the icy waters of the Bay of Chaleur.

Being the first new icebreaker floated in 25 years, she is named after an incredible female figure in marine history. Born in Alma, N.B. in 1916, Captain Myrtle (Molly) Kool was the first woman in North America to become a licensed ship captain. However, just as there are still obstacles for women to overcome in the present workforce, Captain Molly was at first denied the chance to be a licensed captain, as shipping legislation referred to a captain as “he”.

After continuing to fight and going through an unusually rigorous testing, she earned coastal master's certificate in 1939. She helped clear the path for women who wished to pursue careers in predominately masculine fields.

With March 8th being International Women's Day, along with the theme for the event being #InnovateForChange to bring attention to career fields where women are underrepresented, Captain Molly Kool is a great local symbol of achievement. She will forever be known as a fearless mariner who transported cargo on the Bay of Fundy.



Captain Molly Kool, 1939. After receiving her coastal master's certificate, she immediately sent her family a telegram with one single sentence: “From now on you can call me captain.”

Look Back...



Transportation Club of Moncton (TCM) – Women in Transportation Gala

The TCM hosts an annual awards event every March celebrating women in the transportation industry and recognizes outstanding workers for their hard work and dedication through four different awards: Woman of the Year, Employee of the Year, the Scholarship Award, and the Rising Star Award. The Port of Belledune proudly takes part in the ceremony each year and will be attending the gala this year on March 20th, 2019 in Dieppe, NB.

The photo to the left is from the gala in 2017, with the Port's very own Cargo Development Coordinator, Tiffany Godin, standing on the far left.

Spring Ahead ...

The Bathurst Youth Center Foundation will be presenting their Chaleur Outstanding Youth Awards Ceremony and Gala once again this year on March 25th, 2019. The celebrations honor youths who excel in one of eight different categories including Performing Arts, Courage & Bravery, Individual Sports, Volunteerism, Academics, Fine Arts, Team Sports, and Perseverance.

