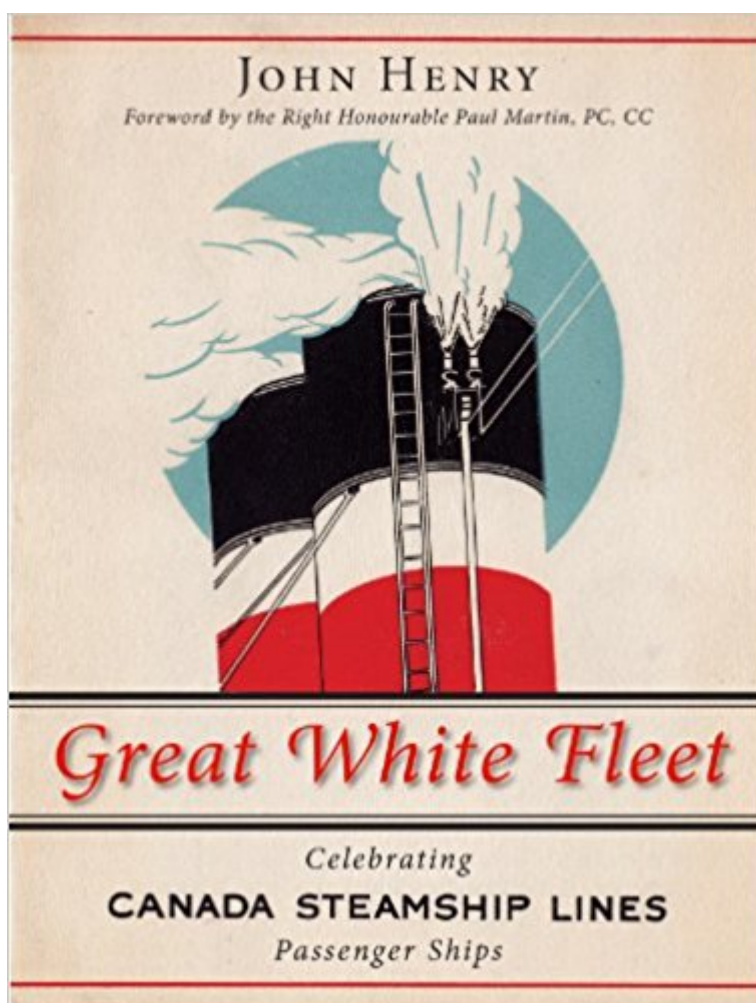


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Great White Fleet: Celebrating Canada Steamship Lines Passenger Ships



Synopsis

A richly illustrated story from the glory days of passenger travel on the Great Lakes. For decades Canada Steamship Lines proclaimed itself as the world's largest transportation company operating on inland waters. Its passenger and freight vessels could be found on the Great Lakes as far west as Duluth, Minnesota, and as far east as the Lower St. Lawrence River. The passenger steamers were known collectively as the Great White Fleet. These ships ranged from day-excursion vessels to well-appointed cruise ships and had rich histories. The sheer scope of these passenger services were a wonder to behold. No fewer than 51 steamers comprised the passenger fleet at the company's inception in 1913, and its network of routes was awesome. This is the story of the beloved steamers of the Great White Fleet from 1913 to 1965, when the passenger vessels stopped running. Nearly half a century after the last passenger boats sailed, this book will provide a window into a wonderful lost way of life.

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Customer Reviews

Porthole into our passenger ship past
The book is a fitting and highly recommended addition to the Great White Fleet that once graced North America's inland waterways. (PowerShips Magazine)
"The measure of a good book is often the degree to which it informs and entertains. Great White Fleet is a well written and magnificently illustrated book that does both exceedingly well for this fascinating subject. Bravo Zulu, Mr. Henry! (Maritime Engineering Journal)

Carona, Cayuga, Chicora, Chippewa, Tadoussac, Richelieu ... wonderful names that evoke wonderful memories of a time when boarding Canada Steamship Lines' Great White Fleet of Great Lakes passenger ships destined for such far such charming destinations as Niagara-on-the-Lake, Montreal, and Quebec City was as exciting as sailing across the Atlantic. (Mike Filey, Toronto Sunday Sun columnist and author of Dundurn's Toronto Sketches series.) Great White Fleet perfectly captures the joy of travel on these beautiful steamships, vividly recalling a more elegant era. This is going to be a valuable addition to the written lore of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway. (Roger LeLievre, publisher of Know Your Ships) John Henry has done a wonderful job in researching and writing about the beautiful passenger ships of Canada Steamship Lines. His work is thorough and a very appropriate reminder of the legacy of this great Canadian shipping company as they celebrate 100 years of service on the Great Lakes in 2013. (Skip Gillham)

Part of my earliest recollections were the freight carriers of the Canada Steamship Lines ("CSL") who still occasionally ply the locks of the Welland Canal at its southern end at Port Colborne. John Henry's informative book carefully details CSL's passenger ships in Lakes Ontario, Huron and Superior. His well written text reveals an earlier time and place which far predates me, but adds to my continuing fascination with the Great Lakes, its beauty and its role and history for Canada and the United States. The book's photographs are superb; one shows, I believe, the bridges at Port Colborne with a passenger ship heading into Lake Erie. These beautiful stately ships are all gone now, an age of elegance has passed and how sad it is. But, thankfully, John Henry's book has brought them back for the modern reader. I read this book on an iPad and on a Kindle Paperwhite. The iPad allows the vibrant colors in the brochures to be seen. The Kindle does not.

While ocean-going liners have long been my "thing," I have developed a recent interest in the excursion and "night boats" which once plied North America's inland seas (the Great Lakes) and rivers. This book brings to life a chapter in maritime travel that is probably not well-known to most Americans: Canada's beautiful and reliable "Great White Fleet" of passenger steamers that cruised lakes, rivers and, in the case of one company, river rapids! (Talk about hearty travelers!) Vessel and company histories are well-researched, but, I have to admit, the illustrations are why I buy books such as these and "Great White Fleet" does not disappoint! Tons of exterior shots, and, even better, many interior shots which illustrate woodwork, salons, grand staircases and cabins that would be at

home on any transatlantic liner. There are some deck plans as well. Noteworthy is a section on the SS Naronic, a Great Lakes steamer which burned at her pier during an overnight stop in Toronto in 1949. Almost 100 perished. On a happier note, it's nice to know that, once upon a time, you could still travel on the water in style even if you couldn't afford to cross the big pond. Would that somebody revive that idea!

As the by-line states - I knew nothing about this company - I usually stick to Trans-Atlantic ocean liners - but decided to branch out on this book - in the past few years with hundreds of books on ocean liners - felt like I needed a change - the author did a great job in giving the history of this company and it's ships - great use of photos and visual art - lots of photos! If you're interested in ships, travel during the "Golden Age" or just like to read about history - this is a great book.

Books on the Great Lakes passenger ships are few and far between. This new book devoted entirely to the Canada Steamship Lines vessels. The Great White Fleet is full of information on these beautiful ships that sailed the lakes during the 20th century. Sadly, now are all gone... Also included are the black ships of the line - NORONIC, HURONIC and HAMONIC. Great black & white photos and vintage color advertising. Well written and this new book fills a rather large hole in the histories of Great Lakes passenger shipping of yore! I highly recommend Mr. Henry's worthy addition!

A very complete book - a lot of work and effort - a total reward for those who enjoy Canada Steamships. Yes, a LOT of effort went into this enjoyable book.

It was a great Book as I am interested in the Steam ship Passenger Ship as I live in the Great Lakes area that they traveled in. A little before my time but it is good to know a little more history in the time of my ancestors -s -s -s!Ken Henry - - - - no relation that I know of.

As a Great Lakes ship buff and overall history major, John's work is a lovely tribute to a truly vanished era.

Great book, wonderful photos

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