

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENT SERVICE PASSED DOWN THROUGH GENERATIONS

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In early September, the NEAS vessel, MV Qamutik, and its crew arrived off the shores of Kugaaruk, a remote community located south of the Bay of Boothia in the eastern part of Nunavut's Kitikmeot region.

This was not a routine call in Nunavut's annual dry cargo marine resupply operations. No, this day was different for our team. This arrival on the NEAS sailing schedule was special.

Members of the NEAS crew on the Qamutik that day included Norman Qavvik and Waylon Annaklik, and this was a homecoming, a celebration of family and passing down of values through the generations. We picked up Fred Qavvik, Waylon's father, who joined the NEAS crew.



NEAS welcomed Fred Qavvik once again on the MV QAMUTIK during operations in Kugaaruk. From left to right: Capt. MV Qamutik, Louis-René Longchamps, Norman Qavvik, Waylon Annaklik, and Fred Qavvik.

The family enjoyed lunch on board with the Captain. "It was cheerful to have the Qavvik family visit," said Capt. Louis-René Longchamps of the MV Qamutik.

"Big thanks to the Captain and the chef for the awesome lunch," said Fred Qavvik. "Our young ones really enjoyed the experience of visiting the ship. It was a special day for everyone."

Norman Qavvik, Fred Qavvik and Waylon Annaklik completed the NEAS marine training program at Nunavut Fisheries and Marine Training Consortium in Iqaluit in 2012, 2015 and 2019 respectively.

Norman started as a Deckhand, was promoted and now serves as Wheelsman. He is also part of the Firefighter team on board. The father and son team, Fred and Waylon, serve as Deckhands, Tug helpers.

Thank you to the NEAS Captain and crew of the MV Qamutik. Thanks to the Qavvik family for joining us for lunch on board.



Family having lunch on the MV QAMUTIK.



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At NEAS, we are driven by our values focused on people, community and service. NEAS is committed to the success of people, our employees and customers alike. Our dedication to service excellence flows from our people and our connections to the local communities.

The MV Qamutik's call on Kugaaruk this day in September reflects and shapes the overall superior customer sealift experience enjoyed with NEAS.

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Norman Qavvik is doing his 8th season with NEAS in 2019.