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A LOOK INTO HMCS TORONTO - 2008

by SLt Keith Joy Unit Information Officer HMCS Toronto



HMCS TORONTO and CCGS PIERRE RADISSON on joint patrol during OP NANOOK
and photo by Comat Camera Department, NDHQ

2008 has been a busy and rewarding year for the ship's company of HMCS TORONTO. Between April and August the ship was away from her home port of Halifax for a total of 115 days. During this time the TORONTO visited the USA, Spain and Ireland, and completed a three week fisheries patrol off the southern coast of Newfoundland. She also carried out extensive training in warfare tactics for some of the 'up and coming' Operations Room Officers (ORO) in the Canadian Navy, and was a key player in a two week NATO exercise in European waters.

TORONTO's search and rescue organization was put to the test last April as it responded to a 'mayday' call from a car carrier, the Motor Vessel (MV) Sea Venus, which was dead in the water due to a major fire in the engine room. The cargo-less Sea Venus and her crew were making their return transit to Europe from the United States and were 700 miles east of Halifax when the fire began. As on-site commander, TORONTO dispatched a team to the Sea Venus including command, engineering and fire

fighting experts to make an accurate assesment of the situation. Though the fire was eventually extinguished by confinement and by the merchant ship's fitted systems, the TORONTO team repaired the Sea Venus's emergency fire pump, transferred fourteen crew members to another vessel in the area and supplied food to the remaining shipmates who were required onboard for a slow tow by a Halifax based tug.

Among the variety of tasks the ship performed during the aforementioned deployments, the highlight of TORONTO's schedule was a late summer trip to the Canadian Arctic as part of Operation NANOOK, based out of Iqaluit, Nunavut.

Operation NANOOK is an annual operation designed to exercise sovereignty and provide security in the Arctic. During the week of 19-26 August 2008, federal and territorial government departments, along with local Emergency Management Organizations in Iqaluit, came together to practice a "whole of government" approach, in responding to Northern contingencies.

The operation was led by Brigadier General David Millar, the Commander Joint Task Force North, with TORONTO assuming duties as the Maritime Component Commander, controlling the employment of her consort HMCS SHAWINIGAN.

Throughout the Operation TORONTO and SHAWINIGAN participated in several exercises designed to build the "whole of government" team. These included oil spill, mass casualty and law enforcement scenerios. Demonstrating the "whole of government" spirit of the Operation, at one point TORONTO had an RCMP Emergency Response Team embarked exercising a reaction to a maritime hostage taking scenario, while concurrently operating with a Canadian Coast Guard helicopter on her flight deck.

The operation proved to be of much interest to the international press. Journalists and reporters from Germany, Japan, France, and the United States were amongst the members of the media who made the voyage to Iqaluit to tape footage of TORONTO's activities in the North. The media also sought out interviews with the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence, and General Walter Natynczyk, the Chief of Defence Staff, both of whom visited TORONTO and held a 'town hall' meeting with the ship's company.

TORONTO's crew was excited to patrol the

Canadian North, and appreciated the opportunity to see a part of the country that few of their family and friends will ever get to enjoy.

SLt Brady Gaudet explains his thoughts about the northern mission: "I feel very fortunate to be able to contribute to such a significant mission right here at home. It seems you always hear about Canadian sailors, soldiers and airmen on missions enhancing security abroad, which is tremendously important in its own right. However, it's comforting to know that missions are being carried out to enforce Canadian sovereignty in our arctic."

Needless to say, it has been a challenging period of high activity for HMCS TORONTO. The ship is back at sea this month participating in a Task Group exercise off the east coast of the United States.

To progress combat readiness requirements and train their sailors, TORONTO will be sailing with four other ships of the Fleet. The ships sailed in early November and will return just in time for their crews to enjoy the holidays with their families.

NOAC Toronto Branch Directors 2008-2009
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The President's Report



NOAC Toronto Branch President Bruce Wannamaker

The last 2 months has seen the branch active in hosting a couple of very special events.

On Saturday 4 Oct we hosted a Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC) and Navy League (NL) Officers function at HMCS YORK. The purpose was to introduce current CIC and NL Officers, as well as some HMCS York Officers, to NOAC. It was a social event, well attended by these potential new members. Members of our Board of Directors were on hand to promote the benefits of joining the NOAC and of being part of this branch of the Navy Family. Each of the potential members was given a copy of *BUMPH*, some membership information and brochures about upcoming functions.

The Board of Directors is committed to seeing the Branch grow and this is just one of the tactics we plan to use on an ongoing basis.

Richard Birchall is leading the way in keeping contact with the Cadet Corps and their Officers, letting them know the support they have from NOAC, both for the Cadets through the Scholarship Fund, as well as the benefits for the Officers through belonging to the larger naval community.

This very successful event was spearheaded by Moyra Haney, with the assistance of LT(N) Paul Simas, Commanding Officer RCSCC VANGUARD, who made the following comment, "I believe that the NOAC can be instrumental in helping the Sea Cadet and Navy League officers feel they are active members of the Navy family."

The RCMI was the location for the NOAC/RCMI

Battle of Trafalgar luncheon on 12 Oct, with over 40 members and guests in attendance. The presentation given by Capt(N) Bruce Belliveau was very informative as to the role of Canada's Navy in international waters as well as its role in the defense of Canada and enforcement of Canada's laws, border security and sovereignty. Again thanks to Moyra for coordinating this event.

Membership growth, through addition of new members and the retention of current members, where possible, is a priority for both NOAC Toronto Branch, and NOAC at the National Level.

I would be pleased to hear from any members who have thoughts and suggestions on how we can remain relevant as an organization and attract the Naval Officers of today to become the members of tomorrow.

The Christmas Hoist is coming up on December 5, and I look forward to seeing you in the Wardroom at HMCS YORK.

To those of our members who are unable to join us on that occasion, "May you have a very merry Christmas, and a New Year filled with health and joy."

Bruce Wannamaker.

Canadian Navy Centennial Essay Contest

by Andy Irwin

The NOAC has endorsed the concept of a nationwide essay contest that will invite high school students from coast to coast to write a 1000 word essay, or a narrative poem, or produce an illustration on some aspect of the evolution of the Canadian Navy. A choice of themes will be presented for student consideration, and students will participate in an active and innovative exercise designed to increase and improve their knowledge and appreciation of the role that the Canadian Navy has played in Canada's evolution to nationhood and international standing.

The initiative, keyed to the Canadian History, Language, and Art curricula will be coupled with the publication of a booklet entitled "*An ABC of The Battle of the Atlantic.*"

There will be a scholarship winner declared for each Province and the Territories. The winners from Ontario east will be taken to the 2010 Fleet Review in Halifax and the winners from Manitoba west, including the Territories, will attend the Fleet Review in Victoria. (*Continued on p.4*)

(Centennial Essay Contest - continued from p.3)

There will be an additional scholarship award to the overall National Winner. A full text, electronic report, and history resource will be made available to every High School in Canada.

The contest will last approximately two years and will have its own web site. In addition, it will be carried on the NOAC website, the Canadian Naval Centennial website, the Navy League of Canada website, and the Royal Canadian Naval Association website.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$150,000. As of October 14th 2008 we have commitments from the NOAC Endowment Fund and ING DIRECT for \$20,000 each over two years. We are continuing to look for further sponsors for this very worthwhile undertaking and any suggestions readers may have please send a signal to Andy Irwin at Airwinr17@sympatico.ca

Salty Dips Volume 9 Now Available

NOAC Ottawa Branch is pleased to announce that Salty Dips Volume 9, "Carry On" has just been received from the printers and is now available for sale in Hard Cover \$25.00 and Soft Cover \$15.00.

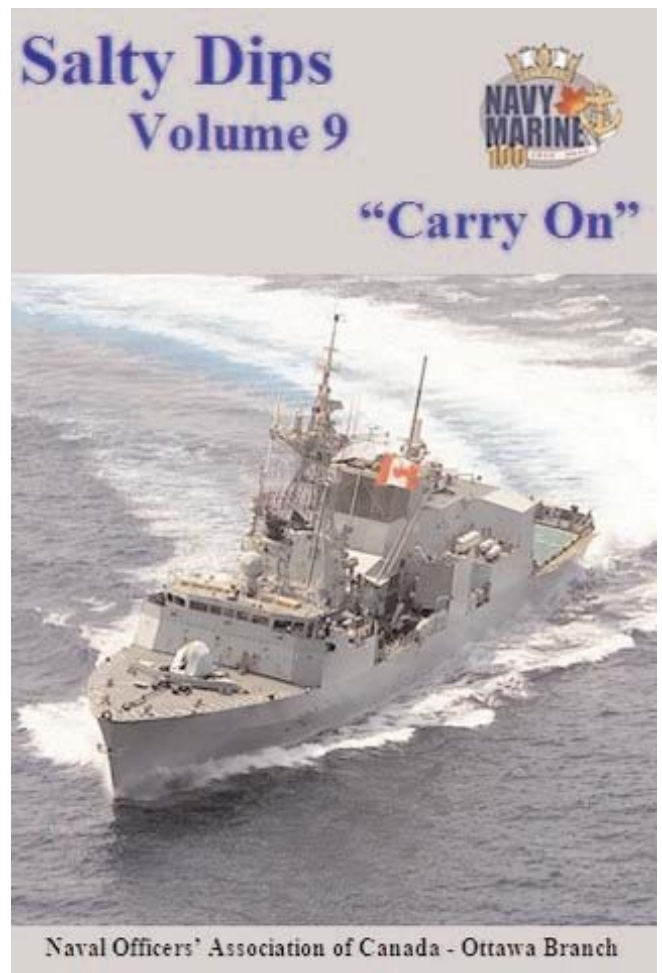
While the size of this volume conforms to the size of previous volumes, it comes with a new cover in full brilliant colour capturing a Canadian Patrol Frigate coming out of a tight turn.

There are 31 marvelous Salty Dips, mostly covering from Korea forward, and a few from earlier days that the Editors felt had to be told. An excellent Prologue Part 1 describes the early and challenging days of the Royal Canadian Navy, and Prologue Part 11 deals with the Unification of the Canadian Military and the evolution of the Canadian Forces as they stand today.

This Volume has been enhanced by the use of 192 Photographs and Graphics. Footnotes have been extensively increased to explain the acronyms so commonly found in military jargon and to elaborate on some details if required in the Dip.

A complete description of the Salty Dips Project can be found on the NOAC Ottawa Branch website, www.noac.ottawa.on.ca, along with an order form for the various volumes of Salty Dips.

If you have any connection with the Navy or the Sea, you just have to read Salty Dips.



Niagara Memorial

by Bob Waugh

A group of Niagara residents, members of Toronto (Hamilton) NOAC, attended and were recognized at a service dedicating a monument to Lieutenant David Cowan, UE, RN, 1742-1808 held in St. Mark's Anglican Church, Niagara-On-The-Lake. The United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada was also represented, and the 41st Fife and Drum Corps from Fort George played.

Lt Cowan, a gardener for George Washington at Mount Vernon, had come to Canada as a Loyalist carrying a safe-passage provided by Washington. In Quebec he joined the Royal Navy as a Lieutenant and later served in the Provincial Marine. He captained various vessels on the Lakes, on some of which Mrs. Simcoe was a passenger. In 1804 he was elected to the fourth parliament of Upper Canada.

The impressive service in the Church and adjoining late 1700s cemetery, was conducted by the Reverend Canon Dr. Robert S. G. Wright and included participants Donald Combe, archivist, Kim Craitor, MPP, and Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs. Bill Cowan spoke for the family.

Trafalgar Day Luncheon
story and photos by Bob Willson



Captain (N) Bruce Belliveau is thanked by NOACTO
President Bruce Wannamaker



Tino Cotaras, Fraser McKee, and Janet Watt.
Janet sang Grace before lunch.

NOACTO and the RCMI held their annual joint celebration of Trafalgar Day in the main dining room at the RCMI on Tuesday 21 October.

Over forty members and guests gathered to hear Captain(N) Bruce Belliveau, a student on the inaugural National Security Programme at the Canadian Forces College, make an informative presentation on the subject of Canadian Seapower in the Twenty-first Century.

Captain Belliveau is a former Commanding Officer of HMCS TORONTO.

Using excellent graphics, he explained the multi faceted roles of the Canadian Navy both in Canadian waters, the Canadian economic exclusion zone, and in the international sphere.

Domestically, Canada's maritime forces cooperate with other government departments and agencies, such as Fisheries and Oceans, the Canadian Coast Guard, the RCMP, and Transport Canada. In all three of Canada's ocean waters the Navy, and its partners, operate to prevent smuggling, conduct Search and Rescue, assert our sovereignty, protect shipping and the fisheries, and oversee resource development.

On the international scene our maritime forces operate with our American and NATO allies, and with UN Coalition forces around the world in anti-smuggling and counter terrorism operations.

With a growing threat of piracy in several key shipping areas, there has been an increased emphasis on the protection of shipping and Canada has been directly involved with the World Food Program, escorting ships carrying food and supplies to Somalia.

In recent years our Navy has operated in the Persian Gulf, the Horn of Africa, SE Asia and the Caribbean, demonstrating an international naval presence, exercising seapower and providing humanitarian relief.

Often our ships are uniquely placed, because of their broad spectrum of technology, to carry out communications and command and control functions, frequently acting as a gateway between the USN and our other allied navies and coalition partners.

Captain Belliveau explained that all of our current fleet, submarines, destroyers, frigates, support ships, and MCDVs, are highly effective and essential to a balanced and capable Navy.

In DND's twenty year plan provision is made for upgrading the frigates, replacing the destroyers, procuring new Joint Support Ships to replace the AORs, and building Arctic Patrol Vessels. The frigates will be replaced when they reach the end of their operational life.

His presentation was a valuable reminder that seapower is essential to Canada in the pursuit of its many objectives. A strong and highly visible Navy can provide both military and diplomatic muscle, carry out constabulary duties, support trade development and deliver a wide range of humanitarian relief anywhere in the world. Furthermore, these functions can often be performed without the necessity for incursion into foreign soil and with minimum risk to both Canadians and the local population.

Although residents of much of inland Canada do not see it, the vast majority of the world's trade moves by sea.

Canadian seapower in the twenty-first century helps ensure that it flows safely and securely.

TREVOR F. HEARD 1921-2008

by Paulie Heard

Lieutenant Trevor (Trev) Frederick Heard RCNVR (Ret'd), a Life Member of NOACTO, passed away in Victoria, BC 30 July 2008.

Trev served in SKEENA as a Leading Writer from 1941 to 1942 on convoy duty in the North Atlantic, earning an MID. He was commissioned as a Supply Officer in 1942 and served in NSHQ Ottawa, STRATHADAM and LA HULLOISE, before retiring in January, 1946.

Born in Toronto, Trev was a champion city swimmer and Boy Scout leader in East York before joining the navy.

Trev's career after the war, began with Canada Metal and ended with his retirement in 1991 as Director/Partner of Wessan Plumbing.

After his retirement at 71 he and his wife Paulie drove from Toronto to Victoria, stopping to dance in Chicago, gamble in North Dakota and fish in Kelowna.

Trev's passion was jazz, and he always considered himself very lucky to have been able to travel for over 20 years with Canada's "Rob McConnell and the Boss Brass", wherever in the world they had concerts, taking Paulie with him.

Well known on both the Toronto and Victoria Jazz scene, he and Paulie had many friends in the music business.

Trev sang bass for many years with the Etobicoke Barber Shop Chorus, and curled for several years at The Victoria Curling Club.

He and Paulie loved to travel, and enjoyed vacations all over the world, literally. It was not unusual for Trev to go whitewater rafting at Jasper, motorbike in Bermuda, fly a glider in Hawaii, enjoy music in Jamaica or Aruba, tour a rum plant in Puerto Rico, sail the Gulf Islands, or fish the Queen Charlottes and Vancouver Island coasts - all in one year.

They took in jazz festivals in Quebec, Chicago, San Diego, San Francisco, Kentucky, Georgia, Arizona, Washington and Oregon, and spent time in the Atlantic provinces, New England, New York, the Florida Keys, New Orleans and California, enjoying jazz.

He always said he had not missed a thing.

Those who wish to do so may make a donation to the Cancer Foundation of Vancouver Island, 2410 Lee Ave., Victoria, V8R 6V5, in his name.

NOAC CONFERENCE 2009

The 2009 Conference, hosted by NOABC, celebrating its 90th anniversary, will take place at Lonsdale Quay in North Vancouver, BC from May 28 to 31.

Conference Hotel

Lonsdale Quay Hotel www.lonsdalequayhotel.com

Room rates are:

Standard: \$129 Single, \$139 Double + taxes

Jr. Suite: \$159 Single, \$169 Double + taxes

Executive: \$189 Single, \$199 Double + taxes

Block booking has been arranged under **Naval Officers Association of Canada** and reservations can be made by calling 1-800-836-6111 or (604) 986-6111 or e-mailing sales@lonsdalequayhotel.com.

Note: Do not book through the hotel's website

Preliminary Program Outline

Delegates' Program

Thursday, May 28th

Executive Meeting

National Board of Directors Meeting

Registration and Host President's Reception

Friday, May 29th

Registration

Seminar at BCIT Marine Campus – Topic TBA

Simulator Demonstrations – BCIT Marine Campus

Dinner Cruise

Saturday, May 30th

Sixty-Fourth Annual General Meeting

National President's Formal Reception and Dinner

Sunday, May 31st

National Board of Directors' Meeting

Up Spirits and Farewell Brunch

Partners' Program

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Further details and updates will be provided on the NOABC Website www.noabc.com or phone Bob McIlwaine in Vancouver, 604-270-6387, workdays.

BOOK REVIEW

by Bob Willson



Author Bonnie G. Rourke at the RCMI
Trafalgar Day, 2008
photo by Bob Willson

The Sea Cadet Years on Georgian Bay by Bonnie G. Rourke, Shore Girl Publications, Orillia, ON, 2008, ISBN 978-0-921922-21-6, 268p, illustrated, index. \$45.00 plus shipping.

Bonnie Rourke's new book will be of interest to present and former Sea Cadets, students of Canadian naval history, students of early Ontario history, and residents of the Georgian Bay Shore.

She skillfully interweaves three themes. One is the history of her family from the 19th century to the mid 20th century. They were early settlers in this part of Ontario who went on to develop the area. The second is her personal story of life on Minnicognashene Island where her father was caretaker and administrator of the Sea Cadet camps Queen Elizabeth and Princess Alice from 1942 to 1953.

The third theme is the personal stories of dozens of Sea Cadets, and their officers, who passed through the camps each summer throughout the period. Enhancing this part of the story are hundreds of photographs from the personal collections of these ex-Cadets.

It is a timely book as many of the characters involved are in their senior years and their stories might have been lost were it not for Rourke's efforts.

She also includes a brief history of the Navy League of Canada. Special tribute is given to Gordon C. Leitch of Toronto and his partner in the shipping business, James Norris of Chicago (founder of the Chicago Black Hawks), who donated the islands to the Navy League.

The book is introduced by Vice Admiral Gary

Garnett, National President of the Navy League, who was a Cadet in LION Sea Cadet Corps (Hamilton).

Although the cadets who trained at these camps all came from Corps in the Province of Ontario, many are now spread throughout the country and will doubtlessly be interested in a book that will revive happy memories.

The book is available from Shore Girl Publications: toadhall@encode.com, 705-326-6425 or the Huronia Museum, Midland ON, info@huronia-museum.com 705-526-2844.

HELP WANTED: Editor BUMPH

Want to be in the midst of Toronto's naval affairs, regularly meet your fellow NOAC members, sit on the NOAC Executive, be in the 'know' before the others, have fun and feel rewarded for your efforts?

Then here is the volunteer job for you!

After six years of editing BUMPH, it is time for me to move forward to pursue other projects, such as touring in our newly acquired motorhome. Therefore, I have officially resigned my position, as of this issue, to make way for another to take over the gathering of information for your Newsletter.

Editing BUMPH is an extremely interesting pass time, taking only a few hours a day over a period of 5 - 10 days every three months.

Over the many years of its existence BUMPH has appeared in many formats, It began with a few pages printed from a photocopier, to what it is now, a professionally printed 12 pager, thanks to computers, the internet and digital cameras.

A knowledge of MS Publisher, MS Word or Corel Word Perfect would be helpful, but if you can type and use a photocopier, you can do it.

Thanks to Bruce Wannamaker, our Printer will help you get BUMPH to press. Dick Wilson and his loyal committee will see that it reaches the members.

BUMPH is the link that keeps us all in the picture, especially for those who can't get out to attend events, and those living far away.

Please volunteer for this interesting, and important position.

Email, post, or phone your application today, and let's get started.

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LETTERS AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Canadian Coastal Forces Trust

Dear Mr. Wannamaker,

It was a pleasure to make your acquaintance. As I mentioned to you in our brief conversation at the NOAC appreciation meeting, the Canadian Coastal Forces Trust was established (as a registered charitable organization) to preserve a "G" Type MTB of the class operated by the 29th (Canadian) Motor Torpedo Boat Flotilla. Subsequently, we discovered that in fact MTB 486, LCdr Tony Law's own command (the Senior Officer of the flotilla), has survived to the present date and is currently being used as a houseboat named Sungo on the River Itchen in Southampton.

Through the kind assistance of Philip Simons of Lloyds, who has a great interest and expertise in Coastal Forces vessels, John Lambert, author of *Anatomy of the Ship: Fairmile D*, and members of the British Military Powerboat Trust (BMPT) located in the United Kingdom, we were able to find the boat yard numbers stamped in the timbers of Sungo and match them to copies of original documents from the British Power Boat Company (who manufactured these boats), concretely establishing that Sungo is in fact MTB 486.

Presently, the owners of the boat have inherited a house into which they have moved, and want to sell MTB 486. They have offered her to us, but will not name a price. The issue is complicated by the fact that they have the right of mooring for £1 each year for ten years, in Southampton. I cannot tell if it would be transferable to another boat. We are trying to contact the Royal Signals base at Marchwood to see if they would allow us to moor 486 there while we were trying to raise the funds to bring her back to Canada.

They did this a few years ago for the BMPT.

We would be very appreciative of any publicity the NOAC could provide to save this valuable and rare specimen of Canada's naval history. On your advice, I shall contact Cdr Willson concerning the insertion of an article in Bumph about the upcoming sale of MTB 486.

Thank you for taking an interest in our project!

LT(N) Nicholas CM Armstrong,

President, Canadian Coastal Forces Trust

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From Victoria, BC

Gentlemen:

As you approach the finals of your deliberations regarding the disposition of funds for next year, may I put in a final plea for the Navy Memorial Window in St Paul's Naval & Garrison Church.

We have now had over 300 donations from such places as N.Ireland, England, Florida, Texas, California and of course all across Canada. We have donations from \$10 to \$4000. Many are "In Memory Of" or "In Honour Of" and these will be entered in a Book of Remembrance to be kept with the Memorial Window. The number of donors shows what broad support we are receiving from a wide cross section of people. The design phase has now started and the Dedication Ceremony will take place in the spring of 2010 to fit in with other Naval Centennial events.

This is a permanent Memorial and a one time request. I promise not to apply for another 100 years.

Bill Hughes, Chairman,

Navy Memorial Window Committee

Quebec City 2008

Dear Bob Willson,

I was surprised to see that there was no reference made, in the September issue of BUMPH, to the 63rd NOAC Annual General Meeting in Quebec City, on May 28th, at the historic Chateau Laurier.

The effort put forth by the Quebec Branch, I thought, was most impressive. There was an excellent seminar on "The Effect of Global Warming in the Canadian Arctic," with presentations on "The Changing Arctic: Legal and Diplomatic Implications," "Melting and the Arctic trade routes," and "Arctic Sovereignty and Military Capability," presented by key university professors of international renown.

The social portion of the meeting included a river cruise to the Island of Orleans, walking tours of the Battlefields, guided tours of Le Manoire, and lunches at Ste Petronille, all in conjunction with Quebec's 400th anniversary. Also, there was a UNTD tour of the Naval Reserve HQ.

The general meeting covered most of the major issues facing the the NOAC to-day, such as membership, and gave us a preview of the preparations being

made for the 2010 anniversary of the Navy.

Sunday afternoon provided us with a formal Naval Sail past, in the St Lawrence, with ships from Britain, Canada, Ireland, France, and the USA.

Pierre Taillon



Pierre and Jackie Taillon, with Elaine and Andy Irwin at the President's reception.
photo provided by Pierre Taillon



HMCS PRESERVER and HMCS ST. JOHN'S can be seen in Quebec Harbour, moored astern of the American Transport Dock Ship USS MESA VERDE (LPD19)
photo by Pierre Taillon

Ottawa To Get New Naval Memorial (reprinted from Legion Magazine)

By 2010 Ottawa will have a new \$2 - million memorial dedicated to the Canadian Navy.

The decision to go ahead with the construction of the monument was made by the National Capital Commission, and the plan is to have it ready for the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Naval Service Act, creating the Canadian Navy, on May 4, 1910.

The monument will be funded by the Department

of National Defence, and while its design is yet undecided, it will roughly compare in size and grandeur to the Peacekeepers` Monument that sits a short distance from Parliament Hill.

Ottawa is already home to the Commonwealth Air Forces Memorial, which was unveiled by the Queen in 1959.

For its part, the Navy has suggested that it would like the monument to be erected near a body of water, and have enough space around it for 1,000 people to gather for ceremonies.

NOAC TORONTO BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

“Toronto Brigantine sets a first.”

by Richard Birchall

At the annual Officers Commissioning dinner, held in June at the Pier 4 restaurant, the Officers and Captains were given their certificates and awarded their rank on their vessel for the sailing season.

The president of the Toronto Brigantine Board, John Harris – formerly an Executive Officer of TS Playfair, handed out the certificates during the ceremony.

The climax of the evening was the announcement and presentation of the Deep Sea Award. This year, for the first time, there were co-recipients, Josiah Chacon-Lontin, XO of TS Playfair, and Sean Parsonage, XO of TS Pathfinder.

Both names will be on the trophy, made from a beautiful plank of Honduras mahogany from Pathfinder's original deckhouse bench seats.

Mounted on the trophy is a wonderful sextant that was donated by the late O.K.Schenk, a former NOAC member and Toronto Brigantine Life member. The sextant was used by Ozzie's grandfather, a master on sailing vessels, and was used for navigation while crossing the Atlantic Ocean.

Make your way to the Christmas Hoist

December 5, 2008 1900 for 1930

HMCS YORK

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A Time To Be Merry!

Lake Huron and the War of 1812

From Collingwood, Life Member Bill Sheppard sends this letter written by Lieutenant M Worsley, RN, who briefly commanded HM Schooner Nancy.

It describes Worsley's engagements with the US Navy in 1814, and it is reproduced here, with the spelling and punctuation as given.

HM Schooner Confiance,
Nottawaysaga, Lake Huron
October 6th 1814

My Dear Father:-

I have this moment received yours of the 20th March which you sent out by Edmond. I assure you that I write at every opportunity but the distances are so great and the letters often miscarry so that must be the reason you have not received any. I was glad to hear Maria is happy from my heart and that all the rest are well.

No doubt you will be astonished to hear that I have got command on Lake Huron which is about seven hundred miles further inland than Lake Ontario. On my arrival on this lake I got a schooner called Nancy mounting 3 guns and 24 men. I had not possession of her more than ten days when I received information that an American squadron was on the lake. I took my schooner up the river and built a Block House and put my guns into it to defend her as I expected an attack, which was the case, as I was getting my last gun into it.

The enemies force consisted of a 20 gun brig and three schooners mounting each a long 24 pounder with 450 soldiers. I however contended with them for my vessel from nine a.m. till four p.m. with my three guns 24 seamen and 10 Indians. Finding my little crew were falling all around me, I immediately formed a resolution to blow up, which I did, made my escape with the rest of my little crew through the woods to the great astonishment of the enemy.

We walked that night with our wounded and dying 36 miles before we came to any house. We lost everything except what we stood upright in. On arrival at this house which had stores in etc. for the Island Michillmachinac which Island I had to supply with stores and provisions, I waited two days and then made my mind up to go on to it in open boats the dis-

tance of 380 miles.

This I did and arrived safe in six days within 40 miles of it when to my great astonishment I saw two enemies Schooners at anchor in a narrow passage that I had to pass called the Detour. Only having two boats and 18 seamen with few arms and knowing the enemies schooners each had a long 24 pr. and forty men I put my men into an Indian canoe and passed them in the night with the intention of applying to the Officer at Michillmachinac for a few soldiers, that I might cut them out.

He complied with my wishes, I returned and finding only one, at night I boarded and took her with the loss of two killed and seven wounded. She proved to be the American Schooner Tygres mounting a long 24pr. and 40 men. They had 4 killed and 3 thrown overboard and drowned and five wounded.

She informed me the other schooner would be back next day therefore I remained at Anchor and sent my prisoners away and prepared to attack her. The following morning she hove in sight I directly cut my cable and ran down on her, boarded her and took her after sharp resistance.

She proved to be the American Schooner Scorpion mounting a long 24 and a long 12pr. We had two wounded, the enemy had 2 killed and 4 wounded. Thus you see after a series of hardships I have got two schooners both finer vessels than the Nancy and have providentially escaped unhurt.

I shall once more be able to make a trip to this Island with provisions before I shall lay my vessel up for the winter it being out of my power to navigate this Lake after the 1st of November it being covered with ice so very cold that you can scarce show your nose out.

In case you should be at a loss to know the importance of keeping this Island, it is the key for the North West Fur Trade and a head post of the Indian Warriors who are a fierce race of men. I must now conclude having letters on service to write and the time short. You will see my dispatches in the paper.

Remember me to my dear Mother and all at home.

I remain your Ever

Dutiful and Affectionate Son,

M. Worsley

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Moyra Haney and Richard Lewis were wreath layers for the Naval Officers' Association of Canada, Toronto Branch

Tuesday 11 November 2008 was a beautiful day, cold, but not bone chilling. Under clear skies a large crowd, including many school groups, gathered around the cenotaph at Old City Hall.

The Colour Parties and veterans groups marched on, led by the band of the 7th Toronto Regiment, RCA, which, along with a group from the Elmer Eisler singers, also provided music for the service.

Sentries from the 48th Highlanders of Canada, dressed in period uniforms of the Boer War, World War I, World War II, and the Afghan conflict, stood vigil.

After the traditional two minutes of silence prayers were offered, the anthems were sung, and His Worship Mayor Miller spoke eloquently about sacrifice, service, and peace. Amongst the multitude of wreath layers, Al Lawrence laid one on behalf of The Naval Club of Toronto. Richard Lewis and Moyra Haney, placed one on behalf of NOAC Toronto Branch.

In the afternoon a good crowd assembled at the Eagles Club, 17 Elm St., for The Naval Club's annual service of remembrance.

This year, Club President Al Simpson asked Ship Mate (SM) Margaret Haliburton, a Past President of the Naval Club, and current President of the WREN Association, to conduct the Service.

The Rev. Father David Mulholland officiated over the religious portion of the Service. SM Nora Pape presented the wreath, and the Glee Club led the singing of the hymns and anthems. PO2 D. Pottinger



Al Lawrence laid the wreath for the Naval Club of Toronto

of HMCS YORK played the Last Post and Reveille.

VIP guests included Honorary Captain (N) Sonya Bata, Senator Art Eggleton, Honorary Member Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, and representatives of NOAC, Toronto Fire services, Toronto Police Services, and HMCS YORK.

Following the service Georgie Williams and her loyal troop provided refreshments.

The naval community of Toronto are fortunate to be able to use the Eagles Club while efforts continue toward getting a new permanent home for The Naval Club. We thank the Eagles for their hospitality.

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2008 - 2009 NAVAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2008

December	5	Annual Christmas Hoist	HMCS YORK	1900
	TBA	HAG* Dine the Ladies Christmas Dinner	LIUNA Station	TBA
	15	WREN Association Xmas Lunch	Eagles Club**	1200
		Guests welcome - \$15.00. Contact Margaret Haliburton 416-594-3359		
	18	Christmas Lunch	Mission to Seamen	1200
	21	Georgie's Xmas Dinner	Eagles Club**	
		Club opens at 1200, dinner 1800, \$15.00. Contact Georgie 416-221-4779		
	24	Christmas Eucharist and Fellowship	Mission to Seamen	1900

2009

January	14	NOACTO Board Meeting	HMCS YORK	TBA
	15	Robbie Burns Lunch	Mission to Seamen	1200
	19	WREN Association Annual Election	Eagles Club**	1200
	20	Canadian Forces College Reception	HMCS YORK	1830
	28	HAG* lunch and speaker	Coach & Lantern Pub	1200
February	16	WREN Association General Meeting	Eagles Club**	1200
	18	NOACTO Board Meeting	HMCS YORK	TRB
March	16	WREN Association General Meeting	Eagles Club**	1200
	TBA	NOACTO Board Meeting	HMCS YORK	TBA

If you have any events that you would like included in the calendar in February 2009 please contact the editor, Bob Willson, email rawillson@rogers.com phone 416 304 1440, The deadline for the February BUMPH is 31 January, 2009.

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** Hamilton Area Group.*

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