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The President presents Captain Wendall Brown, a Sailor, upon his retirement as Captain of HMCS Sackville.

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I again have requested of the membership that every attempt to attend the funerals and memorial services for our shipmates and their families who have passed away. While we do not have the facilities to advise everyone of an obituary, as they are posted in the newspaper I would expect that an effort would be made to pay the proper respect to our friends.

I would like to thank Linda Bennett who has donated a flag for our Murmansk Mast in Point Pleasant Park in memory of her father Chief ‘Wiggy’ Bennett, who made the Murmansk Run 3 times.
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Charter, Ordinary, Affiliate and Life Members 650
Honourary Members 15
Miscellaneous Members 18
Total Membership 695

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Membership dues are $25 per year

LAST POST
THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES CROSSED THE BAR RECENTLY

William Sheehy 86 C2ST
Ottawa, ON 22-4-12

Joe Kearney 77 C2CK
Victoria, BC 08-5-12

Clive ‘Pat’ Pattison 76 C2ER
Halifax, NS 10-5-12

Ernie Brown 65 PONWT
Halifax, NS 28-05-12

For though from out our bourn of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.
Alfred, Lord Tennyson

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Meet: Third Wednesday of the Month HMCS Carleton
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Feature of the Month

The Phantom Fleet

Submitted by D. Buster Brown

As I looked down from the *Angus L.*, at the warships far below Ships of our modern navy, with names I little know And then I began to reminisce, my memory started to flow I began to see a fleet of Ships, and its men of long ago.

I saw the Micmac and the Haida, Cayuga and Atha-bee Fort Erie, Maggie, then Swansea and Lauzon, coming home from overseas I saw Algonquin now Nootka and St.Laurent, then Iroquois with Saguenay Their names made faint and streaked with rust, from the wild Atlantic spray.

And some I see, to harbour come, as though through glasses dark Then Skeena and Crusader, LaHulloise berthed outboard of Cape Scott Now too there comes with imposing guns, once Uganda now lady Quebec Dark, grey, indomitable and sinister, from the spot on which I stepped

Ships from the North Atlantic, from the Med and Caribbean Sea The big Ships and the Small ships, returned for me to see There's the Resolute and the Fundy, the Crescent and the Sioux The Lanark and Inch Arran, the Mallard and the Loon.

And then I looked down at the Bonnie’, as she's tugged from Jetty Four, while inbound from Arctic waters, to take her space, ice-covered Labrador. And just ahead at Jetty Five, our brothers beneath the sea, I saw through a gray and muffled haze, Ambush, Astute… and Alderney.

But mercifully hidden, are those brave men now stilled, their anguished cries I cannot see them clearly now, “Must be the smoke that's in my eyes!” Where now, ill-fated Sidon, Kootenays and Nipigon's JP Five Whose men fought on to help their brothers, in vain to save their lives.

Where now Bill Boudreau Eric Harmon. . . Tom Pitt and Vern McLeod Carroll, Wibberley, McKee and Danny Budge. . . don't forget our Captain Hal, Gerry Lavery, Yogi Jelinek. . . The Catman, Fred McKee, Heroes-all you are For they who have gone and left us, and sadly Crossed The Bar

I thought I saw them mustering aft, for ceremonial Morning Prayer Then I heard the strains 'For Those In Peril’. . . rise in the morning air Then darker grew the picture, as the lowering dusk came on I looked down from the MacDonald Bridge, but all those Ships had gone

Those mighty Ships had vanished, aboard them those brave men We'll surely never ever see, the likes of them again So here we stand in homeport Slackers, on the North Atlantic shore With honoured pride remember them, those men who've gone before

We who are left salute you, and raise a glass and say As well, with pride you will ALL be remembered, on Battle Of The Atlantic Day.
HMCS Ojibwa now belongs to the Elgin Military Museum (EMM). Attached find the DND press release. Also visit our project website to track the movement of Heddle Marine’s floating dry dock. Go to "marinetraffic.com" - look for the Florence M, currently south of Oshawa on lake Ontario - headed for Halifax. Due to arrive about Thursday next week May 16, 2012 15:00 ET

Ontario Military Museum to Receive Decommissioned Oberon Submarine OTTAWA, ONTARIO--(Marketwire - May 16, 2012) - The Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence, has signed an agreement that will allow the Elgin Military Museum in St. Thomas, Ontario, to take possession of one of the Royal Canadian Navy’s decommissioned submarines - the former HMCS Ojibwa - for permanent, public display.

HMCS Ojibwa is an Oberon-class submarine, commissioned in 1965 and removed from operational service in 1998. Ojibwa was one of three Oberon-class diesel-electric submarines acquired in the 1960s by the RCN; the others being Onandaga and Okanagan. A fourth Oberon-class submarine, Olympus, was acquired in 1989 to serve as a stationary training vessel in Halifax.

"For more than 30 years, the Ojibwa played a significant role in protecting Canada’s sovereignty and security," said Minister MacKay. "The Oberon-class submarines were difficult to detect, even for navy ships with sophisticated anti-submarine detection equipment. I’m proud this piece of Canadian history will now be put on display in Port Burwell."

"I have always believed in this project and am excited to see it come to fruition," stated MP Joe Preston who has actively worked with Minister MacKay and the project’s team. "It will be an excellent economic booster for the Municipality of Bayham and the surrounding region. It was a collaboration of many different individuals and groups including the museum, the Municipality and the federal government to get to this point."

The museum will fund the physical transfer of the 90-metre Ojibwa from Halifax Harbour, Nova Scotia, to a site at Port Burwell, Ontario, and Ojibwa’s establishment as a museum open to the public.

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If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without alcohol,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
...Then you are probably ...

The Family Dog!
Promotions

June 1955

Einarson, George ‘Hank’ . . . . LSLM
Ives, Richard . . . . . . . . . . LSLM
Kennedy, John A . . . . . . . . . LSLR
Kidd, Richard W . . . . . . . . . . LSVS
McKenna, Owen D . . . . . . . . . LSTD
Robitaille, Gerald J . . . . . . . . LSLM
Rostek, Fred F . . . . . . . . . . . LSQR
Whitney, Kenneth J . . . . . . . . LSTD

Golden Memories

Alex Chalmers
Halifax, NS
94 Years Young
June 9, 2012

Roger and Jean Boutin
Lower Sackville, NS
61 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 12, 2012

James Earle
Halifax, NS
93 Years Young
June 2, 2012

Jack and Vanella Lawrence
Oakville, ON
60 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 21, 2012

Frank Holk
Dundas, ON
93 Years Young
June 18, 2012

Murray and Patricia Lahey
Dartmouth, NS
56 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 9, 2012

John Neale
Dundas, ON
92 Years Young
June 25, 2012

John and Dolores Micallef
Dartmouth, NS
56 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 18, 2012

Earl Giles
Antigonish, NS
91 Years Young
June 2, 2012

Fred and Joan Rostek
Lower Sackville, NS
56 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 25, 2012

Marion Schimp
Truro, NS
88 Years Young
June 19, 2012

Percy and Marilyn Edgecombe
Saint John, NB
55 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 8, 2012

Betty Hodgins
Nanaimo, BC
83 Years Young
June 28, 2012

Dennis and Marlene May
Halifax, NS
51 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 24, 2012

Dolores Micallef
Dartmouth, NS
76 Years Young
June 21, 2012

Wayne and Nancy Nordin
Hants County, NS
50 Years of Wedded Bliss
June 9, 2012

Days of Yore

June 25, 1940
HMCS Fraser . collision . 47 men lost

June 6, 1944
110 RCN ships and vessels take part in D-Day invasion

June 25, 1950
Korean war commences

June 13, 1956
HMCS Quebec is paid off

June 22, 1992
HMCS Halifax commissions in Halifax, NS

June 21, 1749
Halifax, NS founded

Women

A real woman is a man’s best friend. She will never stand him up and never let him down. She will reassure him when he feels insecure and comfort him after a bad day. She will inspire him to do things he never thought he could do; to live without fear and forget regret. She will enable him to express his deepest emotions and give in to his most intimate desires. She will make sure he always feels as though he’s the most handsome man in the room and will enable him to be the most confident, sexy, seductive and invincible...

No wait ... Sorry.

I’m thinking of RUM....It's RUM that does all that! Never mind.
Little Known Tidbit Of Naval History Submitted by Scotty

The USS Constitution (Old Ironsides), as a combat vessel, carried 48,600 gallons of fresh water for her crew of 475 officers & men. This was sufficient to last 6 months of sustained operations at sea. She carried no evaporators (i.e. fresh water distillers).

However, let it be noted that according to her ship’s log, “On July 27, 1798, the USS Constitution sailed from Boston with a full complement of 475 officers & men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,400#s of black powder & 79,400 gallons of rum.” Her mission: “To destroy & harass English shipping.”

Making Jamaica on October 6, she took on 826#s of flour & 68,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there November 12. She provisioned with 550#s of beef & 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On the 18th of November, she set sail for England. In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war & captured & scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By January 26, her powder & shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery & transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

The USS Constitution arrived in Boston February 20, 1799, with no cannon shot, no food, no powder, no rum, no wine, no whisky, & 38,600 gallons of water.

GO NAVY!

Honour Roll of Age Happy Birthday To All Concerned

Members 90 years and over that age and ladies will have an honourary place in the Golden Memories article.

May 2012, Correction:
Claude Michaud 70 St. Hubert, QC 05-03-12
Bev Leal 73 Dartmouth, NS 21-4-12

June 2012:
Moe Ash 81 Porters Lake, NS 08-12
George Aucoin 81 Cheticamp, NS 03-12
George Branchaud 71 Whitby, ON 12-12
Cecil Brown 86 Ottawa, ON 29-12
Don ‘Buster’ Brown 71 Halifax, NS 30-12
John Brownrigg 77 Dartmouth, NS 28-12
Rolf Bruhn 76 Dartmouth, NS 29-12
Charles Bush 89 Chelmsford, ON 08-12
Ernest Butler 73 Penhold, AB 22-12
Harold ‘Curly’ Crockett 80 Lower Sackville, NS 03-12
Malcolm Dawson 81 Centreville, NS 27-12
Frank Doolittle 79 Lawrencetown, NS 08-12
Tom Estabrooks 80 Dartmouth, NS 21-12
William Farmer 83 Carleton, ON 23-12
Joe Fillion 75 Belmont, NS 23-12
David Gourley 74 Dartmouth, NS 17-12
John Gregory 74 Dartmouth, NS 21-12
Fred Haggerty 84 Ottawa, ON 19-12
Frank Hansen 85 Middle Sackville, NS 12-12
Ray Harvie 78 Dartmouth, NS 12-12
Rael Hebert 84 Porters Lake, NS 28-12
Joe Hemicovich 79 Dartmouth, NS 05-12
John Kennedy 79 Dartmouth, NS 14-12
Murray Lahey 77 Dartmouth, NS 18-12
David MacKinnon 74Hammonds Plains, NS 22-12
Ron MacNaughton 74 Hubley, NS 06-12
Roy MacVittie 80 Saint Albert, AB 03-12
Don Mackey 72 Dartmouth, NS 16-12
Pierre Majeau 54 Dartmouth, NS 09-12
William Marlow 74 Lower Sackville, NS 20-12
Ken Maybury 78 Dartmouth, NS 18-12
William McIvor 83 Calgary, AB 29-12
Ken Miles 70 Tatamagouche, NS 20-12
Andrew Nickle 74 Lower Sackville, NS 02-12
Gerard Pattenden 75 Kingston, ON 06-12
Richard Patterson 63 Dartmouth, NS 19-12
William Pitul 81 Musquodobit Harbour, NS 27-12
William Poole 70 Scott’s Bay, NS 04-12
Harris Rooney 63 Dartmouth, NS 14-12
Alex Schimp 88 Truro, NS 19-12
Raymond Shanks 80 Hantsport, NS 11-12
Paul Simpson 78 Halifax, NS 24-12
George Stark 75 Dartmouth, NS 09-12
Andrew Sunstrum 71 Cobgen, ON 14-12
Gary Thompson 62 Brookside, NS 07-12
John Tilley 80 Shearwater, NS 08-12
Ross Webb 79 Peterborough, ON 01-12
Roy Wight 74 Annapolis Royal, NS 06-12
Fred Wry 66 Moncton, NB 22-12
David Yeo 66 Cornwall, PEI 28-12

These figures are taken from application forms when submitted. Discrepancies are to be forwarded to gaylordk@yahoo.com or the Association office 902 420-0370.

If you do not wish to have the date of your birth placed here, please contact me at gaylordk@yahoo.com or 902 446 8001.
Left – the President thanks Brian Richardson, Command Service Officer, RCL upon his presentation to the Meeting.
Right – Wreathe laid at Cornwallis RCNA reunion, May 2012

The Canadian Naval Divers Association

11TH Triannual Reunion on the
14th 15th & 16th, SEPTEMBER, 2012.

Starting with a Meet and Greet in "Y" hanger, fleet diving unit (Atlantic) at CFB Shearwater, at 1200-1800 with a welcome party, late registrations, and the unveiling of our diver memorial plaque with a toast to our departed friends.

Contact person for this upcoming reunion is
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