

# TELEGRAPH



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## FALL 2017

### From the Bridge



### President's Report Fall 2017

Hello Shipmates;

I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer (what there was of it)! Now that September has arrived and everyone is back in routine, so is the Club. We are back to being open on Saturdays with a friendly, familiar face behind the bar. Beth Scott has returned to give us a hand on Saturdays, so let's not let her get lonely. That goes for Jojo and Angie (she still fills in when work permits) too!

What has gone on since the last edition of the Telegraph? The Galley! Yes, the galley is finally finished! It is retro-fitted and working like a charm! Check with the guys from Whiskers and see how much they like all the new stuff (not to mention how much easier it is to cook and the change in variety of the meals)! The new equipment was just two days old when it was put to the test with our first-ever Steak Night. The char-broiler was

a big hit! We had fifty-six members and guests in attendance for the steak night! It was a great turn-out. We dined on Caesar Salad, 10 oz. New York strip steaks, coleslaw, potato salad, pasta salad and, thanks to S/M Luke Cain, mushrooms and onions. A tremendous feast! It was a lot of work, so some thank yous are in order: S/M Charlie Ross - crowd control at the door, Madam Secretary Sue McLennan - set up and serving, S/M Debra Shepherdson - serving, Angie - setting up and bartending, S/M Bill Middleton - picking up the groceries, and Fran for serving and clean up. All the while, S/M Ron Sakki was in the galley flipping the steaks (on our new char-broiler). I had it easy this time around - all I had to do was doctor steaks and run around. Thanks to all who helped!

The next thing on our calendar of events was our Canada Day BBQ. This was another good day for the Club, with our own members, guests, and members of the neighbourhood in attendance (about fifty in all). There was the usual fanfare for Canada Day - Beer, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and, of course, the usual "stuff we all get" (SWAG) from the brewers (T-shirts, bottle openers, etc.) Those in attendance had a great time! Every so often when I would come in from the backyard, I could hear a few dips being spun. Thanks to S/M Dave Shepherdson, S/M Debra Shepherdson, S/M Charlie Ross, S/M Sue McLennan and S/M Bill Middleton (the Storesman).

We also had our August BBQ Banyan where a good time had by all, but it was not as well attended as last year's August Q. I don't think that the rain had anything to do with it as the only things to get wet were the BBQ and the cheese. There were a couple of good downpours!

Our BBQ and Corn Boil was a great time, but again not as well attended as last year (must have been the hot weather and everyone still at the cottage). However, those that did attend had a great time! Thanks to S/M's David and Debra Shepherdson for picking the sweetest corn they could find and bringing it down. It was nice corn! Believe it or not, we only used one pound of butter to butter everyone's corn, and there were no complaints of not enough butter. The old butter in the jar trick works every time!

On September 9<sup>th</sup> I had the pleasure of attending the WRCN's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch (and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WRNS) at RCMI. It was a great afternoon with the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario in attendance and a very large number of Wartime WRENs. A great time was had by all. I know that there will be more to follow on this splendid event later in the Telegraph.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

At the last general meeting in September S/M Bob Willson was nominated to become a Life Member of the Club. A vote was taken and the result was a unanimous "yes". This is a well-deserved title given to someone who has done a lot of work for the Club over the years. So, congratulations L/M Bob!

Also at the last meeting we spoke about security cameras around the Club. The installation of the cameras will be carried out within the next two weeks. We also spoke about the walk-in fridge. The gutting and rebuilding is still up in the air as we must wait for times from the contractor (when they are available) and times that will not interfere with Club business (i.e. rentals).

In closing I would like to remind everyone that Remembrance Day is coming up. The Remembrance Service will take place in the Club at 1400 with a reception to follow. Please remember that Remembrance Day is one of the very few days that the Club uses the dress code. Dress: men - Blues and greys, or jacket and tie. Women - Blues and greys or equivalent.

Keep salty, my friends!

Gord McLennan  
President

## **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President**

Position presently vacant as Gord McLennan was elected as Club President.

## **Second Vice-President**

Shipmates -

Welcome to Fall! The first weekend of Fall was the best weekend of Summer! At the September General Meeting, a letter from Life member Al Simpson was read to the membership nominating Robert Willson (2 L's) for Life Membership. A vote was quickly taken and it was a unanimous, "yes".

Thus, our membership is now:

Life	4
Honorary Life	6
Naval	76
Associate	16
Social	25
Social NV	<u>13</u>
Total	140

This total is down 30 from a year ago, from members who did not pay their dues.

I will be preparing the new membership cards for 2018 and they will be ready for the AGM. I will be accepting payments at that time.

Yours,

David Shepherdson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

## Treasurer's Chest



Well shipmates, I can only say that your Executive has had a very exciting and rewarding summer. Barbecues every month were enjoyed by all in attendance and added much-needed funds to the coffers, making this one of our most rewarding summers!

We had problems that arose but were corrected immediately to keep the Club operating and prevent wasteful expenses: a galley refit; a dishwasher motherboard replacement; wall repairs (needed to shore up the side driveway); a security camera system installation; the pests that returned a few times were stamped out before they could do any damage to the structure of the property; and toilet reconstruction which stopped the high cost of continually-running water from pushing the water bills through the roof.

This has been the first time that we have approached the Capital Fund in years to pay for capital expenditure, not for the operating budget of the Club. The Capital Fund now is showing an investment profit that can be measured in thousands of dollars.

It is especially gratifying to see that after many years of hard work and the the difficult choices that had to be made, clearly we have chosen the correct path - a path not only to put a bandage on the bleeding, but to start the healing process. Thanks to the city's old tax laws and our relentless hammering on these loopholes, for the greater part of the year we have been able to operate without having continually to go, hat in hand, to the Capital Fund, to ask for money to keep the Club running. This does not mean that we may not still have to ask, but, for now, we are okay.

This is where I would normally be writing the bad news on dollars and cents, but at this time I would like to show you some good numbers! I said that if you, the members of the Club, would allow me to direct the finances of the Club, I would turn your balance sheets around. Comparing the first eight

months of this year against 2016, during the same time period, the income statements show these results:

January 1 to September 2, 2016 - income statement showed a minus

- \$ 50,851.72

January 1 to September 2, 2017 -income statement showed only a minus

- \$ 9,922.30

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Bill Middleton

(The Secretary says, "You totally *rock* Mr. Treasurer!")

## House Director

Hello Shipmates

Nothing much to report this additional as all is ship shape. Should you see something that needs our attention then please advise JO JO and she will let me know

Thanks, and see you at the club!

Ron Sakki

House Director

## Sports and Entertainment Report

Autumn Report 2017

Welcome to autumn, shipmates. I hope everyone had a good spring and summer, although it was sometimes hard to tell the difference between the two. Just as a recap, these are some of the functions that we brought forth for your enjoyment: the Steak night in May (attended by 60 shipmates and their friends and family), our Canada Day celebration, the Banyan in August (only about 30 shipmates and friends partook), and lastly the BBQ corn boil in September (about 40 shipmates dropped in). For those of you who attended any of these functions, whether it was for the whole time or just dropped in for a short while, I hope you enjoyed yourself and had a chance to touch base with the Club and your mates.

With the purchase of a new stove and grill for the galley, the cooks have greatly improved the efficiency and ability to offer an expanded range of meals. We are looking into other meal options that maybe feasible to put on, so if you have any ideas as to what you would prefer as a meal or other entertainment, please let me know.

Also, don't forget that Beth is back! She is waiting to brighten your Saturdays during 1200-1800, so come on down and have a laugh. For the future, we have booked Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October as an Oktoberfest dinner evening. This will be a fine opportunity to sling back a beer or two, have some traditional Oktoberfest scran, and enjoy good cheer with your mates! Prosit! As always, look to the calendar or phone the club for information on upcoming events.

Although the season is cooling down and winter is approaching this need not cool our esprit de corps! With your help we will work to develop more and better occasions to give you a reason to exercise your privilege as a member of an organization as steeped in history as your Naval Club.

Charles Ross  
Sports and Entertainment Director

## Announcements

Next General Meeting is not till November



## Last Post

*The following shipmates recently crossed the bar ...*

### Naval

S/M Gordon William MacDonald - Sept 23, 2017  
S/M Ed Koski – Sept 8, 2017

### Social

S/M James McBride – Sept 6, 2017

Details are published on our website.

*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*

## From Around the Club.

### Canada Day 2017- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canada



“Celebrating Beth’s proud Canadian rig!”



Great Food prepared in the new Galley

### August Banyan



Naval members enjoying the refreshments



Larry Barwick with friends from the Model Railroad Club of Toronto

### September Corn Boil



Luke Cain, Beth, Saul Glass and John Fielder



Bob Willson and Family with Past President Mike Roger

## NAVAL COMMUNITY NEWS



### The Wrens' 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

By Sue McLennan, Club Secretary

It was a lovely, sunny Autumn afternoon on Saturday, 9 September 2017 when about 100 of us gathered at the Royal Canadian Military Institute on University Avenue to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the WRCNS here in Canada and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the WRNS in Great Britain. The luncheon was graced with the presence of a number of WW II, Post-war, Cold War, and also a couple of currently-serving wrens, with their friends and families.

CPO2 Maggie Birtch brought a selection of posters, pictures and uniformed mannequins from HMCS YORK's archives with which she and I decorated the room where the luncheon was held. S/M Janet Watt's wartime uniform, cap, "glamour boots" and duffle bag were a popular conversation starter, and the green uniform caused a few shudders for those of us who wore it in the 70's! Donna Murakami and S/M Diane Lee Huba set up the additional wren banners and the finishing touches on the tables so the room looked lovely.

The special guest of honour was the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. She was a very gracious lady and spoke quite eloquently. She also wore the biggest, most beautiful red hat that I think I've ever seen! She was on a very tight schedule, but managed to eat the delicious lunch, and be photographed with all the wrens on the main staircase.

L/M (and Honorary Wren!) Bob Willson entertained us with tales from his career and the wrens that he had encountered in their various roles along the way. This included me, as a newly-minted Leading Wren in December 1975, when I reported aboard the ship he commanded, HMCS ANNAPOLIS, to work in her Ship's Office after she came out of re-fit.

Former Mississauga mayor, Hazel McCallion, also recounted how she had been a "wren for a day." Her wartime work, developing synthetic rubber, was deemed so important that her civilian employer contacted Ottawa and quickly quashed her enrollment in the WRCNS!

It was a great afternoon, and to see so many friends who have not been out and about for a while was good for the soul! BZ to Diane and Donna for their organisation of a wonderful occasion!



# Canadian Coast Guard Ship Hit with \$6K Speeding Ticket in Gulf of St. Lawrence

September 18, 2017 by Mike Schuler



The Canadian government has issued a \$6,000 speeding ticket to a Canadian Coast Guard ship for travelling over the posted speed limit in the western Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Since August 11, 2017, Transport Canada has **been imposing a 10-knot speed limit** for larger vessels operating in designated areas of the Gulf of St. Lawrence due to the increased presence of right whales in the area. The speed restriction applies to ALL vessels of 20 meters or greater travelling in the western Gulf of St. Lawrence, between the Quebec north shore and just north of Prince Edward Island.

To that end, Transport Canada said it has issued a \$6,000 penalty to the Canadian Coast Guard Ship *Sir William Alexander* for its alleged non-compliance with the temporary mandatory speed restriction.

The slowdown comes after the deaths of at least 10 North Atlantic right whales in the Gulf of St. Lawrence in recent months, which have made 2017 the **deadliest year record for the endangered mammals.**

To ensure compliance, Transport Canada has been working with the Canadian Coast Guard and its Marine Communications and Traffic Services Centres to monitor marine traffic and enforce the speed restriction.

In a statement, Transport Canada said that while the shipping industry, in general, has been proactive in respecting the speed limits, it has imposed similar \$6,000 fines on the commercial vessels Seven Seas Navigator, a cruise ship owned by Regent Seven Seas, and the MV Petalon, a Greek-flagged bulk carrier, for violating the speed limit.

“Our Government is determined to promote the safe coexistence of ship traffic and the marine environment in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. We are committed to ensuring that all vessels meet the temporary speed limit, and we will continue to take all appropriate action to ensure the safety of the whales,” commented Minister of Transport, The Honourable Marc Garneau.

Vessel owners have 30 days to pay the penalty or to ask the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada to review the facts of the violation or the amount of the penalty.

## **RCN’s new supply ship will alternate between east and west coasts**



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There was a report out of Halifax last week claiming that the new Resolve-class supply ship, being leased to the Royal Canadian Navy would be based out of that city for the next decade.

Not so, says the RCN.

The headquarters for the civilian crew will be in Halifax, the RCN says. But the ship itself will alternate between the east and west coasts.

After its acceptance procedures at the end of this year – done in Halifax – the ship will sail for CFB Esquimalt, BC. It is expected to be based at that port in early 2018 as the RCN concentrates on expanding its presence in the Pacific, according to a RCN spokesman

At some point in 2018 the ship (Asterix, shown above in a Davie provided photo) will sail back to Halifax but it is unclear at this point when that would happen. And then back and forth between the two coasts as needed for operations

## **Babcock presents design contender for Royal Navy Type 31 frigate**



zoomPhoto: Babcock

**British shipbuilder Babcock has unveiled a new frigate design that will be offered as a design for the Royal Navy’s Type 31 frigate.**

Arrowhead, as the design is named is a 120 meter general-purpose frigate Babcock believes it can build for the Royal Navy under the £250 million price limit set by the defense ministry.

Babcock said the Arrowhead design is suited for either a single build strategy, or a cross-site build strategy bringing together modules – an approach used for aircraft carrier assembly at Rosyth.

Arrowhead’s adaptable configuration acknowledges operational roles will change through the life of the ship with multiple mission bays incorporated into the design allowing for rapid reconfiguration and re-role.

Craig Lockhart, managing director naval marine, Babcock said: “Arrowhead is a game changing general purpose frigate for modern navies. Optimising Through Life Support costs is at the very core of the principles of Arrowhead’s design and build methodology, all balanced against the ability to deliver the required capability.

**Newfoundland LED lighting firm wins \$1M contract to illuminate navy frigate**



MOUNT PEARL, N.L.—An East Coast company that makes lighting fixtures specially designed for ships has won an approximately \$1 million to install a new LED lighting system aboard the HMCS Toronto.

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Sept. 5. It said the new LEDs will replace the fluorescent lights currently in use on the Halifax-class frigate, cutting energy use in half while improving lifespan.

The contract was awarded through the Build in Canada Innovation Program—a federal program designed to put new Canadian technologies through the paces in real-world conditions.

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Along with improving on fluorescent lighting technology, Marine Industrial’s new LED system uses motion detection switching and controlled dimming to conserve energy.

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The Canadian Navy's HMCS Toronto will get an LED retrofit, replacing less efficient fluorescent lighting systems

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## Cooks from Ottawa’s namesake warship win “Galley Wars” in the U.S.



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The Royal Canadian Navy culinary specialist team aboard HMCS Ottawa congratulate each other after being announced the winner of LA Fleet Week 2017 Galley Wars, a cooking competition held during the second annual Los Angeles Fleet Week. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Mark Barney/Released)

The Royal Canadian Navy culinary specialist team aboard HMCS Ottawa won the “Galley Wars” competition in Los Angeles. The event, judged by celebrity chefs Robert Irvine, Mei Lin and Steve Samson, is part of LA Fleet Week, an event held Sept. 1-4.

HMCS Ottawa culinary specialists went up against teams from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marines and U.S. Coast Guard.

Photos courtesy of U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. DoD and Fleet Week LA:



LOS ANGELES (Sept. 4, 2017) A Royal Canadian Navy culinary specialist assigned to HMCS Ottawa places buns on the grill during Galley Wars, a cooking competition held during the second annual Los Angeles Fleet Week.(U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Mark Barney/Released)



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## Naval Funny



HIS TONGUE can tie any KNOT in the WORLD  
HIS ORGAN DONATION CARD lists his BEARD  
ONCE, A SHARK BIT HIM. AFTER five days of PAIN, the SHARK DIED  
HE ONCE WROTE a novel in SEMAPHORE  
HIS MOTHER'S TATTOO says "SON"  
HIS LICENCE DOESN'T say "MASTER", it says "THE MASTER"  
THE SIRENS of GREECE tie THEMSELVES to TREES when his SHIP PASSES  
HE only uses DOTS to TRANSMIT MORSE  
HE will NEVER LOSE A GAME of CHANCE  
HE MASTERED the FLYING DUTCHMAN, TWICE  
HE CROSSED the NORTH ATLANTIC with only A PADDLE and his BEARD  
THE KRAKEN ONCE ASKED him to POSE for a SELFIE  
WHEN he WHISTLES ABOARD SHIP the WINDS STOP BLOWING  
HIS GLANCE ALONE tells IRON MIKE where to STEER

HE *IS* the SALTIEST MAN in the WORLD

**STAY SALTY my FRIENDS**

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