

# TELEGRAPH



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## SUMMER 2018

### From the Bridge



#### President's Report January 2018

Shipmates;

Welcome to the Spring – Summer edition of the *Telegraph*. I think I'll start with what has gone on since the last edition. In February the weather monkey was not very kind to us – cold, snowy, and it seemed the wind didn't stop! However, that didn't stop us from celebrating all things February on the



10th!  
We

celebrated the Club's 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday with a BBQ which, by the end of the day, was snowed out. At the same time, we also marked St Valentine's Day (so that no one could say that they weren't taken out for this special lover's occasion), Flag Day, and Family Day (for those who had to work). It was a good turnout of members, family and friends. The last weekend of the month we had our yearly Friday routine on the Galley. Everything was moved out, the exhaust hood was professionally cleaned, decks and bulkheads power-washed, stoves, grills, flat top, counter tops and dishwasher were scrubbed, and all the dishes were washed and put back in place. It was a couple of days of hard work! Thanks go out to Shipmates Charlie Ross, Ron Sakki, and Bill Middleton. Bill and Charlie also came in on Sunday and painted the deckhead. If I missed someone who helped please let me know, as I know that other people chipped in with carrying things in and out.

March was a quiet month; we had to cancel our St Patty's dinner due to lack of interest. This was surprising as normally this dinner has been quite well attended in the past. It even seems that the Whiskers crowd is getting a lower turnout this year. HMCS YORK's Band was back again in March for their annual recital. There was a good



crowd in the Club that evening. More of our members came out to enjoy this event than

last year, but there was still lots of room for more of our shipmates to attend. There was excellent music - everything from your normal brass and reed instruments, to conch shells and the ever-popular Digeridoo. A lot of fun was had by all! Many thanks to Cdr Robert Johnston, Commanding Officer, HMCS YORK, for his kind permission for the band to play at the Club. Thank you as well to Lt(N) Jack t'Mannetje, the Director of Music, HMCS YORK and, of course, the sailors of HMCS YORK! We also had our general meeting in March. April started off busy with Easter at the beginning of the month, and the first Saturday was our Pasta Dinner. This was a good time but, again, not as well attended as in the past. For the 25 of us who were in attendance, we had a great time and great food. Thanks to L/M Alan Simpson for heading up the galley crew and S/M Beth Scott for handling the bar. We also had S/M Charlie Ross on the door and Shipmates MaryAnn Cain, and Sue McLennan help with the serving. Thanks to everyone!

May started off well with the Battle of the Atlantic (BofA) Parade. We had a nice day, not quite as warm as last year, but still a nice day for a parade. The move to Nathan Phillips Square seems to have been a good one! The Public can now see what is going on, there is more room for a March Past, and one of the good things is the rear rank of the parade doesn't have to worry about getting

run over by street cars when the parade was crowded around the Cenotaph at Old City Hall. The participation of the membership in the parade was very good. We had a marching platoon of ten and another six in the colour party. This may not be as many as in the past, but I think that this year there were a few more knee replacements than usual (or some waiting for one). Back at the Club, we had a good turnout of around 50 to have a few cool ones, eat some munchies, and tell lies.

In preparation for BofA, I made a pipe for volunteers for a work party to tidy the Club up. We had twelve members show for the clean up. The Club was dusted, heads and wash places and decks scrubbed, the bright work taken care of, new flags placed outside and even the windows were washed, getting all that winter grime off. A big "Thank you!" (in no particular order) to Shipmates Allan Levine, Peter Baker, Mike Bell, Dave and Debra Shepherdson, Charlie Ross, Sue McLennan, Kristen Kidd, Stewart Waldon, Bill Middleton, and Jojo Coulson. Again, thank you! The Club looked great!



Way to put your back into it!

This will be the last *Telegraph* until the Fall, but remember the Club is still open! We have our Canada Day BBQ on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>, and an August BBQ (date to be determined). Come down for lunch or just to shoot the breeze. Have a great summer and see you around the Club!

“KEEP SALTY”!

Gord McLennan  
President

### **First Vice-President**

Position vacant because S/M Gord McLennan was elected as President.

### **Second Vice-President’s Report**

Shipmates,

I hope everyone had a good May 24 weekend and are looking forward to a Great Summer.

Thank you for paying your dues. In the month of April three members paid their dues, leaving 24 Naval members in arrears.

The current paid membership stands at:

Life - 4  
Honorary Life - 6  
Naval - 53  
Associate - 14  
Social – 31

Yours,

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



## *Treasurer’s Chest*

### *Ahoy Mates!*

As you know, last year was a time to rejoice in finding lost money that the City Taxman had to return to us! This allowed us to finally balance the books for the year 2017. For the first time in many years we started this year off with a plus balance (well, at least until the Taxman started his collection for 2018 in March)! Up until then we were still ahead of the game, and even then, all was not lost! Just before the third instalment payment was due, we received the 2017 property taxes rebate for \$3900 which more than paid for all first three months’ taxes.

However, utility bills of \$4000, along with standard operating costs, have made a dent in the bank account, and we are starting to find ourselves cash-strapped once again. For the first time in almost a year, I have had to go to the Capital Fund and request a top-up for the Club’s operation account to see us through the next round of property taxes, utilities, and everyday invoices (that seem never to stop).

With events coming up over the next couple of months, and members dropping in during the summer months for burgers and brews, we should be able to weather the storms ahead and not take on too much water, while having fun.

Club hours are:  
Tuesday – Friday 1200 - 2000  
Saturday 1200 - 1800

During July and August, the Club will be closed on Saturdays unless there are planned events.

Private events can still be booked for Saturdays and Sundays during the summer.

COME DOWN, ONE AND ALL, for the Club's CANADA DAY BARBEQUE on (you know when) the 1<sup>ST</sup> of JULY 2018 from 1200 until???

Bill Middleton  
Treasurer

### **SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

Welcome to summer! (Since we didn't have much of a spring, it seems appropriate!) Well, we had a little quieter winter this year. Maybe there were some hibernation going on!

This is the list of the functions that we had over the winter of 2018:



Robbie Burns Supper (January), the Club's 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday and all things February Party, HMCS YORK Band Recital (March), and the Pasta Dinner (April). Our Steak Night on

Keep your sails trim, and the sun over the yardarm behind you! I hope to see you this summer in your pirate rig! Aar-r-r-r

June 16<sup>th</sup> was enjoyed by the 35 members, friends and family who munched on the beef! (Ask them about the potatoes!!!) ;)

Maybe it has been the winter doldrums, but attendance has been a little less than before. We are full of hope that attendance will improve with the sunnier weather!

Whiskers supper club evenings carried on as usual, with all those attending enjoying the familiar comradely good spirits. One issue that has come up is the lack of help in the galley at Whiskers. Our Chief Cook has been labouring very diligently these past months to ensure that we have such great grub. He's getting a little tuckered out working almost all alone for hours on end. So, this is a call for volunteers for the galley. If you have the time during the week or on the weekends your help will be much appreciated. Think of this as an opportunity to learn the skills to cook at the professional level: time management, ration control, and the ability to produce consistently fine fare for an appreciative crowd of hungry diners. Some members have already stepped up but more are always needed to rotate in, so the others get a break. See the Chief Cook Al Simpson or leave your contact information with the bar stewards. No experience necessary!

Here is the list of functions the Club has planned for the summer:

- Canada Day BBQ - Sunday 1 July (Noon until ??)
- Banyan BBQ – Some day in August (we'll give you enough notice!)

Charles Ross  
Sports and Entertainment Chair



maritime security, and foster relationships in the Gulf of region, according to the Royal Canadian Navy.

## Last Post

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

### Naval

S/M John Waddell 17 June 2018

*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

## NAVAL COMMUNITY NEWS

### HMCS YORK ASSOCIATION UP AND RUNNING

The long-awaited YORK Association has been established and has its own website. For those former YORKERS please visit and sign up at [www.yorkassociation.ca](http://www.yorkassociation.ca). There is a minimal cost to belong to the Association which goes to the planning and the archiving of YORK's history for all to see and learn about our proud past.

### Royal Canadian Navy ships return Tuesday from African deployment

Her Majesty's Canadian Ships *Kingston* and *Summerside* return to Halifax on Tuesday from their overseas deployment. The vessels are returning from Op PROJECTION, following engagements with West African nations to build partner capacity, promote

### Supply ship Mark Norman fought for now on its way to support RCN during major exercise

DAVID PUGLIESE, OTTAWA CITIZEN



The MV Asterix left Halifax Wednesday to support the Royal Canadian Navy, first in the Caribbean and then later in the Pacific Ocean during the Rim of the Pacific exercise that starts in June.



Asterix will operate in the Caribbean refueling U.S. and RCN ships, according to the Royal Canadian Navy. It will move through the Panama Canal and into the Pacific where it will participate in the U.S.-led Rim of the Pacific exercise later this year, the RCN says.



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