

Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where, The green is.....
 Yes, most of us are tired of winter but there is much happening now with Navy League and Sea Cadets. I had the pleasure of attending one of the Navy League Squadron competitions and the Provincials are just around the corner for those cadets.

2014 AGM/NAVY LEAGUE C.O.'s CONFERENCE

The Navy League of Canada, Ontario Division is holding their AGM/Navy League C.O.'s Conference April 25, 26 and 27th at the Radisson Hotel Toronto East, 55 Hallcrown Place, Toronto ON. (This is a changed location from last year.) Attached is a copy of the registration form and preliminary program. We would love to have a representative from all the branches at the meeting. So don't forget to register!

To book your room for the AGM/C.O.'s conference, you can call or book online at the numbers below – Make sure to mention the group name if calling or put in the code if booking online.

Telephone: 416-493-7000

Toll Free: 1-800-333-3333

Please mention the group name: **NAVY LEAGUE**

Group Rate: \$98.00 + HST per room, per night

Guests can also book online by visiting www.radisson.com/torontoca_east. Put the code "NAVY 14" under the Promotional Code. Guests are only able to use this method of booking if they are staying April 25th and 26th, otherwise call the hotel or Central Reservations at the number above.

Below is a copy of the Notice that was mailed to all the branches and directors of the Navy League of Canada Ontario Division

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of THE NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA (ONTARIO DIVISION) will be held in the Radisson (Toronto East) 55 Hallcrown Place, Toronto, Ontario at 10:30 am on Sunday, the 27th of April 2014, for the following purposes:

- (a) approving the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the members held on the 28th of April 2013;
- (b) considering the annual reports;
- (c) approving the budget for the year 2015;
- (d) appointing auditors for the ensuing year;
- (e) receiving the report of the Nominating Committee with or without amendments;
- (f) electing Directors for the ensuing year;
- (g) electing a President for the ensuing year;
- (h) electing executive committee; and
- (i) transacting such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting

By order of the Board of Directors. Dated at the City of Toronto, this 17th day of March 2014.

Our apologies, please correct the information from the last newsletter...

Lt(N) S. Pretty is with RCSCC Admiral Mountbatten with the Sudbury Branch

An administrative reminder...

Barry Bevan, NL Director.

Sea Cadet activities need approval by both DND and the League to ensure that proper insurance coverage is in place. The Regional Cadet Officer (Cadet Detachment) must approve the activity through the Request for Authority Form, (Additional Activities Request [AAR]). It is assumed by our insurance company that the League has already approved the activity prior to the Corps Commanding Officer submitting the request for approval to the Cadet Detachment. ***If either party does not approve the activity, there is no coverage in place – the League should work with our CF Partners to ensure that proper approval is granted.***

At the local level this may be readily accomplished at the Branch meeting immediately before the training year begins. The Corps Commanding Officer prepares his year's training (Cadet Unit Training Plan [CUTP]) by the previous June for Detachment approval. A copy of this document should be reviewed by the Branch to ensure Branch ability to provide needed support additional to that available from DND. Once the Branch reviews and approves the intended activities the document can be included as part of the minutes of the Branch meeting. Additional activities that may arise throughout the training year can be similarly approved and that approval recorded in the Branch's minutes before the activity occurs. It is the League's (Branch's) responsibility to ensure that proper insurance coverage is in place for all Sea Cadet activities.

The Merchant Marine, an Alternate Career Choice

William Wilson,
VP Maritime Affairs

We have all heard recently about concerns for the environment and the gradual depletion of fossil fuels. While driving to Toronto on the 401, it occurred to me that moving cargo by truck or train constitutes very intensive use of fuel. It has been well known for centuries that moving bulk cargo by ship is the most economical way to proceed. I believe we will find in this century that the use of ships will make a comeback and challenge the faster, although less sustainable modes of transport like road, rail and air.

How does this affect you - the Sea Cadets of today. I would like to bring to your attention the programs offered at Georgian College, the Owen Sound Campus. These programs prepare you to take your place on the Bridge or in the Engine Room of a sea going ship. These programs consist of four academic terms and two co-operative terms, so that you are able to pass the examinations for your Department of Transport ticket. In addition you will make the connections necessary to get a sea going berth on graduation. The Owen Sound campus has state of the art ships simulators where you can learn your trade in all seasons.

As a sea cadet you have learned many useful skills in the past few years. You may find that the regular navy is not for you or even available. If you are interested in finding out more about these programs I would direct you to the following web sites:

For the Navigation Course:

<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/academic>

[s/full-time-programs/marine-technology-navigation-co-op-mnav/](http://www.georgiancollege.ca/academic/s/full-time-programs/marine-technology-navigation-co-op-mnav/)

For the Marine Engineer Course:

<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/academic/s/full-time-programs/marine-engineering-technician-co-op-metc/>

Several former Sea Cadets have already taken this route and I urge you to consider its benefits.

MARINE CLUB AWARD



Chelsea Allen, former Coxn of RCSCC Quinte was awarded at the Marine Club's Annual AGM, a plaque for herself and her corps as well as a bursary for being the 2013 Navy League Sea Cadet of the Year.

FROM OUR BRANCHES

Fighting the Cold with Mid-Winter Sports

By Danika Gravelle

On February 22, 2014, while the bitter wind was clawing at the door of the Sudbury Armory to hide from Winter, seven Sudbury Area Cadet Corps met up for the annual Zone Shooting Competition.

A portion of the Sea Cadet program involves learning the proper protocol and safety procedures in handling and

shooting Daisy Air Rifles. The cadets had to shoot two pages of targets consisting of a total of twenty shots in the prone position and again for the standing position. At the end of the day, each cadet was scored from a possible four hundred points.

The team of Espanola's RCSCC #357 Hero corps consisted of five cadets: CPO2 Pascal Gravelle, PO2 Severin Gravelle, MS Cole Finch, LS Blaise Gravelle and LS Kieran Murray. Lt(N) Debra Goode and CI Kari-ann Charlebois were the trainers and coach.

At the end of a long and quiet day on the range, #357 Hero came in a close second to their sister corps #348 Manitoulin. PO2 Severin Gravelle cinched first place for junior marksman, and LS Blaise Gravelle came in third place.

On March 1, 2014, Sudbury's Sea Cadet corps #134 Admiral Mountbatten brought fourteen cadets to join #357 Hero for a Sport's Day at the Espanola High School. It was an all day, round robin tournament consisting of basketball, volleyball and floor hockey.



Each corps was split up between six teams to compete in non-stop, all-day play. The Legion Ladies served up a fine lunch to fuel the cadets to finish the day strong. After the final play-off games, the Ladies served up an excellent

spaghetti dinner. Both corps enjoyed themselves immensely.

RCSCC #357 Hero's best antidote for getting through this long winter is to play hard. At the end of March, all the Sea Cadet corps of Northern Ontario will gather again at the Sudbury Armory for a weekend of Seamanship Training and Competition.

If you know anyone between the ages of 12-18 who are looking for something to do, send them to the Espanola Legion, every Wednesday from 6-9pm. Call RCSCC #357 Hero at 705-862-7700.

Cadet Naval Training on the High Seas

By Danika Gravelle ~ February 19, 2014

With the back of winter broken and warmer days ahead, the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps, #357 Hero, Espanola, is gearing up to send two cadets to British Columbia for spring break. Each year, the Canadian Cadet Organization sends qualified cadets to the Canadian Forces Base, Esquimalt, for naval training aboard an Orca-class vessel; a thirty-three meter, steel-hulled Royal Canadian Navy Training Tender. The Orca-class are designated as "Patrol Craft Training," and are vessels used for surveillance and search and rescue.

#357 Hero is fortunate enough to send two cadets this year; Chief Petty Officer Second Class Pascal Gravelle, and Master Seaman Jake Goodchild. CPO2 Gravelle completed his Marine Engineering course last summer in BC, earning his Sea Cadet Marine Engineering Ticket, which qualifies him to return as a staff cadet on this deployment. He will now put to good use his marine engineering skills in assisting others to have an educational and exciting time aboard the Orca. MS Goodchild will be attending the course to broaden his naval cadet training and experience. Over the ten day deployment, the crew will learn what it takes

to operate the vessel and personally experience life at sea, doing everything from scrubbing the decks to controlling the helm. CPO2 Gravelle said it is pretty impressive steering an \$11 million dollar naval vessel.

RCSCC #357 Hero, Espanola, is a brand-new corps in our community this year. The Sea Cadet program offers challenging and diverse naval experiences for youth between the ages of 12-19. Regular training occurs at the Espanola Legion, every Wednesday from 6-9pm, which prepares the cadets to attend summer training camps, to participate in multiple competitions throughout the year, like orienteering, zone shooting and biathlon, and participate in international exchanges and ship deployments. A strong focus for the corps is on youth leadership training, community service and physical fitness.

The Orca deployment is but one of many amazing opportunities the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet program offers to its members. We are proud to be a part of the process of developing the youth of today into the leaders of tomorrow. For more information, please contact Commanding Officer Lt(N) Goode at 705-862-7700, to see how you and your youth can join our Ship's Company.

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THANK YOU TO ALL

This is our third quarterly issues of the resurrected divisional newsletter. I would like to thank everyone for sending in your information for publication. So please keep the articles and pictures coming. It is great to hear from all our branches