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From the President *By J. Gaylord Kingston*

While we always acknowledge and regret the loss of any of our members or their close ones, there are occasions when we will make a special note of such a sad moment. The passing of Joe Wilson of Chase, BC on January 1 2012 is to be noted as we should remember that he was the last survivor of the sinking of HMCS Esquimalt in 1945. Joe would have been 90 years of age January 3 2012.

I am very pleased that the attendance at our General Meetings continues to be of a large number of those who like to get together for a

short time on a Sunday AM to Meet and Greet and learn of the Association's ongoing events. We are always looking for Guest Speakers to add to the enjoyment of the meetings and to that end, I would request that if you have someone in mind that would be of interest to the membership, please get in touch with me and I will search them out.

In our Feature last month, we, inadvertently, left our placing of the Sailor in downtown Halifax in 1993 off the list. We deeply apologize for this grievous fault.

NOTICE

While the response to our appeal for membership dues returns has been gratifying, there are still a sizeable number of our members yet to be heard from.

I would remind you of the importance our budget being prepared for the coming fiscal year. Please take a moment to remit your dues. If you have done so at this time, thank you.

Sick & Visiting Committee Report

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• ACPO ASSOCIATION NOTICES & AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS •

LAST POST

THE FOLLOWING SHIPMATES
CROSSED THE BAR RECENTLY



*Jim Watt 76 C1ER
Victoria, BC 18 -12 - 2011*

*George Casswell 92
Sydney, NS 31 - 12- 2011*

*Jim Wilson 89 C1SN
Chase, BC 01-01-12*

*Eugene 'Buck' Rogers 82 C2AB
Kingston, NS 05 - 01 - 2012*

*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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NB Naval Association

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Chairman: Ray Harvie (902) 462 7633
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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Charter, Ordinary, Affiliate and Life Members 678
Honourary Members 17
Miscellaneous Members 17
Total Membership 712

NEW "ASSOCIATE" MEMBERS

Jacqueline Hatter, Widow OA-3142, Lake Echo NS

RE-ENGAGED MEMBERS

William Leppard P1NWT, Berwick NS

Membership dues are \$25 per year
*****NOTE: As of today we have 177 members**
dues still outstanding.

SUBMARINERS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

For information contact:

East (Halifax)–Buster Brown at 902 477-9148
<http://www.sacoeast.com>

Last Wednesday of every month
in Halifax Dockyard in the MOG-5 Messes
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<http://www.saoc-central.com>

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Naval Weapons Association (Ottawa Chapter)

Meet: Third Wednesday of the Month HMCS Carleton
Chief's & PO's/ WO's & Sgt's Mess Dows Lake
79 Prince of Wales Drive Ottawa
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CANADIAN NAVAL AIR GROUP

Shearwater C&POs Mess 1st Sunday each month



Feature of the Month

Four Gallant Ladies



HMCS Spikenard
11 February 1942

HMCS Spikenard (Lt.Cdr. H.G. Shadforth, RCNR), a Flower class covette, was built at the Davie yard in Lauzon, Quebec. She was laid down 24 Feb 1940 and commissioned in May, 1941. Spikenard was torpedoed and sunk by U-136 (Zimmermann) south of Iceland, while escorting convoy SC-67. There were 57 lost.



HMCS Weyburn
22 February 1943

A product of the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Co., Weyburn had commissioned at the end of November 1941. On 22 February 1943 Weyburn (Lt. Cdr. T.M.W. Golby, R.C.N.R.) was mined off Cape Espartel east of Gibraltar in position 36° 46" N, 06° 02" W. Seven members off her crew including her commanding officer were lost with the ship. The mine was laid by U-118 (Czygan) on 1 February 1943.



HMCS Louisburg
6 February 194

HMCS Louisburg (Lt.Cdr. W.F. Campbell, RCNVR.) was built by Morton Engineering and Dry Dock Co. (Quebec City). She commissioned in October 1941. Louisburg was sunk by Italian aircraft east of Oran, Algeria, while escorting a convoy from Gibraltar to Bone. 38 of her crew, including her commanding officer, were lost with the ship.



HMCS Trentonian
22 February 1945

HMCS Trentonian was built by the Kingston Shipbuilding Co., Kingston, ON, and she commissioned on 1 December 1943. On 22 February 1945 Trentonian was torpedoed and sunk by U-1004 (Hinz) near Falmouth, England. Six of her crew were lost.

My Mother Taught Me

1. My Mother taught me about ANTICIPATION...“Just wait until your father gets home.”
2. My Mother taught me about RECEIVING....“You are going to get it when we get home!”
3. My Mother taught me to MEET A CHALLENGE...“What were you thinking? Answer me when I talk to you! Don't talk back to me!”
4. My Mother taught me LOGIC...“If you fall out off that swing and break your neck, your not going to the store with me.”
5. My Mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE...“If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way.”
6. My Mother taught me to THINK AHEAD...“If you don't pass your spelling test, you'll never get a good job.”
7. My Mother taught me ESP...“Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you're cold?”
8. My Mother taught me HUMOR...“When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me.”
9. My Mother taught me how to BECOME AN ADULT...“If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up.”
10. My Mother taught me about SEX....“How do you think you got here?”
11. My Mother taught me about GENETICS...“You're just like your father.”
12. My Mother taught me about my ROOTS...“Do you think you were born in a barn?”
13. My Mother taught me about WISDOM OF AGE...“When you get to be my age, you will understand.”
14. And my all time favorite... JUSTICE...“One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you....Then you'll see what it's like.”

Golden Memories

*Russell Rose
St. John's, NL
96 Years Young
February 11 2012*

*Cecil Noakes
Belleville, ON
93 Years Young
February 07 2012*

*Albert Clements
Dartmouth, NS
92 Years Young
February 16 2012*

*Joseph Perdue
Etobicoke, ON
91 Years Young
February 05 2012*

*Michael and
Gwendolyn Henderson
Parrsboro, NS
56 Years of Wedded Bliss
February 25 2012*

*Ted and Pearl Smith
Fort MacLeod, AB
66 Years of Wedded Bliss*

Days of Yore

- February 10, 1942** - HMCS Spikenard torpedoed, 57 lost
February 6, 1943 - HMCS Louisburg aircraft attack, 38 lost
February 22, 1943 - HMCS Weyburn mined, 7 lost
February 14, 1945 - MTBs 459,461, 462, 465, 466 fire, 28 lost
February 22, 1945 - HMCS Trentonian torpedoed, 6 lost
February 15, 1965 - Maple Leaf flag is declared official flag
February 1, 1968 - 3 forces become Canadian Forces

Promotions

January 1958

- Walton, Thomas KLSPR
Willis, Lloyd KP2E

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.

Correction: Harold Moody . 93 . resides in Cornwallis Park, NS
JGordon Keeling 69 St. Norbet, QC 06-01-12
Jack MacDonald 73 Halifax, NS 11-01-12
Maurice Williamson 73 Kentville, NS 11=12
Eric Ayres 58 Dartmouth, NS 03-12
Colin Bishop 81 Lethbridge, AB. 01-12
Yvon Brunet 77 Stillwater Lake, NS 19-12
Alan Burroughsford 78 Lower Sackville, NS 01-12
Bernard Cassidy 83 Halifax, NS 07-12
George Crawley 81 Dartmouth, NS 28-12
Cecil Cruickshanks 89 Falmouth, NS 25-12
James Cummings 73 Halifax, NS 28-12
William Degen 84 Dartmouth, NS 04-12
Peter Doherty 73 Lakefield, ON 06-12
William Dutchak 84 Halifax, NS 14-12
William Gillespie 79 Dartmouth, NBS 15-12
William Giroux 85 Windsor, ON 19-12
Phillip Godfrey 74 Kingston, NB 12-12

Leith Graham 77 Dartmouth, NS 22-12
Robert Haddow 75 Dartmouth, NS 27-12
Richard Halliday 76 Bridgewater, NS 21-12
Robert Hamilton 72 Mahone Bay, NS 06-12
Patrick Hanlon 72 Frankville, NS 06-12
Fred Harris 82 Elliot Lake, ON 11-12
Derrick Joffre 64 Shelburne, NS 26-12
Brython Jones 85 Battersea, ON 13-12
John Keresman 80 Mission, BC 12-12
Richard Kidd 80 Halifax, NS 05-12
Ronald Knapman 83 Halifax, NS 28-12
Gerard Lacroix 62 Dartmouth, NS 01-12
Albert Lothian 64 Eastern Passage, NS 28-12
Dan MacDonald 83 Fall River, NS 03-12
Johnston McMahon 89 Halifax, NS 02-12
Jean-Pierre Martinello 49 Middle Sackville, NS 22-12
Vincent Maxwell 83 Coldbrook, NS 19-12
James McCullough 82 Lower Sackville, NS 06-12

Leo McTaggart 88 Dartmouth, NS 17-12
Warren Noble 46 Saskatoon, SK 04-12
Jacques Noel 54 Eastern Passage, NS 02-12
Bonita Russell 65 Mount Uniacke, NS 13-12
Jean Santerre 74 Dartmouth, NS 07-12
Jonathan Seaward 76 Mount Uniacke, NS 24-12
Barry Smith 80 Stokes Bay, ON 12-12
Mary Jane Smith 71 Dartmouth, NS 21-12
Edward Smith 87 Fort MacLeod, AB. 26-12
Colin Tanner 68 Dartmouth, NS 10-12
James Tracy 78 Dartmouth, NS 08-12
Stewart Trentowsky 80 St. John, NB 27-12
Jil Trowsse 77 Dartmouth, NS 27-12
David Van Valkenburg 66 Centreville, NS 09-12
Dorothy Vokey 88 Dorval, QC 20-12

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.

Radar Plotters Reunion at Stadacona

May 25 – 27 2012

For info and tickets :

Al Cox 902 530 5506

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Admiral Desmond Piers RCNA “Royal Reunion”

Cornwallis, Nova Scotia

May 18 – 19 – 20th. 2012

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The 29th (Canadian) Motor Torpedo Boat Flotilla



Monument dedicated to the 29th. Flotilla in Ostend, Belgium.

The flotilla consisted of MTBs 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, later 485, 486 and 491 were added as replacement boats.

The flotilla was commanded by Lt/Cdr. C. Anthony Law DSC, 2 MID, RCNVR.

The flotilla operated in the English Channel and was involved in numerous actions with German Schnellboots (MTBs), Raumboots (Motor Launches), Vorpostenboots (Flak Trawlers), and even Minensuchboots (Minesweepers), including D-Day up and down the English Channel. They had the longest recorded Coastal Forces action with German forces including 17 S boats, 2 Minesweepers and 2 R boats.

On February 14 1945, in Ostend harbour, Belgium, several flotillas were berthed in a passage called The Cirque. Many of the crews were resting during a "Make and Mend" routine.

However, earlier, highly volatile petrol had been discharged in to the harbour during de-fueling and this petrol somehow caught fire, setting many boats and their munitions ablaze. The fire and explosions continued in the harbor for 2 hours.

When it was over 7 Royal Navy boats and 5 of the 29th. Flotilla were destroyed and 35 British sailors and 28 Canadian sailors were killed.

Canadian MTBs 459, 461, 462, 465 and 466 were lost in the accident and the 29th. Flotilla was disbanded.

Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this you have a strong mind:

7H15 M3554G3 53RV35 7O PR0V3 H0W
 0UR M1ND5 C4N D0 4M4Z1NG 7H1NG5!
 1MPR3551V3 7H1NG5! 1N 7H3
 B3G1NN1NG 17 WA5 H4RD BU7 N0W,
 0N 7H15 LIN3 Y0UR M1ND 1S R34D1NG
 17 4U70M471C4LLY W17H 0U7 3V3N
 7H1NK1NG 4B0U7 17, B3 PROUD! 0NLY
 C3R741N P30PL3 C4N R3AD 7H15.



Skill, Determination and Dedication *Submitted by Doug Scott*



79-year-old Phil Warren from the UK spent 62 years to build this incredible fleet of 432 ships and 1200 aircraft, all built entirely of match sticks and their wooden boxes. The collection includes 370 U.S. and 60 British ships and their associated aircraft.

Now 79 years of age, he began creating his first boat in 1948 when he was 17. He uses a razor blade, tweezers, sandpaper and glue. He has used more than 650,000 matchsticks to create this amazing collection of 1:300 scale models.

