

Canadian Coast Guard Association

Summer 2010 Newsletter



CCGS Gordon Reid with a bone in its teeth

Contributions to our Newsletter are welcomed and encouraged. Please pass all input to: Phil Dauphinee, Editor, 3621 Crestview Road, Victoria B.C. V8P-5C5; 250-595-2335; E-mail: pdauphinee@shaw.ca Members with access to the Internet should bookmark the Coast Guard Association website at www.ccgawest.ca Members are encouraged to forward pictures to the Editor for publication on the website. The Newsletter is also available on the Coast Guard Alumni website at www.ccgalummaritimes.com

Short history of the Canadian Coast Guard Association

An informal group of 12 Retired Coast Guard Officers met for a Christmas Lunch at the Princess Mary in 1988 and the number increased to 96 by 1995, due largely to the dedication and hard work of Migs Turner. A Canadian Coast Guard Retired Officer's Association Steering Committee was formed in March 1995 to determine the future of the Association. It was agreed that Art Mountain would chair a small working group to look into incorporating under the Societies Act of B.C. On June 20, 1996, Art was elected President of the newly formed Canadian Coast Guard Association and began the process of incorporation, which was completed on July 17, 1996. We now have over 150 members.

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1. Greetings from the President

Hello everybody, I hope you all had a great winter and are enjoying the spring weather.

The Canadian Coast Guard is still slowly moving forward with the replacement of a few vessels and the addition of a few more, through their security role. All in all I think the CCG continues to strengthen its position.

It will be good to get together once again and enjoy the company and stories of our fellow CGA members. I would encourage you all to bring your spouse, partner, friend or a new member to our summer luncheon.

I will not be running for President again as I may be out of the country for more than a year. I would like to thank all those who keep our association running throughout the year. Bill Dancer for all the things he does, Bob for the secretarial, Bill for the treasurer, Frank for keeping us informed and maintaining the website and Phil for our newsletter. You do a valuable service for the CGA and it has been a pleasure working with you.

This luncheon will be our social as well as our annual general meeting for the year.

" COME ONE, COME ALL, LET'S FILL THE HALL"

- Terry Weber

2. Membership Dues and Updates

Annual dues will remain at \$5.00 for the year 2011. Please note that the spouses of deceased members are most welcome to continue as associate members of the CCGA.

Secretary **Bob Manning** reminds members to keep us informed of any changes to telephone numbers, mailing addresses and/or email addresses. Changes should be emailed to **Frank Statham** fstatham@telus.net or **Bob Manning** at rlert@telus.net, or by regular mail to Robert Manning, 580 Palisade Drive, North Vancouver, BC V7R 2J1.

Remember to keep our Service Committee informed about how our members are doing. Anyone knowing of a member (or member's spouse) who is ill, or who has suffered a family bereavement or problem and/or who may need a little help, comfort or recognition, please give **Joan Scharf** or **Bill Dancer** a call. We will be pleased to see if there is any way our organization can be of assistance, and to let fellow members who may be concerned know of the situation. Joan Scharf can be reached at 477-1390 and Bill Dancer at 721-5273.

3. Summer 2010 Luncheon - Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

WHEN: Thursday June 3 11:30 - mingle; 12:00 luncheon starts at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, 3475 Ripon Road Victoria

AIM: To relax, yarn, enjoy the Luncheon Buffet and celebrate the coming Holiday Season with friends and colleagues in the dining room of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club (RVYC), 3475 Ripon Road, Victoria. **WHO:** Coast Guard Association members, Coast Guard Retirees, their Spouses and Guests and serving Coast Guardsers are most welcome!

COST: \$31.00 per person, including gratuity. There will be the usual "No Host" Bar.

On the menu for this luncheon -

- Warm Rolls and Butter

Salad Table

- Sweet Potato Salad - honey Dijon, bacon and fresh dill

- Moroccan Couscous - almonds, currants, cinnamon with orange tahini dressing

- Spinach and Strawberry - crisp shiitake mushroom, red onion and toasted almond

Chaffer Station

- Chicken Parmesan - breaded chicken breast, tomato sauce, fresh Parmesan

- Salmon and Asparagus in Farfalle - lemon dill cream sauce

Assorted Dessert Squares

Coffee and Tea

To facilitate catering, we need to give the Yacht Club staff firm numbers not later than Monday, May 31 and we are liable for the numbers reserved. To avoid disappointment, please reserve your place(s)

Island: Bill Dancer 721-5273 w.dancer@telus.net or

Terry Weber terrytw@shaw.ca 250-383-6626

Mainland: Bob Manning 604-986-4638 Herb Adrian (Surrey) 604-596-9355

Cec Rempel (Chilliwack) 858-1983 Diana Miskell 319-8142.

(Herb. Please co-ordinate with Bob, Cec and Diana and pass information to Terry Weber terrytw@shaw.ca Terry will co-ordinate with the Yacht Club regarding number of reservations. Thanks!)

Mark 11:30 Thursday June 3 on your calendar and make your RESERVATIONS NOW!

For Vancouver/Mainland attendees: Usual ferry arrangements prevail. Please let Herb, Cec or Diana know by Monday May 31. As usual, if you catch the 9 a.m. BC Ferry as a foot passenger from TSAWWASSEN (free if you are a senior) we will meet you in SWARTZ BAY. After lunch, we will aim to get you back to SWARTZ BAY in time for the 3 p.m. ferry.

Volunteer Drivers: We thank John Adams for being available as our "ferry pick up driver" for our last luncheon. (*Would anyone prepared to help out on June 3 please contact Terry Weber terrytw@shaw.ca 250-383-6626*)

4. Planning for our Winter 2010 Luncheon

The date and location for the Winter 2010 luncheon will be announced at the Summer Luncheon.

5. Remembering

Those who have crossed the bar since the last edition.

Bill Mather

Bill Mather passed away suddenly November 23, 2009, while in the Bahamas attending a wedding of a Bamfield friend. Bill passed while in the water snorkeling, of what was likely a heart attack.

Bill's career with the Coast Guard spanned over 30 years, starting at CCG Station Bamfield in 1973. In the early '90's, Bill moved on to become an instructor at RHIOT, passing on valuable skills to many CCG employees and members of other

organizations until his retirement in 2003. Bill's contributions to the safety of mariners continued after his retirement through his involvement with Bamfield CCGA Unit 53, where he'd recently assumed the duties of unit leader.

Joe Woods

Joe Woods passed suddenly 30th of December in his home at the age of 87. He was predeceased by his wife Betty four years previous. Joe was a Physician's Assistant in the Canadian Navy for many years, then came to Coast Guard and sailed as "the Doc" onboard CCGS Vancouver for many more years. At the decommissioning of the weatherships, Joe came ashore and worked in stores in Victoria until his retirement.

6. Babies Named After Coast Guard Vessels

Many of you will remember reading last November about a baby boy who was born on the Coast Guard 47 foot lifeboat Cape Edenshaw. The baby's parents who live on Lasqueti Island subsequently named him Ari Edan Shaw Schiek. This story reminded your editor of a similar incident that took place in the late seventies. I was sailing aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Rider as an Oiler. The ship tasked to a bay of Lasqueti Island to pick up a woman who was in labour with a suspected breach birth. For some reason rather than bringing the woman to the government dock the cutter crew had to get her off a low tide beach. She was carried out to the rubber boat on a piece of plywood! Once onboard the woman and her partner were brought to the rescue room and the cutter got underway for French Creek and a waiting ambulance. The engine room control booth on the Rider was at deck level adjacent to the rescue room so there I was the only crew member present for the short voyage, praying that she would get to the hospital in time. The rest of the crew were off performing their duties and I am sure someone was boiling water and getting towels. The last crewmember to leave the rescue room was the Mate who went to read up in a medical book about being a "mid-wife". Thankfully the mother did get to the hospital in time. We later learned the baby was named Joshua Rider Slocum!

6. New life for CCGS John Jacobson

Your editor sailed as Chief Engineer aboard the Canadian Coast Guard Ship John Jacobson from the time it left the shipyard in 1991 until it was laid up in 1997. Since 2002 the converted and renamed Coriolis II has been operated as a Research Vessel by Reformer Inc. of Rimouski Quebec. The primary role of the ship is academic research and training, the owners have entered into a long-term charter arrangement with Seaforth Geosurveys to carry out worldwide marine

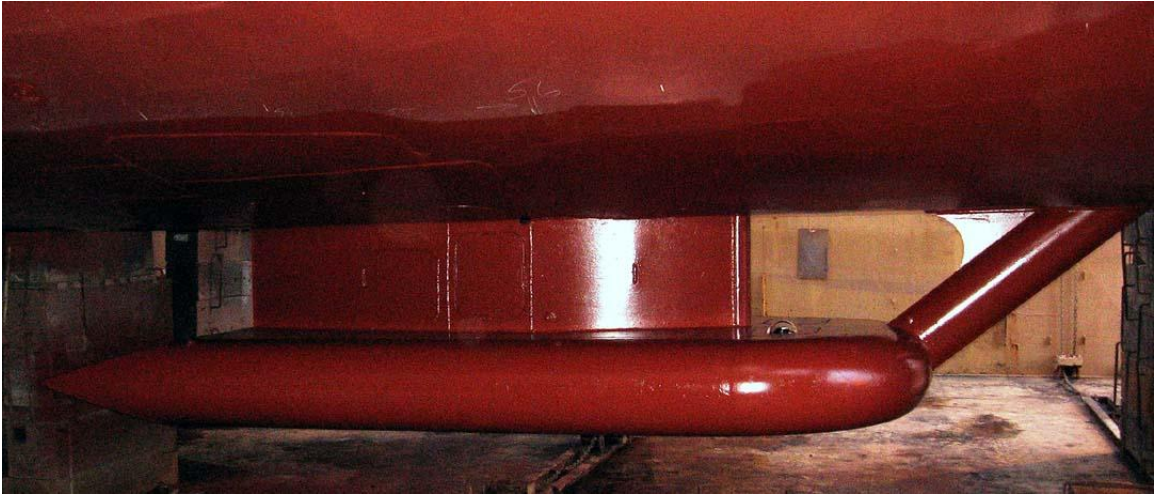
surveys operations. The Coriolis has been fitted with multibeam side scan sonar, subbottom profiler, magnetometer, multi-channel seismic data acquisition and processing systems and dynamic positioning.



7. New Sonar for CCGS Vector

An advanced sonar transducer was recently installed on the Canadian Coast Guard Vessel Vector. The Vector is a 39.74-meter inshore oceanography survey ship built in 1967. To significantly enhance seabed mapping capabilities a Kongsberg EM 710 fixed multi-beam sonar was acquired by the Canadian Hydrographic Service, which they wanted to install in a gondola suspended from the hull. The previous retractable sonar installation required reducing the capacity of an accommodation cabin and a potable water-tank. The passage of hull bubbles caused outer beam data to deteriorate in higher sea states. After comparing the effects of various installation options and in consultation with Mantech Advanced Systems International, BMT designed a streamlined gondola with a forward log deflector strut, which was built and installed by Allied Shipbuilders. To minimize resistance other pre-existing hull protrusions were removed and the equipment moved to the gondola. The hydrographers are very pleased with the results and the greater resolutions they are now getting at an increased sounding speed of 10 knots. From a ship point of view the accommodation cabin was returned to original size and the water-tank almost to original size. Cruising hull speed does not appear to have been affected and there may have been a slight enhancement to sea keeping. On the negative side, draft was unavoidably increased and there is more noise disturbance

to the crew when one group of 3.5 kHz transducers (not part of the multi-beam sonar) is being used.



CANADIAN COAST GUARD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/ RENEWAL

THE PURPOSES of the Canadian Coast Guard Association (incorporated in July, 1996, under the B.C. Society Act) are:

- 1) To continue our Canadian Coast Guard camaraderie into retirement.
- 2) To support our Membership and their families, when and as appropriate.
- 3) To support those currently serving in the Canadian Coast Guard and other maritime interests, when and as appropriate.
- 4) To undertake or support other activities approved by the Membership.

MEMBERSHIP - A person who has retired from, or is serving in the Canadian Coast Guard, with at least five years of Federal public service, who is willing to accept the purposes and objectives of the Society and pay the annual membership dues, may apply to the Directors for membership in the Society and on acceptance by the Directors, shall be a member.

The Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard has fully endorsed the Association and its purposes, with the understanding that serving CCG personnel would not become directly involved in controversial issues through their membership in the Association or serve on the executive.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP may be made by completing the information below and forwarding the signed application, along with one year's membership dues to

**W. McKechnie, Treasurer, Canadian Coast Guard Association,
2010 Corniche Place, Victoria, B.C. V8N 6C1**

(Current Annual Dues \$5 - covers Newsletter mailing and administrative costs).

FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS, complete name and address sections, check "Renewal", enclose one year's current membership dues, sign and mail as above. Thanks!

Name:	Tel. No.	RENEWAL?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Address:
Email address:

Canadian Coast Guard Service:

Retired (Date):	Still Serving?
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Started career as:
On (Date):

Other areas of work/location in Coast Guard:
Retired or left as:
On (Date):

Other Canadian Federal Service:
From: To:

Signature _____ Date