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Marching Esmeralda

The crew of Chilean tall ship BE Esmeralda march down Belleville Street for a wreath laying ceremony at the B.C. Legislature on Aug. 3. The training vessel was in Victoria last week as part of an instruction cruise for new officers and sailors. This trip included the first generation of female officers in the Chilean Navy's 193-year history. See more photos on page 12.

Dawn Bennett, Lookout

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Tubby but fast!



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The crew of *HMCS Nanaimo* can once again hold their heads high after a respectable showing at the 45th Annual Great International Bathtub Race, held on July 24.

This gruelling 36 nautical mile voyage - from Nanaimo Harbour out into the Strait of Georgia, around Entrance and Winchelsea Islands and finishing in Departure Bay - is all done by one person in a modified bathtub.

Nanaimo's tub crew was anxious to better last year's dismal performance, which earned the ship the Silver Plunger award. Presented annually to the first tub to sink, it's an honour that no respectable mariner wants to bring home.

Knowing they had to redeem themselves, the crew devised a well-thought out and well-executed plan to avoid disaster.

Fuelling the crew's desire to improve on last year's performance was good-hearted mocking from the Friends of Nanaimo, the Loyal Bathtub Society and even the mayor of Nanaimo during the ship's recent name-sake visits. The unofficial "Commanders' Challenge," which pits *Nanaimo's* tub

against the entry from Nanoose Bay's Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental Test Range, added heat and light to the crew's efforts.

After some TLC, a newer motor, and two trial runs in Prince Rupert and Nanoose Harbours, boatswain MS Dustan Cooper and his safety and support team were ready aye ready for the race.

The weather was beautiful and resulted in some record finishes for even the most experienced tubbers, with the overall winner completing the race in just under one hour and 12 minutes.

MS Cooper, despite having the hull of his tub fill with water over the course of the race, finished in 28th place in just over two hours and 24 minutes, a respectable job given that nine of the 39 registered tubs did not make it to the finish line.

For all their hard work and willingness to take it on the chin, MS Cooper and his team were awarded the Glen Galloway Memorial Award for Best Sportsmanship.

CFMETR's bathtub was among those that did not finish, much to the chagrin of Commanding Officer Cdr Powell. He was a good sport and was at the finish line to congratulate *Nanaimo's* tub Coxn.



PO2 Fiona Borland, HMCS Malahat

Top: Last weekend, the crew of HMCS Nanaimo traded their MCDV for a much smaller vessel as they competed in the annual Great International Bathtub Race in Nanaimo.

Middle: MS Cooper and his team won the Glen Galloway Memorial Award for Best Sportsmanship.

Left: Canadian Navy mascot Sonar was busy making friends at the Nanaimo Marine Festival as naval reservists from HMCS Malahat shared in the excitement.

Now that's refreshing!



New life for wooden auxiliary vessels

Ben Green
Staff writer

One of the Canadian Navy's most iconic classes of vessels is now sailing under independent ownership for the first time since its commissioning in 1954.

The YAGs, or Yard Auxiliary General, were recently sold at auction and have left their berths at Esquimalt Harbour for new adventures.

"The boats became surplus to their requirements," says Pat Wass of Crown Assets Distribution, the department in charge of auctioning off surplus federal property.

The 75-foot wooden training vessels taught generations of officers, reservists, boatswains, and sea cadets navigation and seamanship skills until they were taken out of service starting in 2007.

In their final years, the YAGs were becoming too expensive to maintain and they lacked the necessary technology, proper environment systems, and habitability to meet the expand-

ing requirements of the navy. The introduction of the Orca-class training vessels to the fleet in 2006 solidified the YAGs' retirement.

Before being put on the auction block, the 57-year-old vessels were stripped of military equipment by Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton and then environmentally assessed for sale. In the past three months, all six YAGs (CFAV Grizzly, Cougar, Otter, Caribou, Badger, and Lynx) and one Yard Diving Tender were auctioned off to buyers throughout the island and Vancouver, though interest came from as far away as Eastern Canada and Mexico.

"They all went locally, mostly on the island," says Wass.

Bringing a personal connection to the sales, some of the purchasers work or had worked in the Department of National Defence, are ex-military, or had family members who had previously served on the YAGs.

Selling prices varied for each vessel depending on the intensity of the bidding.

The most expensive ship sold for more than \$11,000 with an average of 14 bidders per vessel.

"I think it came to how badly somebody wanted it," says Wass.

Each YAG was sold with its technical drawings as well as details of its environmental assessment. While most of the vessels need a good scraping, a fresh coat of paint and perhaps a few more modern amenities, Wass says the buyers are getting a piece

of naval history.

"It was a historical farewell," he adds. "Every time I said the YAGs were for sale, everyone had a story for me. They generated a lot of internal interest. It's the retiring of an icon."

Those who want to know how much each YAG sold for, find what's currently up for auction, or ask questions about what's available at Crown Assets can visit their website at www.gcsurplus.ca or call Pat Wass at 250-363-5008.



The last Yard Auxiliary General training vessel, CFAV Badger, left Esquimalt Harbour last Friday.

Inset: Pat Wass, from Crown Asset Distribution, stands on Badger's bridge during the vessels final days at CFB Esquimalt.

Photos by Ben Green, Lookout



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EDITORIAL

The evolution of a wizard

Ben Green
Staff writer

As the lights dim in the theatre and a loud reminder about keeping quiet during the movie splashes across the screen, I slink down in my chair, accepting the fact that I just paid \$20 for a snorefest.

The dozens of tweens and teens around me excitedly grab each other's arms and whisper into each other's ears. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2* has been in theatres for less than 24 hours, but I already feel like I'm the only one in the world who hasn't seen it.

To be honest, I'm lost.

The last Harry Potter book I read was the fifth instalment, which came out seven years ago, and the last movie I saw had Robert Pattinson in it - before he got really pale, started biting people, and couldn't go out in the sun anymore as *Twilight's* heartthrob teen vamp.

Tilting my head to the side I look at the sole reason I'm here - my girlfriend. When it comes to Harry Potter, she nerds out.

In fact, only a month earlier, she was in Orlando, FL, living her dream of being a witch at Disney's Wizarding World of Harry Potter theme park. I think she was slightly disappointed she didn't come back with any powers. She settled for a novelty Butterbeer mug and a Chocolate Frog.

On the drive to the theatre she had done her best to catch me up on the storyline. Harry needed to find and destroy some objects into which the evil wizard Voldemort had put his fragmented soul. This would surely lead to an epic showdown between protagonist and antagonist, yada, yada, yada, most likely with an outcome that won't make all the kids in the audience cry and lose their faith in magic and friendship.

Predictable. At least I thought it would be.

Sure, in the end good reigns over evil (spoiler



Lookout writer Ben Green has a renewed appreciation for Harry Potter fans after seeing the final movie in the series.

alert!). J.K. Rowling obviously wasn't going to end her multi-billion dollar series with Harry Potter, "the boy who lived," catching the killing curse up the side of the head. However, I couldn't comprehend how dark the films had gotten. Gone was the "G" rating with which the series started. Instead, I was faced with a host of complicated, grown-up characters, pain, suffering, and death. There was love and loss, heroism and evil; even the battle scenes and graphics would've made Peter Jackson proud.

At one point, Harry is provided comforting words from the spirits of all those who died protecting him throughout his life. There must have been some cat dander floating around

the theatre at that moment because my nose started to tingle and I had to wipe my eyes once or twice. I've heard theatres are notorious for allergens.

As the credits began to roll at the film's end, a round of applause went up from the crowd. Looking back over at my girlfriend, she had been crying, three times actually. This final film brought with it a sense of closure to a fantasy that had been alive in her and billions of other people around the world for almost 15 years.

Putting my arm around her I began to wonder as the music and screen faded to black, "How much are flights to Orlando this time of year?"

SPORTS trivia

by PO2 Bill Sheridan
Contributor



QUESTIONS

1. Which Leaf was the last pick in the All-Star game this year?
2. How big are the bases in major league ball?
3. What are the dimensions of an NBA court?
4. Who was the first quarterback to complete 400 passes in a season?
5. What team won five straight Grey Cups in the early 80s?
6. Which Grey Cup winning coach appeared paddling a canoe in the wedding scene in Blue Hawaii?
7. Who sang the National Anthem to kick off the 2004 World Series in Fenway Park?
8. Bob Beamon holds the oldest Olympic record from which games?
9. In tennis, what does "love" mean?
10. Who has won the Masters at Augusta National the most times?

1. Phil Kessel
2. 15 inch by 15 inch and three to five inches high
3. 94 ft by 50 ft
4. Warren Moon of the Oilers
5. Edmonton Eskimos
6. Adam Rita
7. Steven Tyler
8. Long Jump in the 1968 Mexico City Games
9. You haven't scored any points
10. Jack Nicklaus

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Hugh Kruzal
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my reporter's cap because this story is my story. It may be your life also.

Though I'll tell you stories about my family, I don't propose to do this series alone. Maybe you have some topics I haven't considered. Our kids are teens; yours may be younger, older, or you may be expecting. You may be a wife, girlfriend, boyfriend, son, daughter, parent, grandparent or even a neighbour. You may be the owner of the store we shop at, the person who serves my mid-morning java jolt, or the teller at the bank. In short, the sailing of a ship affects a larger community.

I will write about the challenges of everyday life as a temporarily single parent, both the successes and failures. For us, that involves schools, homework and report cards, dealing

with banking, grocery shopping and managing household finances.

There will be lighter tales, but sometimes topics may be less easy to deal with. For example, do you share bad news with your partner? The recent passing of my best friend has left me with feelings I can't express. I did not know if I should tell my wife Susan right away, and I did not know how to tell her.

I will address the issue of communication in my next article. What do you share with those at sea? Do you tell them everything or can and should some things wait? What do you highlight in conversation and is there even time to share what you feel is important?

Send me your observations, anecdotes and future story suggestions: kruzal@hotm.com

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In this series, I will write about these and other issues families of deployed members will face over the next six months. I am removing



Photo by Hugh Kruzal

Good-bye on the jetty – Sgt Susan Kruzal prepares to board HMCS Vancouver before it leaves Esquimalt Harbour to relieve HMCS Charlottetown in the Mediterranean Sea on Operation Mobile, Canada's contribution to the NATO arms embargo and no fly zone in Libya.

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Good Night Vegas, Hello SINGAPORE!

SLt Jackie Geiger
HMCS Ottawa

Good Night Vegas, a four-piece band made up of crewmembers serving in HMCS Ottawa, will play a show at the Hard Rock Café in Singapore on Aug. 9.

The band, formed near the beginning of Ottawa's Westploy deployment, has already been featured in a variety of worldwide locations including Pago Pago, American Samoa, and Sydney and Darwin, Australia. Later this summer, Good Night Vegas will also play shows in Japan and Korea with tickets selling fast.

For their Aug. 9 appearance – coinciding with Singapore's National Holiday – the band will headline an electrifying show. In anticipation of what will no doubt be an exhilarating night of rock and VIP guest appearances, Ottawa's SLt Jackie Geiger sat down with the band to get some details:

SLt Geiger: Tell us about yourself, including the instruments you play?

PO2 Brad Robinson, Naval Communicator: I play drums, keyboards, bass guitar and guitar, as well as sing, but my favourite are the drums, which I've been playing since I was 10.

OS Shane "Sly" Sylvestre, Naval Communicator: I have been playing the rhythm guitar since I was 10 years old and I picked up singing along the way of my discovery for the guitar. It turned out that singing was my stronger suit. I took vocal lessons for the better part of a year to set myself up to chase an arts degree in vocal music. Somehow, I ended up in the navy, but the point is that the training is there. (laughs)

LS Brant Dame, Hull Technician: I taught myself how to play guitar around 16 years ago, at 13 years old, and have jumped between playing bass, piano and drums over the following 14 years. The last two years, I've gotten serious about my guitar playing and put a lot of time and effort into it, solely focusing on that. I'm stoked to play the Hard Rock Café.

LS Eric Diffey, Marine Engineer: I've been playing bass intermittently, since 2006. I played in a makeshift band called "Tony's Got Guns."

LSl Geiger: How did you get a show in Singapore?

PO2 Robinson: Our commanding officer, Cdr Jon Allsopp, happened to catch one of our practices on the ship's flight deck while we were in Sydney. Shortly after we

finished our set, he made some calls and emails were exchanged, and within an hour he had arranged and booked the show for us at the Hard Rock Café in Singapore. Our heads were still spinning at the prospect that we might be able to play the show when he came back and told us that it was booked and a go for the ninth. We still can't believe our luck. I don't think we'll ever find another booking agent as good as him.



SLt Geiger: What type of music do you like to play?

PO2 Robinson: My musical tastes are all over the map, but I'd say I like playing modern rock the most. I think the thing I like most about this band is the fact that all four of us bring different styles and influences to the table, and we've been able to find lots of common ground. These guys come from all directions, musically. Sly has a wide variety of tastes, from classic rock to punk to folk to modern rock. Plus, he is the encyclopaedia of all things "Rush." Brant is shamelessly the metal-guy in the band. He's an amazing player with a memorized catalogue of crazy guitar solos. And Diffey, he likes whatever it is they're listening to on his home planet.

SLt Geiger: Do you write your own music or stick to covers?

PO2 Robinson: For right now, the plan is to do a show of cover songs. We're still

learning how to play together, so playing songs we all know is a lot easier than bringing original material in, at least for now. I'm sure that once we have a solid repertoire of covers, we'll all start bringing more original ideas and songs in. We're all interested in writing our own material together, but right now we're focusing on putting together the best show we can for Singapore.

Motorhead. Hands down, the most intense, fun song to play live when you're a drummer. And, usually, a nap afterwards... When I'm practicing, I like the workout aspect of drumming as well as the technical, so any Foo Fighters is always good. I grew up learning to drum while listening to Stewart Copeland of "The Police," so while that's not really a favourite song, that's the style of drumming I like to bring to all of the stuff I play.

OS Sylvestre: I like any song that you make it through the entire piece feeling like you nailed it on the head. When you feel like you've nailed it, so does the audience. I get that feeling when we play "Shine" by Collective Soul and "Every Rose has its Thorn" by Poison.

SLt Geiger: Where do you practice?

PO2 Robinson: When we started this project, we were looking for anywhere that we could not only set up our gear, but also avoid disturbing the rest of the ship's company while we practiced. I think we've been able to do that...almost. We currently play in the ship's Forward Sonar Instrument Space, which lets us get a reasonable distance away from everybody who might be trying to get some sleep.

SLt Geiger: Is it difficult practicing in the ship?

PO2 Robinson: It depends on the sea state. When it's calm, it's great, but when there's even the slightest bit of roll to the seas, there's nothing more fun than chasing after tipping cymbal stands and microphones. Otherwise, I think the four of us have found a good balance of scheduling time to get together and we make the best use of our practice time when we do.

SLt Geiger: Describe Diffey for us.

OS Sylvestre: Diffey is, how you would say, the ultimate comic relief. Anytime things start getting serious, Diffey is there to bring us back to the goofy fun of the group. I expect that he will have a lot of eyes on his wild antics on stage. It is my belief that every member has a different role to complete our group. Brad is there to keep us serious and dedicated about doing our job as performers, as well as organizing our sets and arrangements. Brant is there to melt faces with his stellar solos and to supply a true "rocker's attitude." Diffey is the fun-bearer. And myself - from my point of view, the lead singer should be the front-man because he is the one sending the message to the audience.

LS Dame: I do write my own music and now that I'm gigging again I can always get the boys to help me iron out some kinks with other instrumental parts so we can make them our songs.

LS Diffey: I've written a couple of songs - "Beep Beep the Pirate Jeep" and "Wallet, Keys, Cellphone, Smokes."

SLt Geiger: How did you come up with your band name?

PO2 Robinson: "Good Night Vegas" was a working title for a musical project I've had on the go for the past couple of years. It was really something of a revolving-door of session and studio musicians that I had wanted to work with on my own songs, as well as collaborations. It was kind of a name without a home, but it was this band that I decided the GNV name would best suit.

SLt Geiger: What's your favourite song to play?

PO2 Robinson: "Ace of Spades" by

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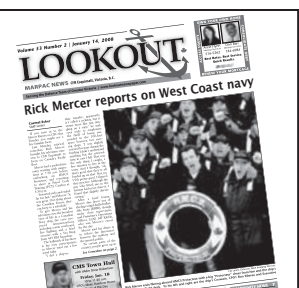
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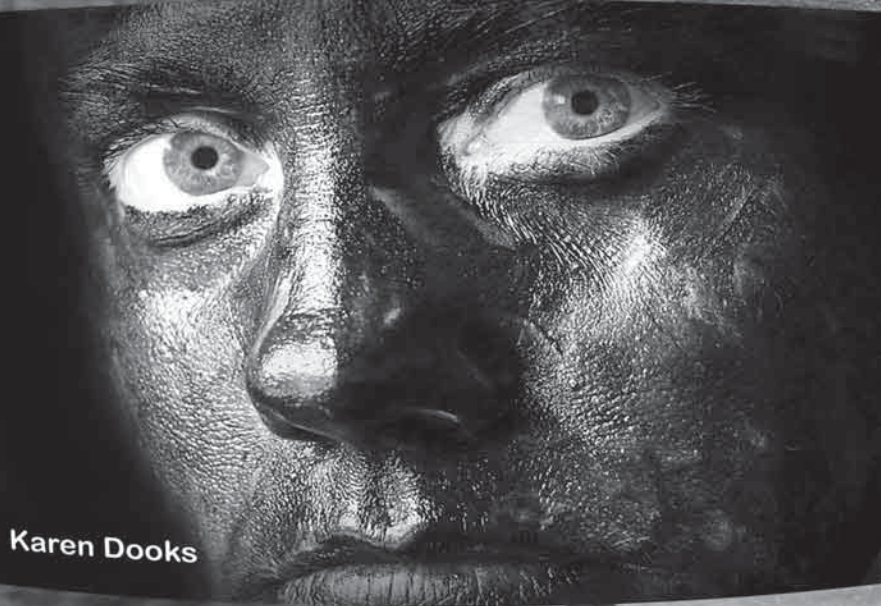
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Left: Lt Tolerton of the Royal New Zealand Navy stands with 1 Section of the 2011 Raven course in front of a teepee set up for First Nations Elders to counsel the Raven students.

Below: Lt Tolerton with one of the Raven students at the Yellow Wolf Powwow in Saanich where she was about to dance.

Lt(N) Hayley Mooney, NPAO

Raven Program internationally renown

Lt(N) Hayley Mooney
Navy Public Affairs

Lt Mason Tolerton of the Royal New Zealand Navy has been watching closely as First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students participate in the Canadian Forces Raven Program at Work Point this summer.

Students began their experience on July 11 with a four-day cultural camp led by First Nations Elders before embarking on the seven-week long basic training program. Lt Tolerton has been attending classes and activities to see how the cultural aspect of Raven links to the rest of the program and how it can be applied to a similar program in New Zealand.

"I am interested in the Raven cultural camp and how it provides the candidates with tools for the rest of the course," says Lt Tolerton. "Surveys from the students show that it helps them respond well to the rest of the course. I think they would have struggled without it."

Back at home in Christchurch, NZ, Lt Tolerton works in the Defence

Force's Youth Development Unit as a platoon commander. The unit runs a six-week Limited Service Volunteer program to provide motivational training with a military flavour to at-risk youth who face issues such as long-term unemployment.

There are some First Nations aspects to New Zealand's program, such as the teaching of the Haka, a Maori challenge, but Lt Tolerton is interested in adding more cultural aspects to the course, including participation by First Nations Elders. He noticed that the Elders in Raven seemed to enhance the military training either through discussions during Elders Hour in the evenings or as part of one-on-one counselling with the students.

"Having seen this in action I would like to get the New Zealand Elders more involved right away," says Lt Tolerton.

Following his stay in Victoria, Lt Tolerton will also be visiting CFB Wainwright to observe one of the other two Canadian Forces First Nations youth programs, Bold Eagle. His trip was made possible by the

Sir Winston Churchill Fellowship, a grant awarded to applicants to travel to other countries and study something of benefit to their home country. He chose Canada because it is the only country in the world with programs like Raven and Bold Eagle.

An anthropologist by training, Lt Tolerton has enjoyed his experience in Canada, learning about First Nations people and the benefits of the Raven program.




"I've learned heaps. This trip has been very successful, and I was especially impressed by the quality of the instructors of the Basic Military Qualification course and Raven."

He was also impressed with the positive reception for the Raven program on his visits to reservations on Vancouver Island.

"My discussions with many First Nation leaders led me to believe that these programs are very well supported by the communities who, in the words of one tribal leader, 'send away teenagers - with all the accompanying issues - and six weeks later get back young men and women who can lead their communities.'"

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Sailor awarded top prizes in the UK

Darlene Blakeley
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Along with a Master of Science in Guided Weapon Systems (GWS), a Canadian sailor was recently awarded two top prizes at the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom/Cranfield University.

LCdr Andrew Schlosser, now working with the Directorate of Maritime Ship and Support in Ottawa, was awarded the GWS Course Trophy as the top student in his course, and the MBDA Rapier Trophy as the student who made the best contribution to the GWS Master of Science course as chosen by his peers.

"The receipt of my MSc diploma on its own was a manifestation of a year of serious study and hard work, and receiving it was highly rewarding," says LCdr Schlosser. "The additional receipt of both program awards is a source of immense personal pride and I feel that it reflects very auspiciously on Canada as a defence academic and research contributor."

LCdr Schlosser's family attended the graduation ceremony. "The loving support of my wife and the patience of my children were critical elements of my success," he says.

While there are a few

other Canadian names inscribed on these trophies, it is thought to be the first time a Canadian has won both at the same time, according to Capt(N) Harry Harsch, naval advisor with the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff in London.

"It was quite an achieve-

ment," he says, "and one that made Canada look very good at a rather high-profile international event."

The awards were handed out in the presence of Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, who was also at the ceremony, receiving an honorary degree.



Katherine Schlosser, Contributor
LCdr Andrew Schlosser displays the two awards he received at the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom.

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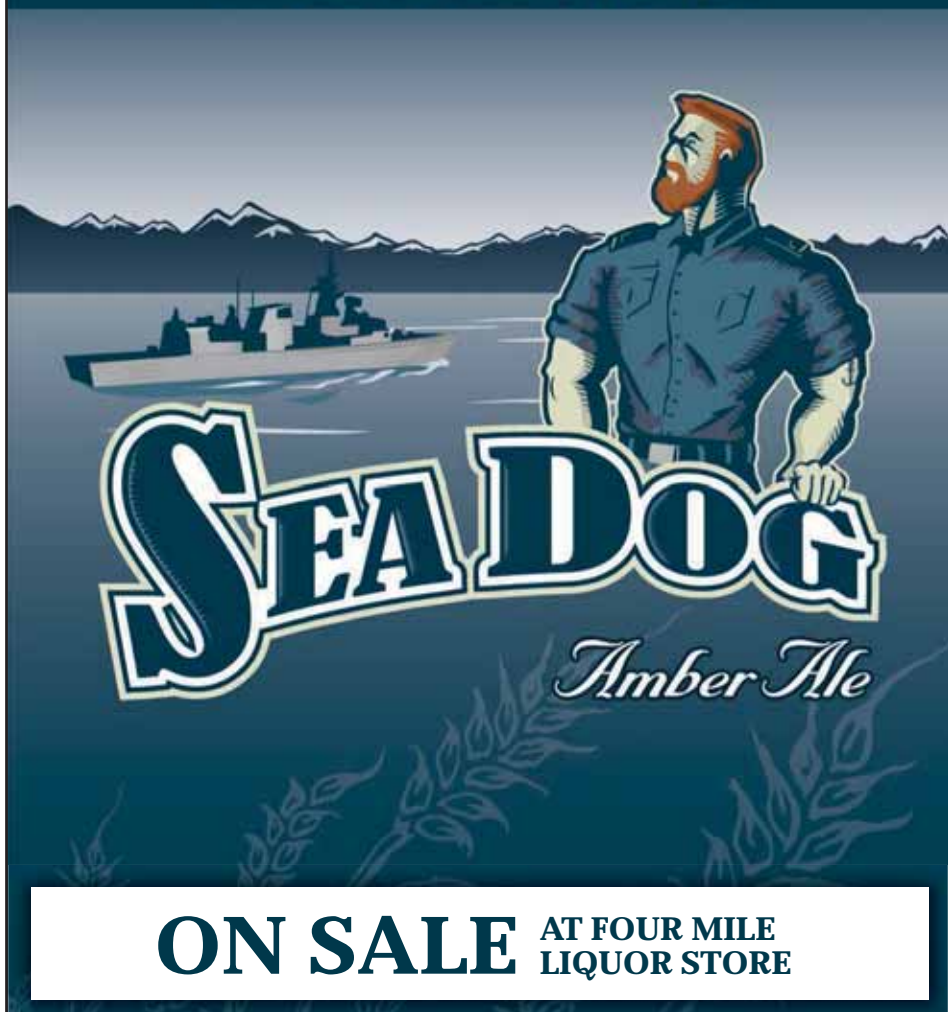


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HMCS Vancouver transits the Panama Canal

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Top left: Sgt Michael Ranson, a supply technician, places a Canada Post mail bag on the flight deck during a resupply in Panama.

Top right: Vancouver enters the first lock of the Panama Canal.

Right: Vancouver approaches the Bridge of the Americas, which separates North and South America, in Panama before a quick port visit.

Photos by Cpl Brandon O'Connell, HMCS Vancouver



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Cdr Lori McAllister (left) and Base Commander, Capt(N) Craig Baines, sign the change of command certificates transferring leadership of Base Logistics from Acting Base Logistics Officer Maj Rob Mason to Cdr McAllister. The ceremony took place on Aug. 3 at the Wardroom.



Bravo
ZULU

The Base Construction Pacemakers earned a Spirit Award for their enthusiastic participation in this year's Big Bike for Heart and Stroke. They formed one of six teams from CFB Esquimalt who raised \$14,642 for the annual event.

Hockey Night in Sydney for HMCS Ottawa

SLt Cam Chapman
HMCS Ottawa

HMCS Ottawa has sailed half-way around the world armed with torpedoes and large calibre bullets, but its sailors have sailed half-way around the world armed with hockey sticks, ready to declare battle on a local hockey club in Sydney, Australia.

Young men and women join the navy to travel the world and experience new places and what better way to do this than coupled with the game we all know and love – hockey.

As the sun began to set on the eve of July 8, hockey players from Ottawa started to gather their gear and pack it tightly into three vans. At that point,

our minds were focused on one thing – getting to the rink safely. We are not used to driving on the left side of the road.

At the rink, the differences between Canadian and Australian hockey rinks became immediately apparent. Boards in the Australian arena were lined with mesh that Canadians are used to seeing above the glass to keep pucks from going out of play; however, the Canterbury Olympic Arena, an old renovated airplane hangar, wasn't too bad.

The opposition was a local team called the Hawks, and it was mainly comprised of Canadians who live in the city.

With little to no warm up, the head referee

dropped the puck to start the match. Ottawa was off to a good start in the first period with a three goal lead. The first and third goals were scored by LS Adam Parsons and the second was scored by OS Chris Oliver.

The opposition came back to score one goal, leaving the game at 3-1 for Ottawa at the end of the first period.

In the second period, LS Parsons stepped up again and grabbed his third goal for a hat trick making the score 4-1 going into the third period. The Hawks were in a bad position and needed to make a comeback.

The game looked promising for Ottawa at the start of the final period until the Hawks made a

remarkable push, scoring four goals and taking the lead 5-4. The game was not lost, however, as Ottawa's OS Keelan Cook scored with a few seconds left, tying the game at 5-5. Ottawa won in a shootout with LS Parsons scoring first and OS Cook finishing it off with a spin move, or "spin-o-rama" as it's known to hockey fans.

After the final buzzer, the Hawks graciously hosted Ottawa's hockey team at the rink with pizza and refreshments. The night was unfailing proof that hockey is not only a good way to have fun and be active, but also a great way to strengthen bonds with international allies and make a good name for Canadians once again.

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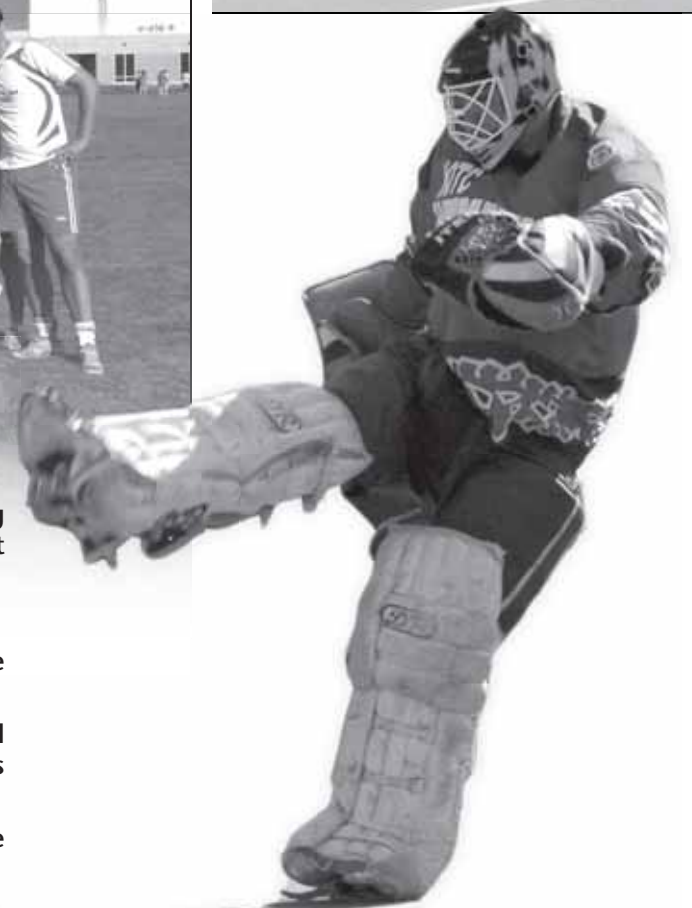
Top left: Docked at Ogden Point, BE Esmeralda was open to public tours during part of its visit.

Top right: Two crew members from the Esmeralda stand by the unique wreath they laid at the cenotaph at the B.C. Legislature.

Middle right: The crew of the Esmeralda played hockey against students from Venture, The Naval Officer Training Centre. With a little help from a few Canadians on the Chilean team, the visitors caught on fast and scored the first goal.

Lower right: The Chilean ball hockey team's goalkeeper had a unique style that included kicking the ball back to centre after a goal.

Above: Chilean and Canadian soccer teams stopped the action for a group photo.



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