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SLT Rudee Hastie, MARPAC Public Affairs

Vice-Admiral Mark Norman, Commander Royal Canadian Navy, and Phil McEvoy, Production Manager Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton, inspect a rebuilt stator, a key component of a Halifax-Class ship generator, during a recent tour highlighting the capabilities and the future of the facility.

Vice-Admiral Norman presents awards to local members

Shawn O'Hara
Staff Writer

Vice-Admiral Mark Norman, Commander Royal Canadian Navy, was in town last week to discuss the future of the navy with other senior leaders, including Rear-Admiral Ron Lloyd, Deputy Commander RCN; RAdm Bill Truelove, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific; and RAdm John Newton, Commander Maritime

Forces Atlantic.

During his visit, he participated in several fireside chats, a town hall at Naval Officer Training Centre Venture, and a tour of Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton.

He also attended an Honours and Awards ceremony at the Chief's and Petty Officer's Mess, where he presented awards and Commander RCN commendations to 12 military members.

"I'm very proud to be here to

honour the efforts of these men and women, and the work they do for their country," said VAdm Norman to the group. "While we are recognizing individual accomplishment this is a reflection of the work being done each and every day by the fine men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces. You are all making a difference."

RAdm Truelove also presented four Canadian Armed Forces

(CAF) Bravo Zulus.

"MARPAC is a hard working Formation, and I'm proud of each and every one of you," said RAdm Truelove. "While we honour you we also honour the families, friends, and loved ones back home who provide you with the support and love you need to carry on to your fullest. The CAF is a well-oiled machine, and every part is equally important to the whole."

During the event, VAdm

Norman presented RAdm Truelove with a Canadian Forces Decoration 2nd Clasp, signifying 32 years service in the CAF.

"Bill has spent the majority of his life serving the people of Canada, and this is a small recognition of a wonderful career," said VAdm Norman. "If the future of the RCN can depend on men and women half as ambitious as Bill, the country will be in good hands."

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Commander Royal Canadian Navy presents local awards

VAdm Mark Norman, Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy, and RAdm Bill Truelove, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, presented awards to several local military members on April 15.

Cpl Blaine Sewell, MARPAC Imaging Services



Lt(N) Stewart receives a CJO Commendation for his outstanding performance as a bridge watch-keeper onboard HMCS Ottawa (during a vessel handover).



Cdr Todd Bonnar receives a CJO Commendation for his delivery of an outstanding Distinguished Visitor Program for Canada's most senior leadership during RIMPAC 2012.



LCdr T. Edmonds receives a CJO Commendation for her efforts to modernize the payroll, budgeting and banking processes of the Afghan National Army from February to November 2012.



PO2 K. Hall receives a CRCN Commendation for his leadership and professionalism in the saving of a sailing vessel and her crew.



PO2 J. Stohl receives a CJO Commendation for her leadership and commitment to duty during Operation Caribbe that helped ensure mission success.



MS R Loy receives a CRCN Commendation for his performance as a member of the Ranger 1 patrol crew that helped save a sailboat and her crew.



LS L. Allan (centre) receives a MARPAC Bravo Zulu for her work on time sensitive repairs to a critical system onboard HMCS Victoria.



PO2K. McCue (Ret'd) receives a CJO Commendation for his exemplary skills as an information management director onboard HMCS Ottawa.



Stephen Norman receives a CRCN Commendation for his actions in saving the life of a choking colleague.



PO2 D. Whiten (second from right) receives a MARPAC Bravo Zulu for commitment, dedication and professionalism in the time sensitive repair of critical components onboard HMCS Victoria.



MS D. Garbella (centre) receives a MARPAC Bravo Zulu from RAdm Bill Truelove for his expertise, ingenuity and courage as he responded to an ammunition incident onboard HMCS Victoria.



MS M. Wright (centre) receives a MARPAC Bravo Zulu RAdm Bill Truelove for his actions to help one of his students at the Albert Head Confidence Course despite potential personal harm.



RAdm Bill Truelove, Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific, receives his Canadian Forces Decoration Second Clasp.



Slt D. Lessieur receives a CJO Commendation for his outstanding performance as a then PO2 onboard HMCS Ottawa during Operation Caribbe.



Brian Harris receives a CRCN Commendation for his outstanding leadership and initiative as project manager during RIMPAC.



CPO2 D. McAlpine receives a CRCN Commendation for his leadership and professionalism in the Expeditionary Opposed Boarding Team Trial.

Base adopts greener technology

SLt Rudee Hastie
Base Public Affairs

Base Information Services (BIS) has a great idea to save CFB Esquimalt money while improving efficiency.

The plan is to switch out the single printer and the lone fax machine for a "Multifunction Device".

This piece of technology is a colour printer, scanner, copier and fax machine combined, with a hard drive to save files.

Neil Grieg from BIS is heading the effort to convert both ships and shore units to the Multifunction Device, which will be leased with all maintenance included.

"It's such a simple solution to an expanding inventory of devices that cost electricity, and require different proprietary cartridges. By letting go of the idea of having a printer on your desk, and by taking an extra few steps, you are saving more money than people realize," he says.

Last year, BIS spent \$80,000 on toner for the various devices in its office. The estimated cost savings of replacing eight printers with a Multifunction Device for three years is \$22,770.87.

The Canadian Armed Forces is required to conform to the Government of Canada's Greening



The Canon Imagerunner 3230 Multifunction device is one of many different devices that can be ordered through Base Information Services.

Initiative, which includes the Printer Reduction Strategy. The target is to achieve a ratio of eight people to one printer.

The conversion has already started with *HMC Ships Winnipeg, Regina and Vancouver*, and in the shore offices of Formation Technical Authority and the Base Commander.

"We used to have eight printers to 12 people and at any given time one would be out of supplies. Now we have one multifunction device on each floor instead of printers and it works great," says Michael Morrison, Base Chief of Staff. "Having a multifunction device nearby makes it even easier to manage

records effectively" The new technology has the capability to scan documents that can be accessed from a web link, which improves records management.

Units interested in transferring to a Multifunction Device should submit a service request on the BIS homepage.

HMCS Kingston experiences fire

DND

The ship's company of *HMCS Kingston* successfully extinguished a minor engine room fire, and everyone aboard is safe.

The crew responded to and extinguished the fire in the forward machinery room Saturday, April 12.

The emergency happened approximately 10:52 a.m. (AST) as the Kingston-class vessel was proceeding to Halifax, Nova Scotia, following a six week mission on Operation Caribbe with another Royal Canadian Navy ship, *HMCS Glace Bay*.

Sailors put out what appears to have been an electrical fire with portable fire extinguishers immediately on detecting it.

There were no injuries.

Kingston and *Glace Bay* arrived in Halifax on Wednesday April 16,

as scheduled.

As all fire occurrences in the Royal Canadian Navy are formally investigated, a full assessment of the situation is being conducted to establish the exact cause of the fire and the extent of the damage.

Register now for the May challenge

It's back! The CAF Health and Wellness Challenge Join the push for fitness by enrolling in the CAF Health & Wellness Challenge.

Registration is now open for the May long event. Get Ready. Take the Challenge! Little steps to a healthier life really do make a difference. Register today at: www.forces.gc.ca/healthchallenge-defisante. For more information locally, call Maryse Neilson, 250-363-5680.

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People Talk

Lookout asked this question:

Would you rather travel back in time pre 1800's and meet your ancestors, or travel to the future post 2200s and meet your great grandchildren?



To the future because I know what kind of technology kids use and how it affects them nowadays. It would be interesting to see in the future, will they have hovercrafts to play with?

PO2 Trevor Linfoot



Back to the past because I probably won't ever have kids.

Matt Kingstone



To the future because it is very unknown and I'm curious as to what it would be like that far into the future.

OS Ryan Denham



To the past because I would love to see where my people came from and what it was like living 100 years ago.

LS Gilles Sabarin



To the past because it would be cool to see how our ancestors lived back then and to really understand the way of living, as well as compare it to present day.

LS Mike Reid

WHAT SAY: YOU

Creating a culture intolerant of harassment

We all have an important responsibility to ensure that our work environment is harassment-free and respectful. While recent internal CAF surveys regarding our work culture indicate positive results and trends, we can and must do better on behalf of all of our members.

For context, the recently concluded survey reports indicate that:

- More than 98 per cent of CAF members are aware that there is a CAF harassment policy;
- 79 per cent recall having participated in CAF harassment awareness training;
- 77 per cent believe complaints about harassment would be taken seriously in their unit;
- Of 2,245 survey respondents, 72 per cent did not report experiencing any form of harassment in the 12 months prior to the survey;
- 17 per cent responded that they had experienced abuse of authority;
- 16 per cent responded that they had experienced personal harassment;
- 1.5 per cent responded that

There is no tolerance of harassment and discrimination. They are poisonous to our workplace and impede our operational effectiveness.

they had experienced sexual harassment; and

- 1 per cent responded that they had experienced hazing.

Of note, 17 per cent of CAF members reported they would not feel free to report harassment without fear of reprisals; and visible minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are reporting more on-the-job discrimination than other members.

Both of us are committed to providing a working environment for DND employees and CAF members that fosters a workplace free of harassment and discrimination; and characterized by mutual trust, support and respect for the dignity of every person in the workplace. We hold our managers and leaders accountable to ensure that

these standards are met.

We need your help to maintain such a workplace. If you feel harassed or discriminated against, or if you witness incidents of this nature, then take action. If the issue is not immediately resolvable, deal with the situation professionally and report the incident to your chain of command.

It is the responsibility of your chain of command to support you; however, if you are being harassed or discriminated against and it is your chain of command that concerns you, then report the incident to one level higher in the chain of command.

Further support is also available to you through your local chaplain or social worker, the CAF Member Assistance Program and the Employee

Assistance Program, and through the Conflict Resolution Centres.

In short, there is no tolerance of harassment and discrimination. They are poisonous to our workplace and impede our operational effectiveness. Our efforts in this matter must be focused on preventing harassment and discrimination from occurring. But in the event that an incident does occur, we must ensure early intervention and timely and fair resolution. In this way, we can make certain that our military environment is more respectful and inclusive for all.

We all need to be engaged in this. We need to ensure our work environment is harassment-free, and take action if it is not. Together we can make a difference, and support the well-being of our community.

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Shop goes fishing for charity

Shawn O'Hara
Staff Writer

Employees of the sail loft shop in dockyard will drop some hooks and raise money with a charitable fishing derby.

Pedder Bay Marina is the site of the May 24 derby. Money raised will help one of their own, Wayne Downey.

His 16-year-old son Zach was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma last year and spent time receiving treatment in B.C. Children's Hospital. Money from last year's derby helped alleviate the financial burden of travelling from the island to the mainland.

"We wanted to help him

out since he'd be away from work for a while," says Chad Dobranski at the Sail Loft. "He's one of our own, and we want to take care of our own."

Doctors recently told the Downeys they have done all they can for Zach. The family is now seeking alternative treatments, and the men and women at the Sail Loft are hoping to help cover the cost.

"The treatments they're looking at aren't covered through the Canadian healthcare system, and can get pricey," says Dobranski. "They have been through a lot in the last year and we want to keep helping them any way we can."

Last year's derby raised \$7,695 through ticket sales, registration, and donations, which went to the Zach Downey Foundation through Coast Capital Savings.

"Hopefully we can give even more this year," says Dobranski.

Registration is \$50 per person, with prizes going to the biggest catches.

"It's a good time and a great way to help out a friend," says Dobranski. "We want to make sure while they're going through this hard time they don't have to worry about mortgage payments and the like."

To get tickets and register contact the Sail Loft at 250-363-2214.

CFB Halifax to build new facilities

DND

Rob Nicholson, Minister of National Defence, has announced the start of construction work for two Halifax-area infrastructure projects worth \$208.6 million.

The first project is a new housing and training facility for the Junior Ranks at Canadian Forces Base Halifax.

The second is the construction of a new armoury in Bedford, which will be known as the Major Robert Campbell Risley Armoury.

Quick Facts

- The new Junior Ranks facility represents the first phase of a two phase project at CFB Halifax, which will see the construction of three new buildings. Phase One will see the construction of a 21,060 square metre complex that includes quarters, dining, galley and mess hall, as well as a 1,169 square metre building that will house a retail store, a concession snack bar, a barber

shop and financial services.

- The second phase of this project will see the construction of a modern seamanship training facility with an approximate area of 7,654 square metre. This facility will provide the infrastructure necessary to meet current and emerging training requirements in an efficient and cohesive environment.

- This new infrastructure will better accommodate the seamanship training program, and will provide modern and consolidated quarters for the Junior Ranks.

- The new 2,581 square metre Major Robert Campbell Risley Armoury will house 3 Military Police Unit Headquarters and 30 Military Police Company.

The new armoury is named in memory of Major Robert Campbell Risley. Major Risley, a native of Sydney, Nova Scotia, was the first Commanding Officer of 5 Provost Company in 1947. This unit eventually became the modern-day 3 Military Police Regiment.

Sexual assault charge laid in Shilo

The Canadian Forces National Investigation Service (CFNIS) has charged a member of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) with offences related to sexual assault, assault and conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline on April 9.

Master Warrant Officer Douglas Pettie, a 49-year-old of the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry of Canadian Forces Base Shilo, Manitoba, was charged with:

- one count of Sexual Assault in accordance with section 130 of the National Defence Act, pursuant to section 271 of the Criminal Code of Canada;
- two counts of Assault Causing Bodily Harm in accordance with section 130 of the National Defence Act, pursuant to section 267 of the Criminal Code of Canada; and
- four counts of Conduct To The Prejudice Of Good Order And Discipline in

accordance with section 129 of the National Defence Act.

The CFNIS is a unit within the independent Canadian Forces Military Police Group whose mandate is to investigate serious and sensitive matters in relation to Department of National Defence (DND) property, DND employees and CAF personnel serving in Canada and around the world.

Major Yurczyszyn sentenced

A military judge has sentenced Maj David Yurczyszyn, former Commanding Officer of CFB Wainwright, Alberta, to a reduction in rank from Major to Captain following a standing court martial that found him guilty of sexual assault and drunkenness.

The presiding Military Judge, Col Michael Gibson, issued an order requiring the offender to provide bodily substances for forensic DNA analysis, and an order requiring Maj Yurczyszyn to comply with the Sex Offender

Information Registration Act for 20 years. Both of these provisions are non-discretionary when found guilty of sexual assault.

Standing court martial proceedings against Maj Yurczyszyn began on April 7 in Denwood, Alberta.

Of two charges, which were preferred by the Director of Military Prosecutions on July 16, 2013, Maj Yurczyszyn is found:

- guilty of one count of sexual assault, an offence under Section 130 of the National Defence Act, contrary to Section 271(a) of the Criminal Code of Canada; and
- guilty of one count of drunkenness, an offence under Section 97 of the National Defence Act.

The offences for which Maj Yurczyszyn are found guilty result from an incident where he touched the victim's breast at a party on Remembrance Day in Wainwright, Alberta, in 2012.



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City-wide charity challenge invites base employees

Shawn O'Hara
Staff Writer

In June, teams of brightly coloured contestants will sprint through the streets of downtown Victoria in the name of charity.

The UrbaCity Challenge takes place June 8, and is a city-wide obstacle course that pits teams of two against each other in an Amazing Race-style event, with competitors completing various tasks, puzzles, and obstacles.

Businesses and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) can get in on the race through the new four person corporate challenge, or as a pair in the Brains, Brawn, and Ultra categories.

"It's a great opportunity for Victorians to get a look at their city like they've never seen it before," says Priya Manhas of MAXIMUS Canada, the presenting partner for the event. "We want to put an emphasis on Victoria's local culture, so all of our challenges will get participants up close and personal. With the CAF being such a large part of the community we hope the military represents as well."

Each team of two has a fundraising minimum of \$100, while teams of four must raise \$400, with all money going directly to The Prostate Centre, a Victoria organization that provides direct support in relation to prostate health.

"It's important to MAXIMUS to support the community, so we wanted to reach out to a local organization," says Manhas. "The Prostate Centre serves this com-



Left: UrbaCity team Sparkle My World competes at a Challenge Station on Yates before being named 2013 Champions in the Brawn category.

Right: A team member from A Diva & A Bruin gets pumped up.



Photos by Ari Bozoian, UrbaCity Volunteer

munity's men and their families, and we wanted to do whatever we can to support them."

While the exact tasks for this year's race are kept under wraps

until the day of, Manhas says there is no end to variety.

In years past, participants had to make a paper airplane together using only one hand each, or mem-

orize the order of a totem pole and relay it to a team mate out of sight to be rebuilt with a model.

"Anything to build teamwork skills, work out the mind and tire

the body," she says. "It's all about friendly competition and with a little challenge it's all the more fun."

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Who says you can't eat healthy and get fit at sea?

The ship's company of *HMCS Regina* is leading the way in promoting health and fitness during its overseas deployment on Operation Artemis.

Regina has implemented a number of initiatives over the course of the last four months, including diet and weight counselling, anti-smoking assistance, a Biggest Loser weight loss contest, and regular meetings of

the ship's fitness club.

"We are reaching the mid-point of our deployment and we need to sustain our energy levels and stay healthy for the remainder of Operation Artemis," said Cdr Dan Charlebois, *Regina's* Commanding Officer. "We encourage the ship's company to make healthy choices in the hopes this will lead to an overall lifestyle change while they are on board the ship, as well as when they are back home with their friends and family. If I can do it, anybody can do it."

The ship's Physicians Assistant,

WO John Hancock, provides diet and weight counselling, as well as assistance to those who want to quit smoking during the deployment.

Additionally, he runs the Biggest Loser contest on the ship, which is based of the popular TV show. Participants must weigh in at every fuel stop or port visit, and their weight loss is carefully monitored by WO Hancock. The winner of the contest will be named towards the end of the deployment, and will be decided by the percentage of weight lost by each participant vice the total number of pounds they lost.

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Above: PO1 Matthew Goodwin demonstrates proper lifting technique during a fitness class on the flight deck.

Left: Capt Moley Mangana does push-ups during a fitness class on the flight deck.

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-Cdr Dan Charlebois
Commanding Officer, HMCS Regina

To help the ship's company lose weight and improve their overall strength and cardiovascular conditioning, *Regina* started a fitness club where members can share tips on sports nutrition and engage in high-intensity workout sessions on the flight deck. The sessions are organized and supervised by members who have received the Basic Fitness Trainers Assistance qualification. A different person is chosen to lead the group each week and organize the group's workout routine.

Although the sessions take a lot

of time and effort to setup and perform, they are well attended by the ship's company. Many of them say they have achieved better results in a group setting than working out alone.

"It is a lot easier to stick to a routine when you have a great support network behind you to keep you honest and on the right path," said PO1 Matthew Goodwin, the ship's sports officer. "The fitness club is a great success and many of its members have already lost a significant amount of weight and have gained

more confidence in a group setting."

For those who prefer to workout on their own, *Regina* is well equipped with cardio machines and other fitness equipment such as a treadmill, an elliptical, a rowing machine and a recumbent bike. They also have a small gym located near the stern of the ship that features various free weights, a smith machine, a bench press, a pull-up / dip station, as well as a multipurpose dual cable crossover machine. Many sailors forgo the weights and machines and go for a jog on the upper decks or participate in boot-camp style circuit training or yoga on the flight deck.

"Maintaining one's fitness levels and eating right is a big part of being prepared to conduct any number of physically and mentally demanding operations at sea," said LCdr Gordon Roy, Executive Officer of *Regina*. "Everybody can find at least 30 minutes out of their busy day to get to the gym, do a little cardio on the upper decks or work out on one of the ship's fitness machines."

Protect yourself from the 'Heartbleed Bug'

Wendy Arthurs
Information Protection Officer

The Heartbleed bug is the nastiest problem the Internet has seen in almost a decade, affecting about 66 per cent of the Internet. This vulnerability can compromise sensitive data, including usernames, passwords and credit card numbers, even when you're on a supposedly secure website. Although this is a serious problem, don't panic.

Most of the fixes can't be done by a home user. The average user does not run a web server on their home computer, so a standard Windows or Mac home computer should be fine. The main client-side risk is Android 4.1.1, but there isn't much you can do about it but wait for a patch for your phone.

What Can you Do?

There are a few common sense things you can do to protect yourself if you have used a credit card online or used a login/password to access a site.

Check your critical websites to ensure they are not vulnerable. These are sites where you have shopped or supplied financial information online. Caution is still advised even if the site gives you an "all clear" indication. If you're given a red flag, avoid the site for now. You can check individual sites by typing in the URL in one of the "site checkers" below. The Canadian Banking Association has stated Canadian banks were not affected.

Next, change your passwords and ensure they are unique for each site. When you use the same password for all sites, if one gets compromised they all get compromised.

Keep an eye on financial statements for the next couple months. Attackers can access a server's memory for credit card information; look for unfamiliar charges on your bank statements.

Reach out to small businesses that have your data to make sure they are secure. While the high-profile companies such as Yahoo and Amazon certainly know about the problem, small businesses might not even be aware of it.

Open your browser and delete your cookies, cache and history.

Biggest Risk

The biggest risk for home users who've seen the Heartbleed scare stories in the mainstream media, is being caught by scams. Cyber criminals are already making use of these concerns by sending phishing emails. Phishing emails are cleverly crafted to prey on someone's concerns (such as potentially compromised financial data), or they may offer a quick fix to a problem and contain a link that you to click. For instance – they may appear to come from your bank or a website at which you shop and tell you they have fixed their website but you need to change your password to protect your data. Do not click a link. The link supplied most likely goes to a fake site where they can either force a download of malware to your computer or capture your login/password information for the site in question.

There is no quick fix to this problem. If you receive an email offering one, it's a scam.

Resources

Check your frequently used sites by entering the URL at one of these sites: www.heartbleed.com; www.lastpass.com/heartbleed; www.ssllabs.com/ssltest/analyze.html?d=&source=tim



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Two ceremonies will take place Sunday, May 4 to commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic and Victory in Europe Day.

Victoria – Battle of the Atlantic

The parade will be comprised of 180 Canadian Armed Forces personnel, veterans, cadets and the Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy.

- When: Sunday May 4. Parade begins at 10:35 a.m. with the ceremony beginning at 10:50 a.m.
- Where: The parade will start at Wharf Street and march down Government to the Cenotaph at the B.C. Legislature for the ceremony

Royal Canadian Legion Sooke – Battle of the Atlantic and Victory in Europe Day

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Forces environments and the Royal Canadian Cadets and Navy League will comprise the Vigil Party at the Sooke ceremony. They will join veterans, community leaders and members of the community for the ceremony.

- When: Sunday May 4 at Noon
- Where: Sooke Royal Canadian Legion, 6726 Eustace Road

The Battle of the Atlantic was the longest continuous battle of the Second World War and one in which Canada played a central role.

The battle started on the opening day of the war in September 1939 and ended almost six years later with Germany's surrender in May 1945.

It was courageously fought by the men and women of the Canadian Merchant Navy, the RCN and the

RCAF. But with success came a high cost.

The RCN lost 24 warships and suffered 2,000 fatalities; the Merchant Navy lost over 70 ships and suffered over 1,600 fatalities; and the RCAF lost more than 750 aircrew.

Allied victory in the Second World War would not have been possible without victory at sea which kept the convoys running and the supply lines to Europe open. These brave men and women were some of the more than one million Canadians who served in the cause of peace and freedom.

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HMCS Winnipeg took a big hit when fishing trawler American Dynasty stuck the port side of the vessel last spring.

Safety board releases report on American Dynasty allision with HMCS Winnipeg

Shawn O'Hara
Staff Writer

After nearly a year of investigation, the Transportation Safety Board of Canada has developed a picture of the events leading to the allision between United States fishing vessel American Dynasty and HMCS Winnipeg.

According to the report released March 31, the board found that "a series of failures by crew and equipment led to the collision" on April 23, 2013.

While the vessel was being towed to the Esquimalt graving dock, the vessel's oiler took a call from the master, as the chief engineer was unavailable.

"At approximately 0816, the master transferred control to the engine control room. The oiler had never accepted control before, so he asked the electrician, who was also in the engine control room, about the procedure for accepting control."

The electrician then advised to push a transfer button on the propulsion panel, after which the vessel lost all electrical power. The emergency generator failed to initiate, and the bridge crew noticed the vessel accelerating from 1.6 knots to 5.0 knots and veering to starboard in the direction of Winnipeg.

"Upon noticing propeller wash, the master attempted to call the engine room using the main phone, but the line was dead," says the report. "The master then requested the first mate to go to the engine room and assess the situation. By this time American Dynasty was approximately 400m from Winnipeg."

Meanwhile, the tugs pulling the vessel also noticed the problem and attempted to correct course by towing the ship backward. They were unable to stop it when the winch on one of the tugs broke and American Dynasty pulled away.

Below deck in the engine

room, the chief engineer, unaware of the drastic change of course, continued to work on restoring power to the vessel. When the auxiliary generator engine shut down the chief engineer left the room to find the cause.

"At approximately 0818, the bow of American Dynasty struck the port side of the Winnipeg approximately 7m abaft its stem, at a relative angle of 145° and an estimated speed of 5 knots," says the report. "American Dynasty's forepeak tank split open, discharging ballast water onto the bow of the Winnipeg. Just after the impact, the chief engineer manually set the fuel pump rack to the 'no fuel' position, which shut down the port main engine. At that time, the chief engineer observed that the starboard engine had already shut down."

American Dynasty remained embedded in Winnipeg until preliminary assessments could be

completed. "With the assistance of tugs, the American Dynasty was separated from the HMCS Winnipeg at around 17:10."

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada determined American Dynasty did not have procedures in place for putting the vessel in dry dock, or to deal with a loss of power. The exact reason for the blackout and the change of course is still unclear.

Acceleration was deemed to be a product of the blackout, which pushed fuel to the port engines.

"Crew members who have not been adequately familiarized with a vessel and its equipment may not have the knowledge necessary to perform their duties," the report read. "Furthermore, without procedures and comprehensive drills for emergency situations, crew may not be proficient in taking mitigating action during an emergency."

Read the full report at www.tsb.gc.ca/eng.

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Canadian Forces Health Services Centre Pacific Awards



Above: Sgt Hadden receives the Formation CPO1 coin from CPO1 Helston for her tireless efforts during a period of high tempo and staff shortage.

Below: The Case Management team consisting of Donna Hooper, Dianne Keoughan, Lise Bardon and Brenda Carrol (absent are Mike Leung and Patricia Whiteley) receive the Admiral's coin for their outstanding teamwork in providing top notch services to ill and injured members.



Above: WO Kelly Scott is awarded the Admiral's coin from Admiral Truelove for her dedication and outstanding leadership in 1 Dental Unit. Left to right: RAdm Bill Truelove, WO Kelly Scott, LCol Teo Russu, and CPO1 Paul Helston.

Left: 1 Dental Unit Det Esquimalt Det Commander, LCol Teo Russu presents MCpl Marc Robert with his CD1.

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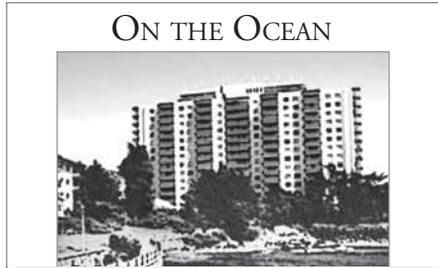
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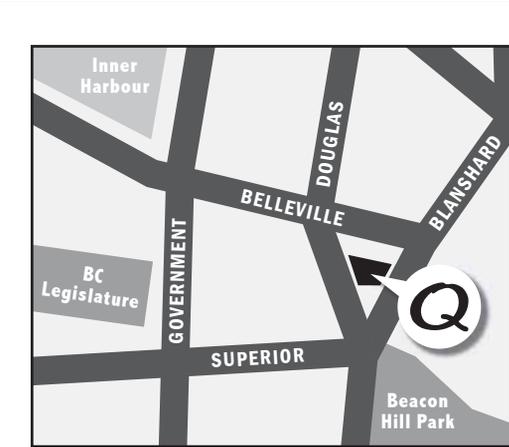
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The 5th Field Artillery Regiment Band plays the Vimy Ridge March at this year's annual Spring Concert.

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5th B.C. Artillery Regiment Band plays to crowd at Alix Goolden Hall

A/SLt Melissa J Kia
Base Public Affairs

A melodious assembly happens every spring in Victoria that is worth taking note of.

The 5th B.C. Artillery Regiment Band held its annual spring concert to ring in this beautiful season. This year's concert was of a particularly sweet note, as the regimental band celebrated its 150th year.

Lead by their energetic, and very tall Bandmaster, CWO Frank P. Eigler, the Spring Concert took place Sunday April 13 at the Alix Goolden Performance Hall in Victoria. Audience members were welcomed at the door by a small group of army cadets, and given a

chance to hear and participate in this piece of local history.

The band played some old favorites such as the "Vimy Ridge March", as well as some newer tunes, the liveliest of which was a tribute to the Blues Brothers where the brass section really cut loose sporting their shades. The repertoire this year also included the First suite by Holst; a stirring bassoon solo performed by WO (ret'd) Sylvain Lefebvre; and the "Post Horn Gallop" performed by Cpl Becky Major.

After the performance the band broke up, shaking hands with the audience and receiving accolades from their appreciative public. They were even

pressed for one more piece in which the band members themselves sang along to the chorus of "Screw Guns".

The 5th B.C. Artillery Regiment Band has the distinction of being the oldest standing military band in Western Canada. Tracing its origins to 1864, the band has been a fundamental part of Victoria's cultural and military fabric. The 5th Field Regiment Band helped establish the Naden Band of Maritime Forces Pacific, and its string section in past decades went on to form the heart of the Victoria Symphony.

Most active September through June, the band practices weekly at the Bay Street Armoury. It

plays at a variety of events including ceremonies on Remembrance Day, and the Victoria Day Gun Salute. Some of its members play with the Ceremonial Guard Band in Ottawa each summer.

These artists also dedicate their time to a program that helps support developing young musicians wishing to improve their skills.

Though the band represents the 5th Artillery Regiment, it is composed of local reservists, students, professionals, and civil servants from all walks of life. These dedicated instrumentalists, both amateur and professional alike, are drawn together through their love of music and passion for history.

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