

Canadian Coast Guard Association Winter 2018 Newsletter



Message from your editor - Pat Wilson: Please remember that “Any” memorable Coast Guard experiences and photos will be very welcomed. Please pass all input to me: Pat Wilson, Editor, PO Box 5558, Victoria B.C. V8R 6S4; Ph 250-889-7041; E-mail: ccga.editor@gmail.com

Members with access to the Internet should bookmark the Coast Guard Association website at www.ccgawest.ca and all Members are encouraged to forward pictures to the Editor for publication on the website.

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‘Greetings from President’

All members,

Firstly I would like to say how honoured I am to be your Association President for the next year which I note is the 30th year since the Association was informally founded in 1988. I would also like to sincerely thank Terry Weber for staying on as Secretary to show me the ropes, Bill McKechnie and Bill Dancer to remain on the executive along with Frank Statham as Webmaster and Pat Wilson with newsletters.

My focus this year will be to continue to promote the benefits of the Association for both CG retirees and currently working employees and increase communication and links with the CCG.

Terry and I have been approached by Mr John Butler (NFLD) to discuss the possibility of creating a national CCG Alumni Association in addition to regional Associations and in a brief conversation that included the Commissioner the CCG is very supportive of such a project. The Commissioner suggested options such as allowing us access to CG online newsletters, having Assoc. members attend CG award ceremonies, membership ID cards and the CCG being able to access Association members for feedback on CG issues. On the 18th October ten Association members were able to meet at the CG Base and receive an update from the Assistant Commissioner and a brief tour of the Base. At the meeting the Assistant Commissioner again confirmed his support to the formation of a national CG Alumni and improved communications with the Pacific (Western) Region Association.

I would appreciate any comments you may have regarding both the national Alumni proposal and any suggestions to connect better with CCG.

A reminder that the **Christmas Luncheon** this year will be held on **Thursday, December 6th at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club at 1145 (Bar opens at 1200)**. Assistant Commissioner (Pacific) Roger Girouard hopes to be able to attend. To encourage a good attendance we have decided to subsidize the cost of the Luncheon for each member and their spouse by \$10 each however it is extremely important that we have accurate numbers attending in order to be able to offer this benefit.

Although the Christmas luncheon will not be an AGM we will need to decide what to do with two GIC's that expire in January and March. With the possibility of additional costs due to a national Alumni being formed it is suggested that we renew the GIC's for now however any suggestions on how to deal with them is very much appreciated. My email address is listed below for feedback.

Hope to see you all at the Luncheon,

All the very best,

John Palliser
palliser@email.com
 250-588-8896

2. Membership - Dues and Updates

Annual dues will remain at **\$5.00** for the year 2018 and if not already submitted can be paid at the Winter Lunch, or Summer 2019 Luncheon. Please note that the spouses of deceased members are most welcome to continue as associate members of the CCGA. **We require a new Secretary** but in the interim, Terry Weber will stand in, and 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 f_statham@shaw.ca or Terry Weber terry.eldon.weber@gmail.com

Bill McKechnie would like to step down so we are **looking for a new Treasurer**. Please advise if interested.

Remember also 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 **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. Bill can be reached at 250-721-5273 or email w.dancer@telus.net

Your Executive Members are:

President: John Palliser, Treasurer: Bill McKechnie, Acting Secretary: Terry Webber,
Newsletter: Patrick Wilson, Web Master: Frank Statham.

3. Winter 2018 Luncheon – Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

WHEN: Thursday 6th December - 11:30 - mingle; (Bar opens 1200) luncheon 12:30.

WHERE: The Royal Victoria Yacht Club, 3475 Ripon Road Victoria, BC

AIM: To relax, yarn, enjoy the Luncheon Buffet and celebrate the coming winter with friends and colleagues.

WHO: Coast Guard Association members, Coast Guard Retirees, their Spouses and Guests and serving Coast Guards and guests are most welcome!

2018 Winter Luncheon Menu

RVYC Lunch Menu:

Mixed artisan Greens

Roasted Cauliflower & Chickpea Salad

Buttered Carrots and Beans

Maple Glazed Root Vegetables

Sliced Roast Turkey Breast with

Apple, Onion & sage with

Roasted Herb Potatoes and Cranberry Sauce

Buffet Cakes, Assorted Christmas Cookies, Mince Tarts

Bread & Butter

Coffee & Tea

Cost will be \$29.00 for Association Members and spouses and \$39 for guests.

(Both costs include tax and gratuity)

To facilitate catering, we need to give the Yacht Club staff firm numbers not later than Thursday November 29th and we are liable for the numbers reserved. To avoid disappointment, please reserve your place(s) with- Bill Dancer 250-721-5273, w.dancer@telus.net or Terry Weber 250-383-6626 terry.eldon.weber@gmail.com or John Palliser at palliser@email.com, 250-588-8896

Mark Thursday December 6th on your calendar and make your **RESERVATIONS NOW!**

For Vancouver/Mainland attendees: If anyone is coming over as a foot passenger we might be able to arrange to meet you in SWARTZ BAY and afterwards aim to get you back to SWARTZ BAY in time for the 3 p.m. ferry but will need to know in advance. Please notify **John Palliser at 250-588-8896** if you might be considering that mode of transport. The 9am BC Ferry as a foot passenger from TSAWWASSEN (**free if you are a senior**) will arrive in time for the luncheon.

Anyone who would be prepared to help out with any possible assistance with transportation, please contact **John Palliser at palliser@email.com or call 250-588-8896.**

4. Remembering those who have crossed the bar

Since the last issue we have learned of the passing of two Coast Guard retirees.



BUDD, Brent - Passed away peacefully on January 04, 2018, with his family by his side. Beloved husband of Brenda Budd. Loving father to Tami (Rob) Orr. Grandfather to Ashley (Ben) Brown, and proud big poppa to Makayla and Blake Brown. Survived by his brother Randall (Marlene) and family. Predeceased by brother Hasewell. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.¹³²

Cec - Brent Budd former chief engineer at the Montreal and Vancouver hovercraft units, Passed away Thursday from cancer.

Frank Statham

I remember him from his days at Sea Island hover craft base back in the 1970-80's.



Denis McBrearty was born in Glasgow Scotland on August 19, 1944, the 3rd of 6 children. He passed away on June 19, 2018 of cancer in Victoria, BC.

Denis was a CCG Electronic Systems Technologist and Ship's Radio Inspector, in both Richmond and Victoria BC. At Denis's request, there will be no funeral service. An informal reception was held for family, friends and neighbors on June 24th, 2018 at Norway House.

Denis leaves his loving wife of almost 48 years, Diety, his daughter Kaarina, and son Brian (Clover), 2 granddaughters, Shannon and Amy, his siblings, Maureen, Pat, Vincent, Hilary and Margo, and their families, Denis is remembered for being a kind, gentle and generous man. He gave freely of his time and love.



Subject: **Claude Gourdeau**

I have received a message from Claude Gourdeau who reported the death of his wife for the CG newsletter. Claude Gourdeau's wife – Luise Elsa "Liesel" Gourdeau, passed away on Saturday, September 30, 2018. Liesel suffered a stroke nine years ago. She was residing at Saanich Peninsula Hospital for the past four years.

Joan Scharf

5. New and Old vessels from twitter feeds

New CCG Off shore tugs ?

In support of Oceans Protection Plan Atlantic Towing Ltd. was just awarded a 3-yr. contract through Coast Guard CAN for 2 towing vessels!

<https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/canadian-government-to-lease-two-emergency-towing-vessels>

<https://navaltoday.com/2018/11/06/canadian-coast-guard-welcomes-first-of-two-emergency-offshore-towing-vessels/>



2018 Summer fades quickly in northern Canada!

Captain Andre Belcourt snapped this photo of the **CCGS Sir Wilfrid Laurier** in the Western Arctic supporting a Fish Oceans Canada scientific dive operation

<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/DpP9GRZV4AATSuT.jpg>



“New Swedish CCG Ice Breakers Is one coming to the Western Region?”

CCG National has arranged a Lease - purchase plan for, 3 Ice Breakers from Sweden. After travelling more than 3400 nautical miles and 14 days from **Landskrona, Sweden**, these 3 medium icebreakers have just arrived in Quebec and will soon join our fleet.

Have a look, they are quite impressive!

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1034206439491821569>
<https://twitter.com/CoastGuardCAN/status/1034206439491821569/video/1>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_icebreakers
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tor_Viking
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trans_Viking_Icebreaking_%26_Offshore



The CCGS McIntyre Bay was officially accepted into our fleet today! Here it is with CCGS Cape Storm on a brief stop at our Port Weller Search And Rescue station, on the way to its final home in British Columbia.

Photo courtesy of Commanding Officer Marcel Léger.

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/canadian-coast-guard-opens-search-and-rescue-station-in-victoria-announces-two-new-west-coast-lifeboats-687510121.html>



CCGS Pachena Bay will soon make its way to Canada’s West Coast. Stay tuned!

<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/DpVHNvMWwAA34dE.jpg>

<http://ral.ca/2015/08/19/canada-orders-12-robert-allan-ltd-designed-high-endurance-self-righting-lifeboats-to-enhance-national-search-rescue-capability/>

6. The Future of CCG Western

(Notes from a meeting between CCGA & Roger Girouard, Assistant Commissioner, Western Region)

Attended by John Palliser, Bill Dancer, Dave Johns, Art Mountain, Monte Montgomery, Alec Provan, Bill McKechnie, Pat Wilson, Terry Weber and Phil Dauphinee.

Canada Wide

5 Regions are now 3 Regions
Western, Central Arctic, & Atlantic,

Western Personnel = 1083
 891 FTE and 250 new employees in BC

Few years ago the Dive teams were cut to save money ...Now the program has been rebuilt

Canadian Coast Guard Regional Boundaries



Oil Pollution Incident Marathassa Grounding ->

CCG got a very
Respectable 56% oil
in their Bladders.



Greater Vancouver Response Plan (GVRP) Greater Vancouver Response Plan- CCG Western is creating an understanding with GVRP and all other Marine Parties. CCG is chairing the meetings to create an Emergency Marine Response Plan in the case of "Big Trouble" i.e. "Super Earth Quake and or Tsunami"

Mackenzie River

- No supplies this year (2018) to Arctic Communities due to Northern Transportation going broke
- Also changes in the Ice - - We are trying to understand & predict what's coming next

Currently Western Region has :

650 Sea going employees, 485 Shore based Employees
Vessels = 6 large; 7 Small; 2 Hovercraft; 4 Helicopters

Regional Operations Center (ROC) is now operating 24 hours / 7 days a week

MCTS - 2 centres Victoria (Pat Bay) and Prince Rupert.

MSOC @ CFB Esquimalt - works with RCMP, ROC, TC, DND, CBSA, PSC

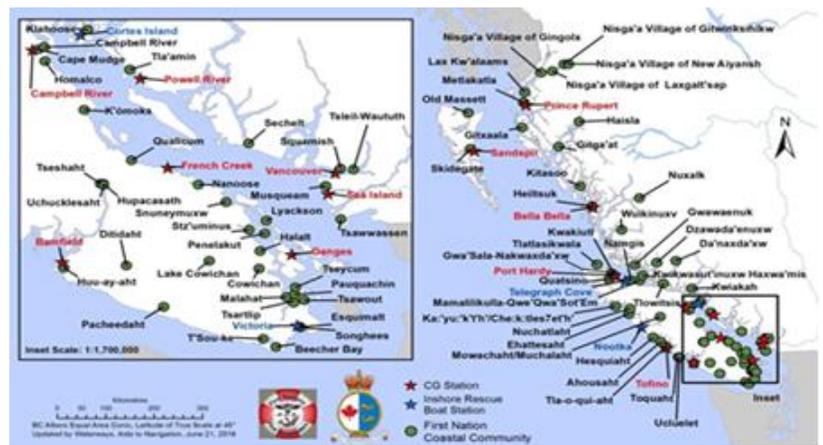
Tech Services are very important too.

"Vessels of Concern" (VOC) (Abandoned vessels, wrecked vessels, etc.) More information at
<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sch-ppb/vessels-bateaux-eng.html> also
<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/abandoned-boats-wrecks-4454.html>

Our ongoing mandate is in Cultivating Friendships and employing the Indigenous People.

They are neighbours on the water. We are looking for friends - This can only work if we are equal partners and this is not a Top Down friendship.

We provide vessels, and supplies, and training them to be in control of the command post for their area.- we are building from the ground up.



We also are teaching the Indigenous People methods running search patterns and other techniques - We prefer to build a relationship where the people live, and are employed by CCG driving levels of trust from their perspective rather than from top to down approach that has never worked in the past.

Current & Future projects

- 4 new SAR Stations - Hartley Bay, Nootka, Port Renfrew, & Victoria
- 6 New Radar installations (4 of the 6 are brand new sites)

We are modernizing and expanding our Microwave Backbone to handle all extra Communications and Radar Traffic. The Microwave system will be fully operational from either MCTS Center Victoria or Prince Rupert, either MCTS site will be fully capable of being in command in event of an super earthquake, a Tsunami or a major Pacific Coast Disaster.



CCG Tech services are in process of installing additional Coms & Radar sites to provide continuous Vessel coverage from Seattle, Victoria, to Prince Rupert, on the inside passage and outside Vancouver Island waters plus Haida Gwai

Four New Radar sites proposed at;
Powell River,
Discovery Mountain,
Holberg,
Naden Harbour (Haida Gwai)

We can't manage a Vessel Management System if we don't know where all the vessels are located thus are expanding the AIS to all floaters. So CCG can receive help from the commercial marine and the Public.

100% Radar Coverage for all of the Inner Passage Vancouver to Prince Rupert, CCG along with Partners will maintain Environmental Response coverage in the same areas. 30 new People have been hired from Bella Bella to Port Hardy, and will operate in a similar fashion of the CCG Auxiliary.

Partnerships (PODS)- are a win win situation as they provide employment to those isolated communities and offer more control over their areas.

Ahousat, Bella Bella, Hartley Bay- are supplied with small commercial rescue vessels, which improves our working partner relationships.

Victoria Base and Jetty requires about 400 million in construction & Jetty repairs. Administration Buildings do not have sufficient space for all the employees, currently 40 employees work in Victoria.

Ice Breakers Replacement Program is ongoing, And as it will take quite a number of years to rebuild our own fleet, CCG National has arranged a Lease - purchase plan for 3 Ice Breakers from Norway / Sweden.

Added note - This year the "Sir Wilfrid Laurier" encountered severe ice conditions east of Spence Bay and the Louis St Laurent was dispatched to break the Laurier out so she could return to Victoria BC. eta was first week in November.

Other items to be looked into....

Id Cards for Retired Members?

Governor General Awards Ceremony attendees?

Question: How can The CCGA help The CCG? and How can the CCG help the CCGA?

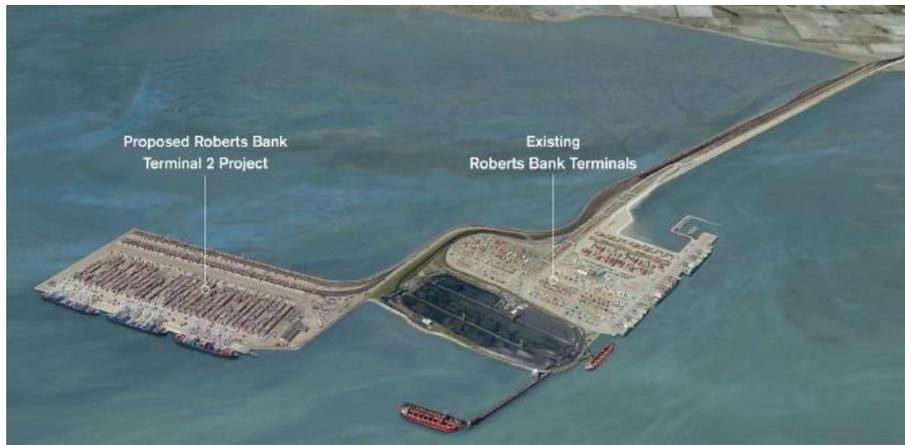
MCTS Victoria (Pat Bay)



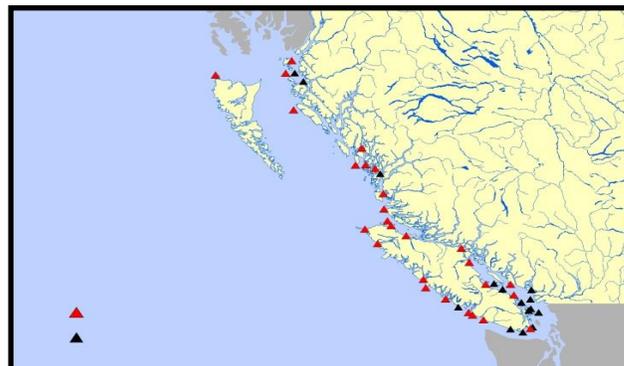
ROC Victoria



Point Roberts Planned Expansion



Pacific CCG Light Stations



Maritime Traffic Volumes of the Pacific Area of Responsibility



Oh for the good old days ...Do you remember these Guys ?



7. 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 100 members.

8. 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?	
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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):

Signature _____ Date _____

