

Canadian Coast Guard Association

Winter 2020 Newsletter



A winter voyage back in the days of Zero Co-vid Pandemic – by Wayne Fullerton

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: ks_vp@yahoo.ca

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

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Greetings from President

Greetings to you and your family this Christmas. Well 2020 has been quite a year hasn't it. Although my family has been able to continue working throughout and stay healthy I know it has been extremely hard for many. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who have been affected and to anyone who may have lost a loved one this year.

For many of us this will be a different kind of Christmas and will be a first for our family getting together on Zoom video even though we live only 10 minutes apart.

It is good to stay in touch. let's keep it up into the New Year to stay connected. Hopefully we will be able to start the monthly pub drop ins and lunches again once we get the all clear. I just checked my calendar and see I am totally free until my teeth cleaning the 30 th August 2021.

Throughout the restrictions we have been able to continue working on a few Association items and I am pleased to announce the following:

The National CCG Alumni ID Cards template has been finalized and Coast Guard has committed to helping issue an Alumni Photo ID Card starting in the new year. I will send out instructions on how to obtain a Photo id Card once the arrangements have been finalized with the CG Base Commissionaires over the next few weeks. The Card format is shown:



Our CCG Association Website has been moved to a new domain name of **ccgapacific.ca**. Many thanks to Frank Statham for his hours of work moving from the old site and updating the new site to be able to be appropriately displayed when viewed on all kinds of mobile devices. We are hoping to start adding more photos and appropriate web links to the site to keep current and creating an archives section. Please feel free to send us any photos new or old or stories to add. We have also added email addresses for the Association President and Treasurer to the site to accommodate future changes.

Finance: We will not be charging any membership dues for 2021 however we will be starting the \$5 per year dues again for 2022. Those that have already paid and had their dues carried over will again be carried forward to 2021. As a reminder fees cover our costs for internet hosting.

We are adding e-transfer to our other payment options - details to follow.

I hope everyone stays safe and well and I wish all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

John Palliser
President
CCGA Pacific

This newsletter has been added to the CCGA Association website at www.ccgapacific.ca

2... Long Service Award

Today we would like to congratulate Assistant Commissioner Roger Girouard, western region , who was presented with a long service award for 40 years in the service of Canadians.



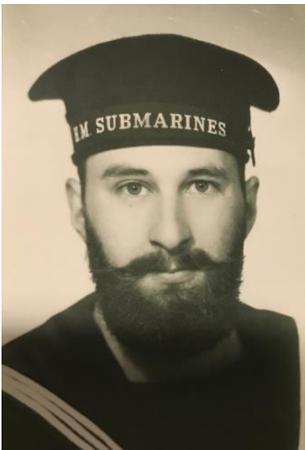
He began his nautical career aboard HMCS CARLETON in Ottawa in 1973, before taking a commission as a Maritime Surface officer. He held a variety of leadership positions, culminating as Commander, Maritime Forces Pacific. Roger retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in 2007 after a very distinguished maritime career that spanned 34 years of proud and noble service.

We welcomed Roger into Canadian Coast Guard in May of 2013, when He became Assistant Commissioner for Western Region. Roger has devoted his entire career to Canada's maritime legacy, and we recognize and celebrate his experience and leadership as he continues to serve mariners on the West Coast of Canada today.

His career is a reminder that serving Canadians is one of the highest endeavours to which one can aim. Thank you, Assistant Commissioner Girouard, on behalf of everyone who is fortunate to work with you at Coast Guard and those who have worked with you over your long career. Bravo Zulu!

3. Remembering those who have crossed the bar

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



Jean Claude Gourdeau 13th September 2020

Claude passed away peacefully on September 13 with his only son Denis and daughter-in-law Julie by his side., - Claude was born in Quebec City. He is predeceased by sister Claire, brothers Fernand and Denis, and loving wife Liesel.- Claude was known by many to have a strong character. He had a unique wit about him.

.....He was known for his work ethic and story telling. He also had a talent for woodworking.

.....Claude was a WW II Merchant Navy veteran serving in the Battle of the Atlantic..

He joined the Royal Canadian Navy after the war and volunteered for the Silent Service and was posted to the Royal Navy Submarines.

-In his final career he rose to the rank of Chief Engineer, Canadian Coast Guard and Superintendent of AIDS to Navigation, on Canada's west coast.

- "Of all the branches of men in the Forces, there is none which shows more devotion and faces grimmer perils than the Submariner." - Sir Winston Churchill

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Royal Canadian Legion Esquimalt Dockyard Branch 172 (www.legion172.ca). <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timescolonist/obituary.aspx?n=jean-claude-gourdeau&pid=196855628>

George Donald Pinder - February 2, 1938 - September 15, 2020



George passed away peacefully surrounded by his family after a short battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Raye, his children, Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren Brothers & Sisters. George was involved with the Canadian Coast Guard for 34 years, the Malahat Lions Club for 41 years, 744 Cowichan Air Cadets for 13 years, the Duncan Dabber Bingo Society for 13 years and instrumental in the development of the 'Lions Cove' senior complex in Mill Bay. He gave of his time to his community and farm. He will be deeply missed by one and all. A celebration of life will be held in the summer of 2021. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, Malahat Lions Club or 744 Cowichan Air Cadets.

<https://www.hwwallacecbc.com/obituary/george-pinder/>

Claude Saint-Amour May 1, 1952 – October 14, 2020



It is with heavy hearts that we announce Claude's passing at the age of 68.

Claude is survived by his ex-wife, Susan Saint-Amour; step-children, Jonathan (Sandi) Matlock and Courtney (Darcy) Wittenburg. Claude was Born May 1, 1952 to Jacline and Henri Saint-Amour in Montreal, Quebec. At the young age of 17 (1969), he entered the Canadian Coast Guard College (Sydney, Nova Scotia) where he studied for four years. - Claude went on to a thirty-six-year career in the Coast Guard that included serving as First Officer on board the icebreaker CCGS Labrador. Claude's passion was hovercrafts and he was instrumental in opening the Coast Guard Hovercraft Base in Parksville (1982). He served as Captain of the hovercraft during its entire tenure in Parksville. Soon after meeting Sue in 1984, he moved into his new family's home in Nanoose Bay. A year later Sue and Claude married, Claude will be missed and remembered always by those who knew him. At Claude's request, there will be no service. <https://www.pgbnews.com/obituaries/claude-saint-amour/>

John (Jack) Woodbury August 13, 1930 - November 2, 2020



Loving and beloved husband of Elizabeth Ann (nee Paterson) for 65 years. Loving and cherished father of Elizabeth Irene (Guy Quesnel) and Nova Lorraine, Jack was a proud Nova Scotian, born and raised in the Annapolis Valley. Jack was a career officer in the Royal Canadian Navy, serving from 1951 to 1975, including attendance at the NATO Defense College. Jack had a second career at Transport Canada / Canadian Coast Guard until he retired in 1997. He remained active with the Naval Officers Association of Canada for many years, receiving an award in recognition of exceptional service. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Navy League of Canada/or Royal Canadian Sea Cadets would be welcomed.

<https://ottawacitizen.remembering.ca/obituary/john-woodbury-1080753946>

Barrie Luckett Norris October 8, 1943 – November 7, 2020



Barrie Luckett Norris passed away peacefully at the age of 77 at the Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster after his long struggles with cancer.

Barrie was a Navy man for nearly 20 years, then became a Government of Canada Coast Guard Radio Operator on the Weather Ships, Vancouver and Quadra, also at VAJ before the air-marine split when he went with NAV Canada as a Flight Service Specialist, until he retired.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Dorothy, and daughters, Christine (Dan)

and Barbara (Marcel), 4 stepchildren Bonnie, Karen, Glenn and Craig, 4 grandchildren and his extra-large extended family.

Celebration of Life to be held next year in Calgary.

<https://www.hopestandard.com/obituaries/Barrie-Norris/>

CCGS Quadra – Patrol #51 – OSV Papa

Dec. 01, 1978 – Jan. 10, 1979



Submitted & written by Wayne Fullerton Fri. Dec. 1st, 1978

We are one radio operator short this trip so I worked the 8 – 12 for leaving harbour again. Everything works equipment-wise! Will wonders never cease! Slipped our last lines and headed out at 0900 local time. 1045L passing Cape Flattery – bye bye land for another 6 weeks. Bright sunny day, cool though – good omen I hope. I will be working 12 – 4 watch until the 22nd of December then I change to the 8 – 12.

Lots of new faces this trip, new Captain, Chief Officer and some deck crew. Supper time, we are well out there now. It has clouded over and the swells are huge. Our sea-deck is under water a lot of the time from waves breaking over the foc'sl.

Sun. Dec. 3rd

We took over Station Papa at 1700 today. Ho hum! Back to the old routine. A lovely surprise at supper today. The girls came in with a birthday cake and sang "Happy Birthday" to me – aww shucks!

Mon. Dec 4th

Beautiful day, sunny, even almost warm! Nice welcome to Station Papa. Hope it stays this way for 6 weeks. Quite a few salmon being caught.

Tues. Dec 5th

Barometer dropping like the proverbial rock! We have extra radiosonde balloon runs so a bit of overtime this patrol. Badminton on the helicopter deck tonight.

Thurs. Dec. 7th

Other than the anniversary of the Pearl Harbour attack, nothing else of note is happening – weather has moderated somewhat, swells are large, sky is partly cloudy. Well bite my tongue!! No sooner I say nothing happening than we are off on another rescue mission! The Greek tanker "Evangelia" is asking for an escort, she has developed a 10 foot crack in her main deck – Tally-Ho! Should be there 0800 tomorrow.

Fri. Dec. 8th

"M/T Evangelia" hove into sight at 0700 this morning. We were to escort her to near Seattle but now she has been ordered to San Francisco so we have altered course that-a-way. The U.S.C.G. cutter "Modoc" is going to meet and take over escort from us tomorrow sometime. This is an old tanker and was on her way to Korea to be scrapped. Now she is going back to the States for repairs, then she will resume her journey, poor gal!



Sat. Dec. 9th

The USCG Modoc out of Coos Bay relieved us at 1445 this afternoon. Small fleet tug, she almost disappears in the big swells! We are now enroute back to station. Saw a huge super-tanker in the distance, even at long range it is a huge ship. Well how do you like that!? We escort Evangelia all this way, turn around and run smack into a storm. We are rolling all over the place. Very uncomfortable.

Sun. Dec. 10th

Still very rough. Making slow progress back to station. We've taken several big waves aboard and almost lost one of our port life-rafts. Very tiring in heavy weather because you are always holding onto something for dear life!

Mon. Dec. 11th

Well we are back in the general area of Stn. Papa. Weather lousy. Big thick thunderclouds all around. Lost one radiosonde in the thick overcast on my radar run, couldn't find the 2nd release for 17 minutes before it popped up. Was about to rip my hair out... but couldn't spare any!!

Tues. Dec. 12th

We've run into yet another storm, winds hitting 50 knots, the wind hasn't been below 25 knots for over a week now. The sea is very rough but we have only been recording 10 – 15 foot waves. Mind you, a “big one” sneaks in and over the foc'sl every once in awhile.

Wed. Dec. 13thWow!! Will it ever end? Wind is 50 knots and gusting higher. It is blowing the tops off the waves and you can't see for spindrift. The waves are bigger, up to 20 feet and more. Wait until the wind drops then the waves will be gigantic. There is to be an airdrop of mail at Christmas time.

It is now 1600 wind has dropped, but wow! The waves are huge! Our aft galleys is almost half-buried at times. One cabin flooded when we took one broadside, poor Barbara was terrified – also very wet! Good God!! Just aged 15 years!! We were just hit by a freak wave, a monster – it actually hit us on the starboard quarter and broke over our foremast – OVER it! That mast is 65 feet above sea level. When it hit it staggered the ship and swung us 45 degrees into the troughs of the waves, what a scary, surreal feeling. The wave came down on top of and destroyed monkey's island atop the bridge, cleared all the railings off and the binnacle, gyro-repeater and meteorology equipment, stove in a locker, bent antennas, tore off the signal light and set off the ship's whistle – scared the hell out of me!! I was in the radio room and felt two huge thumps and saw water streaming DOWN our portholes. We took water in the Met Lab and a bit in Radio. Water went down the funnel and right to the boiler fronts! We were heeling so far over I was frantically reviewing my distress procedures in my mind “just in case!” The Chief Officer came in and ordered me down to get my life vest! Oh S%^^!!! Thanks to our professional and calm bridge watch we got straightened out; the wave was estimated at about 75 feet high. That was one scary night I can tell you!

Fri. Dec. 15th

Today dawned sunny, still a large swell but no wind. If the swell goes down we should be able to drift again by noon. Sure enough, it is much calmer now, sure is nice after a week of storms, to relax again! Played badminton for couple of hours tonight. Must do some exercise, I'm eating too much thanks to Jocelyn's excellent meals!

Sat. Dec. 16th

I don't believe it!! At 0130 this morning I was preparing for the 0200 radiosonde run. Winds were 6 – 8 knots, seas 10 – 12 feet. By 0215 it was gusting 75 knots and seas are now back up to 25+ feet!! Did it ever come up quick, also had a blizzard, could hardly see out the bridge windows. It is now 0500 hrs. and a wave just took us broadside, water in my cabin forced in through a closed porthole, yechhh! What next?! 1800 hrs and a wave came over the stern and ripped off the aft Oceanography Lab hatch and punched-in the 1- inch thick porthole and flooded the lab with 5 feet of sea water. The wave also demolished a solid 2-inch thick teak ladder. Lots of power in that water! We sure are taking a beating this trip.

Sun. Dec. 17th

A respite, calm today, cloudy but calm – wonderful!! Watched the movie “*Prudence and the Pill*” tonight – a bit of a giggle actually.

Tues. Dec. 19th

Today bright sunshine, lovely day. First day I've been able to go out for a breath of air without inhaling half the Pacific Ocean as well! Say, I saw our “Waverider buoy” for the first time this trip.

Thurs. Dec. 21st

Changed over to the 8 – 12 watch today. A young kid got drunk and passed out while smoking in bed. Set fire to his cabin. Lucky for everyone that it was extinguished by friends – it could have been a disastrous, if not fatal Christmas for 72 men and women on the ship.

Fri Dec 22nd

Weather deteriorating again. patrol aircraft made the mail the button. Just in time as it is



A Comox-based **Argus** drop. Lovely drop right on now blowing a gale.

Sun. Dec. 24th Christmas Eve 1978

Christmas Eve brings the calmest sea and mildest weather of the trip so far. Our wayward “Waverider” buoy has done it again! We are now steaming around looking for it. We will be taking it and the mother buoy back to Esquimalt with us. Now we don’t have to play nursemaid and target for the darned thing. How about that!? The Captain came down and saw us playing badminton in the helo hanger and asked us if it would be of help if he turned the ship around and steamed the other way? We of course said yes please because the wind was playing havoc with our shots! That was good of him – but then, with no place to really go, we might just as well steam in that direction as any other – right? Some of the crew got together and formed a Christmas Choir. Very good effort, they put on a fine show at the open house in the officers’ mess.

Mon. Dec. 25th Christmas Day

Very calm day. Ship barely moving. Put through 14 phone calls for the crew before I went off watch – whew! Saw a pod of porpoise a few minutes ago, first time I have seen them this patrol. The water is still a bit cold for them. Opened a parcel from friends ashore, really something special, a “super care package.” Slept through Christmas dinner being a mite under the weather. Had a nice phone call from Dad and Mom and sister. Great to hear from family at this time. *The menu for Xmas dinner: Shrimp Cocktail, Consume Royale, tomato juice, French rolls. Main course, Roast Goose, giblet gravy chestnut dressing or baked ham, raisin sauce and candied yams, creamed potatoes julienne carrots and French peas. Dessert, orange sherbert, plum pudding with rum sauce.*

Fri. Dec. 29th

Been pretty rough again, otherwise pretty routine. Today is foggy and we are doing Oceanography work. Playing a lot of badminton.

Sun. Dec. 31st New Years Eve 1978

Lovely Day, mostly sunny, very little swell. Just right for the annual Station Papa Polar Bear Club swim – the “Crazies!” No way am I going in that 44F water. Twelve people took the dip led by our Captain – only problem was after they launched the Nr.4 lifeboat, we lost power for about ½ hour – I’ve never seen so many cold, bedraggled “polar bears!”

Mon. Jan. 1st, 1979 New Years Day

A New Year! Hmmm, resolutions? - I resolve not to make any so I can’t break any! Seems I have an infection in my right eye. Lovely supper tonight, Roast duck, turkey and ham with all the trimmings and steamed pudding and rum sauce – did not sleep through this feast this time around! Quiet night off watch and to bed.

Tues. Jan. 2nd

Weather deteriorated yesterday and is presently blowing 40 knots. Large seas. We are riding high because it is near the end of the patrol so a lot of fuel has been consumed and stores too. So we rooolllll a lot!!

Fri. Jan. 5th

Well, our last Friday at sea. The CCGS Vancouver left Victoria today at 0900 hrs. We had a demo of the 20 person life-raft today (it was one damaged in the storms). Looks nice and cozy but I still would not wish to try if for real. Ship approaching close-to by our port side. First one we have seen this patrol, the “Blue Ocean,” Japanese.

Sat. Jan. 6th

Doing our last Meyaki Triangle – oceanography work. Busy at work today – 10 weather obs, 2 bathys and an AMVER message. The Vancouver should take over at 1600 tomorrow. Then we are free! I’ll be working the 0000 – 0400/1200 – 1600 watch next patrol and training a new radio operator.

Sun. Jan. 7th

The CCGS Vancouver passed us port side-to at exactly 1539 hrs. what a beautiful sight she is. We exchanged greetings with ship’s horns and we are no longer “Ocean Station Papa,” just plain old CCGS Quadra on our way home!

Mon. Jan. 8th

Radio conditions are terrible, time, the poor CCGS having a rough time. Our ETA is revised to 0900 on



we left just in Vancouver is in Esquimalt Wednesday.

Tues. Jan. 9th

Weather lousy, rain and wind is up to 40 knots. It is freezing in Victoria and I am not looking forward to that at all! Guess I'll pack tonight, do a wash etc.

Wed. Jan. 10th

Back home again! Not as excited as before – “post trip blues??” Just I hate cold weather I guess. The RCN held us for half an hour, we didn't want them to bump into us so let them get out of the way.

Well, time to push off, pick up my car and scam.

5. Fun Trivia questions to help over the stay at home restrictions.

1. Trivia Question: In Florida only on Sundays, it is illegal for a single woman to do what?
2. Trivia Question: Where do kiwi fruits originally come from?
3. Trivia Question: The first hockey pucks used in outdoor hockey games were made of what?
4. Trivia Question: How many teeth does an aardvark have?
5. Trivia Question: What was Marilyn Monroe's natural hair colour?
- 6 Trivia Question: Who sang about being an “eggman” and a “walrus”?
- 7 Trivia Question: What was banned in Indonesia for “stimulating passion?”
- 8 Trivia Question: What Benedictine monk invented champagne?
- 9 Trivia Question: What flavour is Cointreau?
- 10 Trivia Question: Where were fortune cookies invented?
- 11 Trivia Question: What animal cannot stick out their tongue?
- 12 Trivia Question: According to Russian law, a homeless person must be where after 10pm?
- 13 Trivia Question: How many years old is the oldest piece of chewing gum?
- 14 Trivia Question: On average, what is the thing that Americans do 22 times in a day?
- 15 Trivia Question: What was the first fruit that was eaten on the moon?
- 16 Trivia Question: What was the ice cream cone invented for?

- 17 Trivia Question: What does the term 'piano' actually mean?
- 18 Trivia Question: What is it called when a bottle of champagne is open with a sword?
- 19 Trivia Question: What is Bob Dylan's real name?
- 20 Trivia Question: Who said "Champagne should be dry, cold, and free."?
- 21 Trivia Question: Biscuit is roughly translated to mean what?
- 22 Trivia Question: From which language did the word "Ketchup" come?
- 23 Trivia Question: What is the highest grossing holiday movie of all time?
- 24 Trivia Question: Who was the oldest man to ever win People Magazine's sexiest man alive?
- 25 Trivia Question: What two cities represent letters in the phonetic alphabet?
- 26 Trivia Question: What is the only number spelled out in English that has the same number of letters as its value?
- 27 Trivia Question: What is the main ingredient of Bombay Duck?
- 28 Trivia Question: If one is wearing a swimsuit in Florida in public, what is illegal for one to do?
- 29 Trivia Question: What colour is the 'black box' in an airplane?
- 30 Trivia Question: With how many bricks is the Empire State Building made of?

6. A 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.

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:

Canadian Coast Guard Association (Pacific)
Attn: Treasurer
25 Huron St
Victoria, BC. V8V 4V9

(Annual Dues \$5.00 - covers Newsletter distribution and administrative costs).

FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS, only complete name and contact info, and please enclose one year's current dues.

RENEWAL:

Name: _____
Email: _____ Tel No: _____
Address: _____

Canadian Coast Guard Service

Retirement Date:	Still Serving?
Started Career as	
On (Date):	
Other areas of work/location in CCG	
Retired or left	
On (Date):	

Signature: _____

Date: _____

8. Trivia Answers:

1.Skydive 2. China. 3.Frozen Cow Dung. 4. None 5. Red. 6 Beatles.
7. Hula Hoops 8. Dom Pierre Perignon. 9. Orange 10. San Francisco
11. Crocodiles 12. At Home 13. 9,000 14. Open Fridge 15. Peach
16. To hold flowers 17. To be played softly 18. Sabering
19. Robert Zimmerman 20. Winston Churchill 21. Twice Cooked. 22. Chinese
23. Home Alone 24. Sean Connery 25. Lima Quebec 26 Four 27. Fish
28. Sing 29 Orange 30. 10 million